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The Financial Situation.

The highly encouraging events of last week, more particularly the agreement for a reduction in railroad wages and the organization of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation with a potential capital fund of \$2,000,000,000, have not been followed by any tangible improvement the present week in the general situation, as had been firmly believed would be the case, and already a feeling of disappointment is being expressed as a consequence. Not the slightest trace of any revival in trade and business is discernible, while the stock market also was weak until Thursday, when a sharp spurt upward occurred on the news that the Federal Reserve Act was to be amended so as to admit of the injection of further large supplies of Reserve credit. But Rome was not built in a day, and it is not well to look for miracles in these distressing times.

The constructive influences referred to are actively at work and they cannot fail to yield beneficial results in the end, though progress in that respect may be slow in view of the onerous nature of the task and the numerous obstacles to be overcome. The country is contending with one of the gravest and most serious business reverses of all the ages, and it has wide ramifications, as a result of which new sources of trouble and difficulty are certain to keep constantly cropping up in unexpected quarters. One instance of the kind was seen on Tuesday, when it was suddenly revealed in estimates presented by Ogden L. Mills, Under Secretary of the Treasury, to the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives at Washington that \$455,000,000 more would have to be raised in additional taxes than had been calculated last November would be required by Secretary Mellon in his annual report to Congress. The revised estimates submitted this week by Mr.

Mills showed that whereas in November it was thought that the new taxes would bring in \$920,000,000, they are now calculated as likely to produce only \$786,000,000. Furthermore, because of the same general shrinkage in Government income, since the estimates were compiled in November, it is found that \$321,000,000 in addition to the estimated \$920,000,000 must be raised to balance the budget in 1933, exclusive of the sinking fund requirements. This means heavier burdens upon taxpayers, already burdened overmuch.

From another direction there came news that \$800,000,000 in real estate bonds secured by New York City properties were now in default. This estimate appeared in the statement of a firm of dealers in real estate securities who are soliciting combined action for the protection of such bonds and who pointed out that while the law enables a stockholder to obtain a list of the stockholders of the company in which he is interested, the bond holder is not so fortunate, and in most cases "must remain in ignorance of the names of those who are his fellow sufferers if the issue goes to default." The firm consequently urged the formation of protective committees in the common interest of all and in indicating the aggregate amount involved in the various defaults in real estate securities gave the estimate already referred to of \$800,000,000. Other instances of serious embarrassment, in one direction or another, might also be mentioned, all going to show that the country's problems are numerous and widespread, and that the process of recovery must be slow. The most that can be hoped for is that in applying remedies, or attempted remedies, we are proceeding in the right direction. In the case of the railroads, certainly we appear to be proceeding in the right direction, and beneficial results, it would seem, can be confidently counted upon.

For the time being the one aim above every other aim must be to promote the restoration of confidence. In the case of the railroads this aim is being achieved, it appears certain, by means of the agencies designed to bring about an amelioration of their condition. The moderate rate increases permitted by the Interstate Commerce Commission are in effect and bearing fruit, and so are the wage reductions, or deductions. In addition, with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation actively at work, whatever aid is to be derived from that source will also shortly be available—available not only to the railroads, but also to the other classes of beneficiaries the Corporation is intended to assist.

On Monday of this week the Corporation began sending circulars to all institutions and companies eligible for loans from it, instructing them as to the procedure to be followed in applying for financial assistance. In separate circulars to banks and other

financial institutions, and to railroad companies, the Corporation outlined in detail the limitations and conditions under which the loans could be obtained. Financial institutions were advised that loans made to them "to aid in financing agriculture, commerce or industry, including facilitating the exportation of agricultural and other products, would in no case exceed three years." It was provided that loans could be made upon promissory notes of the borrower, or by way of discount or rediscount obligations tendered for the purpose, "in such manner as to impose upon the borrower an unconditional obligation to repay such loans in accordance with their terms." Railroad companies seeking a loan from the corporation will apply to it direct, duplicates of the applications being sent to the Inter-State Commerce Commission, which is to act on them, as will the regional agencies in the case of applications from banks. The Corporation will make no loans without the sanction of the Commission, but need not grant a loan which receives approval of the Commission.

The daily newspapers point out that the information required of the railroads seeking loans will leave little undisclosed as to their financial status or corporate relations, and that the data supplied will be scrutinized by Division 4 of the Commission, consisting of Commissioners Meyers, Eastman and Mahaffie. Loans by the Corporation to the railroads are limited to a period of not exceeding three years, and may not exceed \$100,000,000 to any one corporation. All this is along the line of sound and conservative management and to be commended. Another point highly important is that the Corporation is proceeding with its work with due diligence and energy.

Whether this Reconstruction Finance Corporation is likely to, or should, render much assistance in other directions may well be questioned. In the railroad field certainly it has a large capacity for usefulness, and there it is likely to play a prominent part.

The danger now is that in the endeavor to restore confidence, which is a prime consideration, we may proceed too far, and by resort to artificial or quack remedies, further impair confidence rather than restore it. This menace is a real one, judging by the many propositions of that kind that are being brought forward in Congress, and even, to some extent, in Administration circles. Just at the moment all energies are being directed to overcome the effects, or supposed effects, of hoarding. In our estimation the extent of this hoarding is being greatly exaggerated, and the effects of it even more exaggerated. Led by the President, everyone is proceeding on the theory that such hoarding has been on so great a scale as to extract large amounts of gold or of credit, or of both, from the ordinary banking channels, and that as a consequence new supplies of credit and of currency must in some way be provided.

In all periods of the country's history a part of the population has always been clamoring for larger and still larger emissions of currency, regarding this as a sort of remedy for all the ills of mankind and of particular advantage to the laboring classes. Experience to the contrary counts for little among those so minded. Fortunately, these mistaken people have usually found their efforts along these mistaken lines thwarted by the saner portions of the population. Unfortunately, on the present occasion the entire population is rapidly becoming imbued with the idea

that the long-continued prostration of business is to be ascribed to a lack of sufficient supplies of credit and of Reserve note issues upon which banking credit in this country rests. The basis of this belief is the fact that large amounts of gold have been withdrawn for export—in part at least due to foreign hoarding of the metal, though in the main ascribable to fears and suspicion with reference to our own currency stability—and that at the same time there has been extensive hoarding of gold and currency in this country.

Those possessed of this notion entirely overlook the fact that even granting that hoarding has been practiced, its effects have been, as far as the volume of banking credit itself is concerned, more than overcome by a huge expansion in the volume of Reserve credit and of Reserve notes outstanding. The amount of Reserve credit outstanding, as measured by the total of bill and security holdings, is reported at \$1,763,711,000 the present week as against \$919,548,000 in the corresponding week last year and the amount of Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation now stands at \$2,661,959,000 against \$1,481,006,000 a year ago, this last being an expansion far in excess of a billion dollars. They also overlook the fact that with business so severely depressed, so severely as to be close to the vanishing point, there is really little need of banking credit of any kind, as against a large and urgent need when business was active. The stagnation of unemployed funds in bank vaults is evidence of this absence of demand for banking credit.

The persons referred to also overlook the fact that only a half a billion dollars of banking funds is now locked up in brokers' loans on the New York Stock Exchange against nearly \$9,000,000,000 at the time of the stock market crash in the autumn of 1929, leaving correspondingly larger amounts of credit available for ordinary mercantile needs, if these existed, which unfortunately they do not.

In face of all this there has arisen a universal and uncontrollable desire for more and still more banking credit to offset the effects of hoarding and to prevent further deflation of values. In other words, those who are howling for more banking credit have their efforts supplemented by bodies of ordinarily sane individuals who now think that the so-called deflation has gone far enough and must hence be arrested by creating new supplies of banking credit, the basis for which must be found in our Federal Reserve System. Thus the movement has become irresistible, and all scruples and objections are being cast aside. The process for obtaining these new credit supplies is simple. The eligibility restrictions of the Reserve System are too narrow and circumscribed, this being to insure complete liquidity. The doors must be opened wider so as to admit other classes of loans, and the member banks be urged to avail of the facilities of the Federal Reserve banks, which they now refrain from doing since they have no need for outside accommodations and cannot find profitable employment for new or extra funds even with the rediscount rate down to 3½% at all 12 of the Federal Reserve banks.

The logical outcome of all this came on Thursday morning, when the daily papers carried startling double column announcements, reading after this fashion: "Action to Free Billions in Bank Credit Agreed on by Hoover and Leaders—Plan Reserve Act Change—Rediscount Authority to Be Greatly

Widened Under Program—Carter Glass Among Supporters—Emergency Measures Include Use of 'Free Gold' As Reserve Note Collateral—Senate Accord Expected—Senator Walcott Holds \$2,500,000,000 Increase in the Currency Would Be Possible." In elaboration of the significance of these headlines, so sensationally expressed, the Washington correspondent of the New York "Times" went on to say that development of a powerful financial machine based on revolutionary changes in the Federal Reserve System and designed to stimulate credit through a possible increase of \$2,500,000,000 in the currency was decided upon at a non-partisan conference of Democratic and Republican leaders called at the White House on that day (Feb. 10) by President Hoover. Bills would be introduced in Congress on Thursday (which was done) drastically to liberalize the rediscount authority of the Reserve banks to make eligible billions of dollars in paper not eligible under present regulations, and for the effective use in the creation of credit of hundreds of millions of dollars of "free gold" of the Reserve System. The bills would be introduced by Senator Glass, Democrat, of Virginia, and Chairman Steagall, Democratic Chairman of the House Banking and Currency Committee.

It was also stated that an Administration leader had said that the results of the conference at the White House had shown a constructive co-operation of leaders in Congress with the Government in its effort to meet the emergency situation. He declared that the bill was sound, constructive and in no way tending to inflation. He expressed the belief that it would smooth the way out of the crisis. Leaders predicted that the legislation, including a section of the new banking bill for permanent revision of the Reserve System introduced by Senator Glass, would have speedy consideration on both sides of the Capitol. Every argument would be made that it is designed to relieve an emergency situation. This pressure was expected to have a potent influence on all factions. With Senator Glass back of the bill little opposition was anticipated in the Senate. A joint statement setting out the purposes of the measure from Senator Glass and Representative Steagall was also issued, reading as follows:

"A bill will be introduced in the Senate by Senator Glass and Representative Steagall in the House of Representatives which will improve the facilities of the Federal Reserve System for the benefit of commerce, industry and agriculture, and provide means for meeting the needs of member banks in exceptional circumstances.

"The bill will include three proposals, the first two of which will improve the facilities of access of the member banks to the Reserve banks, by providing for the advancement of funds by the Federal Reserve banks to member banks that have no further eligible or acceptable paper, upon the security of sound securities, not technically eligible for discount.

"Member banks may obtain these advances under proper safeguards, either upon the endorsement of other member banks, or in unusual cases, without such endorsement.

"This provision will prove valuable in cases where, by means of diminished business or other causes, the bank does not have an adequate supply of paper technically eligible for discount, though having other sound and adequate security.

"Moreover, many banks which have no immediate need for the use of these provisions would feel increased confidence in meeting their customers' needs freely by reason of the knowledge of the existence of these facilities.

"The third provision is for the purpose of giving greater effectiveness to the gold reserve of the Federal Reserve System by releasing for use large amounts of gold which might temporarily be tied up as collateral for Federal Reserve notes in excess of the 40% required by law.

"The Federal Reserve Act contemplated a 40% gold reserve against note issues. Owing to the present unusual circumstances the amount actually held is now far in excess of 40%.

"The proposed amendment would, when the Federal Reserve Board deems it desirable in the public interest, have the effect of making all of the assets acquired by the Reserve banks under the present provisions of law available for not to exceed one year as collateral for Federal Reserve notes in addition to the 40% gold reserve, thus making the excess gold serviceable.

"This provision will have the effect of giving greater flexibility to Federal Reserve operations. It will make the System's large supply of gold more useful as a basis of credit. It will at once increase the System's free gold by nearly \$1,000,000,000.

"This proposed legislation is not intended to displace the bill now before the Banking and Currency Committee for permanent modifications of the banking law.

"CARTER GLASS.

"HENRY N. STEAGALL,

"F. C. WALCOTT,

"JAMES F. STRONG."

The foregoing is an official statement, the joint product of members of the Senate and members of the House, and the reader should note well some of the main points in it. Senator Glass has denied that the phraseology of the statement is in all respects as he would like to have it, but reference to the text of the bill does not show any essential discrepancies. The bill is to include three proposals, the first two of which are to ease the facilities of access of the member banks to the Reserve banks by providing for advances by the Federal Reserve banks to member banks that have no further eligible or acceptable paper, upon the security of sound securities, not technically eligible for discount. "This provision," we are told, "will prove valuable in cases where by means of diminished business or other causes the bank does not have an adequate supply of paper technically eligible for discount, though having other sound and adequate security." This would appear to open the door wide without much regard to the liquid character of the underlying security, and support for this fact is found in the text of the bill itself which was introduced on Thursday. We quote here Section 2 of the bill, and we would direct attention to the lines which we have italicized, which in the broadest and most unqualified way give the Federal Reserve Board authority "to define the classes of assets which may be accepted as security for advances." Apparently the Board may designate anything as proper assets. Here is the Section referred to:

Section 2. The Federal Reserve Act, as amended, is further amended by adding, immediately after such new Section 10 (A), an additional new section reading as follows:

"Section 10 (B). For a period not exceeding one year from the date of approval of this Act and in exceptional and exigent circumstances, and when any member bank has no further eligible and acceptable assets available to enable it to obtain adequate credit accommodations through rediscounting at the Federal Reserve bank or any other method provided by this Act other than that provided by Section 10 (A), any Federal Reserve bank, subject in each case to affirmative action by not less than six members of the Federal Reserve Board holding offices at the time, may make advances to such member banks on its time or demand promissory notes secured to the satisfaction of such Federal Reserve bank: provided, that (1) each such note shall bear

interest at a rate not less than one per centum per annum higher than the highest discount rate in effect at such Federal Reserve bank on the date of such note; (2) *the Federal Reserve Board may by regulation limit and define the classes of assets which may be accepted as security for advances made under authority of this section*; and (3) no note accepted for any such advance shall be eligible as collateral security for Federal Reserve notes.

"No obligation of any foreign government, individual, partnership, association or corporation organized under the laws thereof shall be eligible as collateral security for advances under this section."

But, most astounding of all is what is called the third provision. This, the joint statement tells us, "is for the purpose of giving greater effectiveness to the gold reserves of the Federal Reserve System by releasing for use large amounts of gold which might temporarily be tied up as collateral for Federal Reserve notes in excess of the 40% required by law. The Federal Reserve Act contemplated a 40% gold reserve against note issues. Owing to the present unusual circumstances the amount actually held is now far in excess of 40%." The proposed amendment, it is explained, would, "when the Federal Reserve Board deems it desirable in the public interest, have the effect of making all of the assets acquired by the Reserve banks under the present provisions of law available for not to exceed one year as collateral for Federal Reserve notes in addition to the 40% gold reserve, thus making the excess gold serviceable." If this means anything it means the putting out of Reserve notes to the full minimum limit of 40%; in other words, the danger point fixed in the law.

It remained for Senator Vandenberg, of Michigan, to make a complete disclosure of what is intended by these changes. He is quoted as saying: "It will for the first time permit the maximum use of the national stock of gold as a basis for currency issue, because under it for the first time provision will exist for creation of Federal Reserve currency circulation to the maximum permitted by the gold in hand." As if this were not enough, Senator Vandenberg goes on to say in language as plain as can be: "This bill means, in plain terms, MORE MONEY. It will open the way to the recapture of the normal money supply, so that we will no longer be completely at the mercy of the hoarder. Its effect will be to bring the price of the dollar down and bring the commodity price index up. The moment commodity prices start upward, there will be a renewal of buying, more demand for commodities and less unemployment. . . . I am convinced that, with this bill passed into law, we will for the first time be in position to utilize the central reservoir of credit and currency, created for use in just such an emergency as this, but which has been scrupulously ignored in all of our reconstruction plans heretofore. *The Federal Reserve System up to this time has been the greatest of all our frozen assets.*

Just think of characterizing the Federal Reserve System with \$2,661,959,000 of Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation and \$1,763,711,000 of Federal Reserve credit outstanding as a frozen asset—"the greatest of all our frozen assets"—because it has not gone the full limit and put out every dollar of credit and every dollar of Reserve notes permitted under the law fortified only by Reserve requirements of 40%. The purpose is perfectly plain, the country is to be flooded with credit and with currency on the idea that thus it will be possible to stop defla-

tion and lay the basis for another frantic era like that which was so abruptly terminated in the autumn of 1929. But will this revive confidence, which alone can start business on a new era of activity?

Inflation on such a scale as here contemplated has never been attempted before if we exclude the post-war period in Germany when marks were put out in everlasting succession until finally it took a trillion trillion paper marks to make the equivalent of a single gold mark. And what shall we say of Carter Glass, the staunchest supporter of a sound currency system that Congress has ever developed, sanctioning such a scheme of inflation as is here proposed? He has apparently been won over by the provision that the whole thing is to be simply for the purpose of dealing with an emergency and is to have a life tenure of only a year. But we may be sure that when the year is up there will be a loud cry for its further continuance, with the Federal Reserve authorities most insistent of all, perhaps, for men never willingly yield up powers once conferred upon them. Of course at least some of the extra powers now to be conferred upon them they already possess, though perhaps not in the same unqualified form, and they have never been used. But it is one thing to have such powers to be used only at wise discretion, and quite another thing to be the recipient of extraordinary powers where the positive command is to avail of them to the utmost limit. Therefore we feel compelled to say to Carter Glass, "And thou, too, Brutus!"

Dividend reductions and suspensions continue in evidence, but it should not be forgotten that these represent past conditions, from which it is hoped to emerge when the brighter state of things which is expected to grow out of the improved situation of the railroads is realized—unless indeed the prospect of improvement is again destroyed by the scheme just discussed of "liberalizing" our Federal Reserve System or tinkering otherwise with our banking and currency system. On Wednesday what is known as Insull Trust (because of its large holdings in the Insull properties), or to be more specific the Insull Utility Investments, Inc., suspended payment of dividends on all classes of its stock outstanding. The dividends omitted are the quarterly payments of \$1.50 on the 2nd pref., \$1.38 on the 5½% pref., and 1½% in stock on the common shares, all due at the present time. This action followed the omission of preferred dividends by the Corporation Securities Co. of Chicago on Feb. 2, and rumor had it that these steps favored a continuance of loans advanced to the two investment trusts by banks here and in Chicago. Another rather notable dividend change of the week has been the omission by the Eastman Kodak Co. of any extra dividend on the common stock of the company. This is the first time that the declaration of the extra dividend has been omitted since 1905. Since 1925 the extra dividends have been \$3 a year. The directors announced, however, that the regular dividend of \$1.25 on the common stock would be paid as usual on April 1. The regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 on the preferred stock is to be paid at the same time. W. G. Stuber, the President of the company, said that the extra dividend was dropped because current earnings did not appear to justify its payment. He added that there would also be a reduction in the amounts to be paid in 1933 as wage dividends to employees for 1932. The wage dividend

has been paid to employees each year since 1912, the rate for each year depending upon the dividend rate on the common stock for the preceding year. "Omission of the extra dividend on the common stock will result in a substantial reduction in the amount of any wage dividend payable for the year 1932." In his statement accompanying the dividend action Mr. Stuber said that the present economic conditions throughout the world naturally affected the business of the company. At the current rate of operations the earnings of the company are not sufficient, in the opinion of the directors, to warrant the payment of any extra dividend. In these circumstances the directors considered it prudent to maintain the present strong financial position of the company rather than pay out in dividends more than is being earned."

The General Asphalt Co. reduced the quarterly dividend on the common stock from 50c. a share to 25c. a share, after having six months ago reduced it from 75c. a share to 50c. The Harbison-Walker Refractories Co. cut its quarterly dividend on common from 25c. a share to 12½c. The Paramount Publix Corp. on Feb. 8 omitted the quarterly dividend of 2½% in stock ordinarily payable about March 31 on the common shares. Distributions at this rate were made on Dec. 31 and Sept. 30, while on June 27 1931 a quarterly dividend of 62½c. a share in cash was paid as compared with \$1 a share each quarter from March 29 1930 to and including March 28 1931. The Bulova Watch Co. omitted the quarterly dividend of 87½c. a share due March 1 on the \$3.50 cum. conv. pref. stock. The Motor Wheel Corp. on Feb. 10 voted to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about March 10 on the common shares. The Illinois Central RR. suspended payment of the semi-annual dividend of 3% due March 1 on the 6% non-cum. conv. pref. stock. The New Orleans Texas & Mexico Ry. on Feb. 9 omitted action on the dividend for the quarter ending Feb. 29. The Underwood Elliott Fisher Co. on Feb. 11 declared a quarterly dividend of only 50c. a share on the common stock payable March 31. This compares with 75c. a share paid on Dec. 31; \$1 a share on Sept. 30, and \$1.25 a share each quarter from Dec. 31 1929 to and including June 30 1931.

The Federal Reserve statement this week (covering the seven days ending Wednesday night, Feb. 10) calls for little comment, as the changes in the various items of the return are relatively small. Turning first to the holdings of acceptances, the total of these for the 12 Reserve banks shows a small increase this time, after a long series of decreases. The addition for the week is small, and after including it, the total for the 12 Reserve institutions stands at \$169,391,000 Feb. 10 against \$156,100,000 Feb. 3. The holdings of acceptances for account of foreign central banks continues to increase, even if the further increase is small, bringing the amount up to \$319,294,000 Feb. 10 against \$317,681,000 Feb. 3. While, however, these foreign banks keep enlarging their bill holdings, on the other hand the foreign bank deposits with the Reserve banks keep diminishing, leaving the amount Feb. 10 \$46,582,000, which compares with \$61,671,000 on Feb. 3. The discount holdings of the 12 Reserve banks have fallen back from \$855,168,000 Feb. 3 to \$819,435,000 Feb. 10. The holdings of "other securities" (intermediate credit obligations) are also somewhat smaller, being reported this week at \$33,451,000 as against \$35,952,000 last week. The final result is

that the grand total of bill and security holdings, which constitutes a measure of the volume of Reserve credit outstanding, is \$32,504,000 smaller than a week ago at \$1,763,711,000 Feb. 10 against \$1,796,215,000 on Feb. 3. Twelve months ago, however, the volume of Reserve credit outstanding, according to this standard of measurement, was only \$919,548,000.

The amount of Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation has been only slightly reduced, standing at \$2,661,959,000 Feb. 10 against \$2,664,003,000 on Feb. 3. A year ago, on Feb. 11 1931, the amount of Federal Reserve notes in circulation was no more than \$1,481,006,000, indicating an expansion during the 12 months in the large sum of \$1,180,953,000. The ratio of reserves to deposit and Federal Reserve note liabilities combined has not altered greatly during the week, being reported at 67.6% Feb. 10 and as 67.1% Feb. 3. Gold reserves also have not greatly altered, standing at \$2,967,218,000 Feb. 10 as compared with \$2,970,182,000 on Feb. 3. This is quite a good showing as to the gold holdings, bearing in mind that the gold outflow from the Port of New York during the week has again been large, aggregating \$33,689,000, of which \$30,926,000 went to France and \$2,550,000 to Holland, but these exports to the extent of \$12,094,000 apparently represented gold released from earmark (that is, gold previously set aside for later shipment), as the figures show \$12,094,000 decrease during the week in amount of gold earmarked for foreign account. There were also \$3,955,000 of gold imports at the Port of New York as a further offset to the export shipments of the metal.

The stock market, after being weak and lower day after day, underwent a complete transformation on Thursday as a result of the news that the Federal Reserve Act was to be amended so as to admit of very extensive inflation. The bond market, also showed recovery after early declines. Doubtless the weakness on the Stock Exchange the fore part of the week followed as a result of the complete absence of any sign of revival in trade. Instead of that, there were developments quite to the contrary in several branches of industrial activity, or, it would perhaps be better to say, industrial inactivity, which during the last two years has been settling over the country like a plague. The fact that on Tuesday the Treasury Department at Washington found it incumbent to revise its statement of Government needs in order to balance the budget was an additional depressing influence. Then, also, Japan's military operations in the Shanghai area continued to prove highly disturbing, especially as it carried the menace of very dangerous possibilities that might eventuate in a general conflagration among the nations of the world. The steel trade showed no indications of any change for the better. Only a very trifling increase in steel ingot production was disclosed for the week ended Feb. 8, according to a compilation prepared by Dow, Jones & Co. The average for the industry was put at approximately 27% compared with 26½% in the preceding week and better than 28% two weeks ago.

What a contrast for the worse, however, this was as compared with a year ago appeared from the fact that in the same week of 1931 the industry was operating at between 49 and 50% of capacity. Nor was there any encouragement in the statement of unfilled orders on the books of the subsidiary companies of the United States Steel Corp. The figures for the close of January, made public on Wednesday,

Feb. 10, showed a further reduction in these unfilled orders during the first month of the new year. The reduction was not large, being only 87,203 tons, but it had the effect of reducing the total of such orders to 2,648,150 tons, at which figure the back log of orders was the smallest of any month in the whole of the company's history. The copper trade also gave a very poor account of itself. The price of the metal, owing to the continued sluggish demand, suffered a further reduction, though the price was already so low that it hardly seemed possible for it to reach still lower depths. On Wednesday metal was offered by custom smelters at 6c., and by second hands at 5¾c., being the lowest levels at which the metal has ever been sold for domestic delivery. The accumulation of unsold metal and the lack of any revival of demand, even, led to talk of the possibility of a complete shut-down of the copper mining industry. The official price quoted by Copper Exporters, Inc., remained unchanged at 67/8c. a pound. Custom smelters, availing themselves of the new rules of Copper Exporters, Inc., which permit them to make offerings at a lower price than the official quotation, are said to have sold 700 tons on Wednesday at the record low export price of 63/8c. a pound, c.i.f. European base ports.

The stock market showed a further break on Wednesday morning to a new low level since the early days of January, but at the very moment when it seemed weakest a rallying tendency was evinced which canceled the decline the early part of that day. Some stocks continued depressed, however, and Eastman Kodak registered a decline of 5/8 for that day on the action of the company in omitting the payment of any extra dividend for the first time since 1905. On Thursday the market scored a sensational rise, running from 2 to 15 points on the news from Washington already referred to. The maintenance of the 10% dividend on Union Pacific was another stimulating influence. Transactions doubled notwithstanding it was the day before Lincoln's Birthday, though the Exchange authorities decided to open for business on Saturday, in face of an extensively signed petition that the Exchange remain closed on that day as well as on Friday. No less than 215 stocks sold during the week at new low levels for the year. The call loan rate on the Stock Exchange again remained unchanged day after day at 2½%.

Trading continued light until Thursday, when the volume increased. At the half-day session on Saturday last the sales on the New York Stock Exchange were 660,300 shares; on Monday, 1,150,924 shares; on Tuesday, 1,156,241 shares; on Wednesday, 1,303,048 shares, and on Thursday, 2,563,411 shares. Friday was Lincoln's Birthday, and a holiday. On the New York Curb Exchange the sales last Saturday were 110,825 shares; on Monday, 175,045 shares; on Tuesday, 219,000 shares; on Wednesday, 171,573 shares, and on Thursday, 233,197 shares.

As compared with Friday of last week, prices are higher all around. General Electric closed on Thursday at 203/8 against 183/4 on Friday of last week; North American at 33¼ against 315/8; Pacific Gas & Elec. at 34½ against 33¼; Standard Gas & Elec. at 283/8 against 275/8; Consolidated Gas of N. Y. at 58½ against 57; Columbia Gas & Elec. at 135/8 against 12½; Brooklyn Union Gas at 75 bid against 757/8; Elec. Power & Light at 12¾ against 113/8; Public Service of N. J. at 517/8 against 51; International Harvester at 24½ against 233/8; J. I. Case Threshing Machine at 315/8 against 317/8; Sears, Roebuck & Co.

at 32 against 303/8; Montgomery Ward & Co. at 8½ against 77/8; Woolworth at 41¼ against 407/8; Safeway Stores at 47¾ against 44; Western Union Telegraph at 385/8 against 351/8; American Tel. & Tel. at 118¼ against 1117/8; Int. Tel. & Tel. at 9¼ against 97/8; American Can at 623/8 against 583/8; United States Industrial Alcohol at 24 against 22¼; Commercial Solvents at 81/8 against 77/8; Shattuck & Co. at 8¼ bid against 8½ bid, and Corn Products at 42 against 403/8.

Allied Chemical & Dye closed on Thursday at 69¼ against 66 on Friday of last week; E. I. du Pont de Nemours at 521/8 against 49; National Cash Register at 9 against 8¾; International Nickel at 83/8 against 7¾; Timken Roller Bearing at 20½ against 185/8; Mack Trucks at 14 against 13¼; Yellow Truck & Coach at 3¾ against 3¾; Johns-Manville at 207/8 against 181¼; Gillette Safety Razor at 161/8 against 12½; National Dairy Products at 24¾ against 23¾; Associated Dry Goods at 6 against 61/8; Texas Gulf Sulphur at 233/8 against 23; American & Foreign Power at 71/8 against 65/8; General American Tank Car at 31 against 30; United Gas Improvement at 193/8 against 18½; National Biscuit at 42¼ against 39½; Coca Cola at 108¼ against 106¾; Continental Can at 36 against 337/8; Eastman Kodak at 727/8 against 78½; Gold Dust Corp. at 17 against 16¼; Standard Brands at 12½ against 121/8; Paramount Publix Corp. at 9 against 8; Kreuger & Toll at 75/8 against 7½; Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. at 265/8 against 24; Drug, Inc., at 523/8 against 51¼; Columbian Carbon at 32½ against 30½; American Tobacco at 731/8 against 74¾; Liggett & Myers class B at 56½ against 54½; Reynolds Tobacco class B at 36½ against 367/8; Lorillard at 14¼ against 13½, and Tobacco Products class A at 83/8 against 8½.

The steel shares show substantial gains as compared with a week ago. United States Steel closed on Thursday at 437/8 against 38¾ on Friday of last week; Bethlehem Steel at 19 against 167/8; Vanadium at 141/8 against 13, and Republic Iron & Steel at 57/8 against 5. In the auto group Auburn Auto closed on Thursday at 109¾, an advance of 14¾ points over the close of the previous day, against 116 on Friday of last week; General Motors at 215/8 ex-div. against 21; Chrysler at 121/8 against 12¼; Nash Motors at 17 against 16; Packard Motors at 3¾ against 4; Hudson Motor Car at 83/8 against 85/8, and Hupp Motors at 41/8 against 4. In the rubber group Good-year Tire & Rubber closed on Thursday at 15¼ against 14¼ on Friday of last week; B. F. Goodrich at 4 against 37/8, and United States Rubber at 37/8 against 37/8, and the preferred at 8 against 81/8.

The railroad shares also participated in the general advance. Pennsylvania RR. closed on Thursday at 20¼ against 20 on Friday of last week; Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe at 77½ against 773/8; Atlantic Coast Line at 30 against 29; Chicago Rock Island & Pacific at 11½ against 10¾; New York Central at 28¼ against 267/8; Baltimore & Ohio at 17 against 163/8; New Haven at 257/8 against 24¼; Union Pacific at 76 against 71; Southern Pacific at 31¾ against 29½; Missouri-Kansas-Texas at 6 against 6; Missouri Pacific at 8½ against 8; Southern Railway at 10 against 9¼; Chesapeake & Ohio at 23½ against 235/8; Northern Pacific at 19½ against 18¼, and Great Northern at 19 against 18.

The oil shares also followed the trend of the market. Standard Oil of N. J. closed on Thursday at 277/8 against 263/8 on Friday of last week; Standard

Oil of Calif. at $25\frac{1}{4}$ against $22\frac{5}{8}$; Atlantic Refining at $9\frac{1}{2}$ against 9; Freeport-Texas at $17\frac{3}{4}$ against $16\frac{7}{8}$; Sinclair Oil at $5\frac{3}{8}$ against $5\frac{1}{8}$; Texas Corp. at $11\frac{5}{8}$ against $11\frac{1}{8}$; Phillips Petroleum at $4\frac{1}{2}$ against $4\frac{1}{2}$, and Pure Oil at $4\frac{1}{2}$ against $4\frac{1}{8}$.

The copper stocks have advanced only slightly owing to the further depression in the price of the metal. Anaconda Copper closed on Thursday at $9\frac{5}{8}$ against $9\frac{3}{8}$ on Friday of last week; Kennecott Copper at $10\frac{3}{4}$ against $10\frac{3}{8}$; Calumet & Hecla at 3 against $3\frac{1}{8}$; American Smelting & Refining at $14\frac{7}{8}$ against $14\frac{3}{8}$; Phelps Dodge at 7 against $6\frac{1}{2}$, and Cerro de Pasco Copper at $11\frac{1}{2}$ against 12.

Quiet dealings were reported on the stock exchange in the important European financial centers this week, with the trend soft in most sessions. The tendency at London and Paris was to await some clarification of the confused political situations in all countries, and some signs of improvement in the business situation. Indications were seen at London that the financial unsettlement in Europe is slowly waning, but it is admitted, reports say, that hoarding of gold and currency in other countries than England remains a disquieting factor. The London capital issues market responded poorly last week to a £7,000,000 flotation of 5% debenture stock of the Central Electricity Board at a price of 95, approximately 84% being left with the underwriters. The lack of success caused disappointment. Industrial trends in Britain, as reflected by the unemployment figures, also are unsatisfactory, an increase in January of 218,490 raising the aggregate to 2,131,298. That a similar tendency prevails on the Continent was indicated by the official German figures, which showed an increase of 373,000 in January, to a total of 6,041,000. Trading on the Berlin Boerse is still prohibited, but an increase in the activities on the "Curb" market is reported, with price trends decidedly irregular.

The London Stock Exchange was extremely quiet in the first session of the week, with prices off in almost all departments. British funds receded, and foreign bonds also moved lower. The industrial list was unsettled, textile shares showing substantial recessions while others also dropped. Anglo-American trading favorites were uncertain. In a further light session, Tuesday, prices again were soft in almost all sections. British funds were firm at the opening, but quotations dropped in the course of the dealings and small net losses were recorded at the close. Industrial stocks were off quite generally, some reports indicating forced liquidation. International stocks were unsettled as a result of unfavorable overnight advices from New York. The London market was again depressed Wednesday, largely as a result of unfavorable dividend announcements by the Midland and Great Western Railways, the former paying only $\frac{1}{4}\%$ on ordinary stock, while the Great Western announced a $11\frac{1}{2}\%$ disbursement. Home rails dropped on these statements. British funds were marked down further, while industrial issues and international stocks also were lower. Slight improvement was noted Thursday, but the London market remained inactive.

The Paris Bourse was irregular, Monday, with trading inactive throughout the session. Firmness was shown by a few leading issues, such as Bank of France shares, but most others closed with small losses. Foreign securities were weaker than French

issues, owing to fears of inflationary tendencies elsewhere. A dull and heavy session followed, Tuesday, with leading stocks off sharply. Bank of France shares fell 325 points, while Suez Canal dropped 175 points, with others off proportionately. Reports from other markets were disappointing, and they added to the gloomy atmosphere at Paris. The tendency Wednesday was again heavy until the final hour, when a modest rally cancelled some of the declines of the day. Offerings were heavy at first, and prices dropped quickly. After this initial selling was absorbed the tone improved slightly, but a real buying movement did not appear until toward the end of the session. Although net declines were shown by most stocks, these were not important. The Bourse maintained its favorable tone Thursday, further gains being recorded.

Disarmament plans and proposals of the world's leading powers were placed before the general conference at Geneva in rapid succession in recent days, and the gathering is now in full swing. Organization of the conference was quickly completed after the opening session on Feb. 2, and the first general address was that of Andre Tardieu, French Minister of War, and head of his Government's delegation. Dino Grandi, Foreign Minister of Italy, followed with a radio address on the Italian position, broadcast from his sickbed in Geneva. Sir John Simon, Foreign Secretary in the MacDonald Cabinet, outlined the British attitude; Hugh S. Gibson, Ambassador to Belgium, the American viewpoint, and Dr. Heinrich Bruening, German Chancellor, the aims of the Berlin regime. In these addresses the speakers disclosed all the expected diversity of national views and aims. The principles slowly developed during the preliminary meetings of the past six years were restated with force and ability, and it again became apparent that great rifts separate the two main groups of States. A better understanding of the problem is sure to result from the current negotiations, but it may be doubted whether the delegates will be able at this conference to forge the hoped-for world treaty embodying a considerable degree of disarmament. It is recognized even in Geneva that this task will require further conferences, extending, perhaps, over a period of many years.

The plans of the French Government which M. Tardieu placed before the conference on Feb. 5 were essentially in accord with the oft-proclaimed thesis of security before disarmament, but they were far more drastic than any previous declaration of the Paris Government. They provide for the raising of the authority of the League of Nations to a virtual super-State, with power over an international police force. Under certain conditions the League would have at its disposal all heavy bombing planes, all heavy artillery, all vessels of more than 10,000 tons and with guns of more than 8-inch calibre, and all submarines of more than a stipulated tonnage to be arrived at through negotiations. "The French proposals," a dispatch to the New York "Times" explained, "offer the disarmament conference and the world a definite choice between a League disposing of an executive authority and a League paralyzed by the intransigency of national sovereignty." It was generally agreed at Geneva, the report added, that the proposals are utterly impracticable at present and that even as a theoretical statement of position they go much further than can possibly be practically

helpful to the present conference. That they will prove completely unacceptable to the United States was instantly recognized. Other delegations in the meeting listened somewhat nervously, it was remarked, as the chief French representative informed them that his country had taken the initiative away from them in presenting its views. The French secured a tactical victory, the "Times" report suggests, as they placed the other nations in the role of controversialists replying to a definite proposal which has the merit of being the first to be laid before the conference. Other delegations quickly pointed out, however, that whatever merit the French scheme may have, there is nothing about disarmament in it.

The aims of Italy were outlined in a preliminary radio address last Saturday by Signor Dino Grandi, largely for the benefit of the American audience to which it was addressed. The Italian Minister spoke briefly and in a general sense. Reduction of armaments to the lowest possible level was the theme of the speech. "The idea of a mere limitation of armaments does not seem to me to correspond to world needs," Signor Grandi said. "We must reduce military expenditure. We must relieve the pressure placed by armaments on international relations. We must save the world from the nightmare of that competition in armaments which is one of the chief causes of the lack of confidence and of the unrest so largely responsible for the present depression." The present military expenditures of the governments are heavier than they were before the World War, he said, and "our countries cannot look on with calm indifference at this race in armaments which may ruin their finances and threatens their security and their peaceful work." Signor Grandi aimed a shaft at the French thesis with the comment that "we can debate forever on the theory of security, but the fact is that, with these armaments, there can be no security, and we must face the problem boldly and cut down armaments."

Sir John Simon placed practical proposals before the conference, Monday, in an address in behalf of the British Government in which he called for the fixing of maximum limits on armaments beyond which the nations would bind themselves not to go. The international agreement suggested would also exclude certain instruments and methods of warfare. Specifically, he proposed the limitation of effectives for military service, the abolition of the submarine and chemical warfare, and the reduction of weapons of offense. Armaments are useless as instruments of world peace, Sir John said, and "a high level of armaments is no substitute for security." The convention framed at the Preparatory Disarmament Conferences would be acceptable to Britain as the basis for the current discussions, he said, and the results of the Washington and London naval conferences also should be embodied in the general treaty formulated at Geneva. "We are ready to co-operate in whatever methods are found most practical for an agreed reduction in the size of ships and the maximum gun calibre, as well as in any practical application of the principle of prohibiting land guns above a certain calibre," the British statesman continued. He pleaded earnestly for practical results, as "failure now means nothing short of unmeasured and immeasurable calamity." In direct contrast to the French position, Sir John proclaimed that a high level of armaments is no substitute for security. "The security which we set before us as our ideal

is security for all, and security for all fundamentally depends on armament reduction," he declared.

The French program was again urged upon the conference in a further speech by M. Tardieu, Monday. "We are convinced," he said, "that disarmament without organization of peace would place an unfair premium upon sheer numbers and technical ability." With obvious reference to German aspirations for revision of the Versailles Treaty, M. Tardieu warned that the delegates did not meet to remake the map of the world. Public opinion is tired of so many conferences without result, and any engagement, however short, simple and limited, will be a substantial achievement, he declared. It was with this thought in mind that France submitted its scheme, he continued. The French aim, as outlined in the address, is to build on the basis of the League Covenant, rather than to seek a new basis. "Despite the reduction in armaments to which she has spontaneously consented, France is ready to undertake a contractual agreement to limit her armaments for a determined period," he said.

American proposals were laid before the Geneva gathering, Tuesday, by Hugh S. Gibson, as Acting Chairman of our delegation. The United States enters the first world conference on the limitation and reduction of armaments with the determination to leave nothing undone to achieve substantial progress, Mr. Gibson stated. Pointing out that developments of the last 10 years have produced altered conditions of international relationships, Mr. Gibson declared that the American Government "is prepared to consider any form of military limitation and reduction which promises real progress toward the feeling of international security, protection against surprise, and restraint on the use of arms for purposes of aggression." Every nation must maintain adequate military forces for internal order, and provision must also be made for sufficient military strength to defend the national territory against aggression and invasion, he said. It follows that the problem before the conference is to establish, by honest scrutiny and agreement, the margin that now exists beyond what is essential for maintenance of internal order and defense of territories, he added. Practically all the nations of the world have now pledged themselves not to wage aggressive war, Mr. Gibson pointed out, and "we believe this conference should and can devote itself to the abolition of weapons which are devoted primarily to aggressive war."

A list of nine main points was thereupon placed before the conference as representing the position of the United States. The list is not exclusive and contains merely some of the thoughts considered essential in carrying on the work of the conference, Mr. Gibson said. The points are:

"1. The American Government advocates consideration of the draft convention as containing the outlines for a convenient basis for discussion, while expressing its entire willingness to give full consideration to any supplementary proposals calculated to advance the end we all seek.

"2. We suggest the possibility of prolonging the existing naval agreements concluded at Washington and London, and we advocate completing the latter as soon as possible by the adherence of France and Italy.

"3. We advocate proportional reduction from the figures laid down in the Washington and London agreements on naval tonnage as soon as all parties to the Washington agreement have entered this framework.

"4. We advocate, as we long have done, the total abolition of submarines.

"5. We will join in formulating the most effective measures to protect civilian population against aerial bombing.

"6. We advocate the total abolition of lethal gases and bacteriological warfare.

"7. We advocate, as I already have stated, the computation of the number of armed forces on the basis of the effectives necessary for the maintenance of internal order plus some suitable contingent for defense. The former are obviously impossible of reduction; the latter is a question of relativity.

"8. We agree in advocating special restrictions for tanks and heavy mobile guns; in other words, for those arms of a peculiarly offensive character.

"9. We are prepared to consider a limitation of expenditure on material as a complementary method of direct limitation, feeling that it may prove useful to prevent a qualitative race, if and when quantitative limitation has been effected."

Chancellor Heinrich Brüning, who spoke next, pledged Germany formally to the advocacy of general disarmament "of an unmistakable nature, such as the League of Nations Covenant envisaged." A detailed German program will be presented later, he said, and in the meantime he urged that the conference be guided by the principle of reducing the armaments of all nations to the same low relative status as those of Germany. In clear objection to the French position, Dr. Brüning urged abolition of efforts to assure the possibility of military expansion through mere interpretation of the rules. Such efforts, he declared, will lead to failure of the conference and continuance of the "unhappy condition of an armed peace resting on unequal rights." Their own disarmament having been accomplished, the German Government and people now demand general disarmament, he asserted. The Chancellor called for the solution of the problem of general disarmament on a basis of equality and equal security for all peoples. The draft convention of the Preparatory Commission cannot be accepted by the German delegation as the starting point, he said, as it does not correspond to the exigencies of the day. Dr. Brüning reserved the right, accordingly, to submit proposals calculated to remove the shortcomings of the convention. Such proposals, he indicated, will aim not only at effective limitation and reduction of armaments generally, but also at implementation of the treaty providing for renunciation of war.

Foreign Minister Dino Grandi placed the formal proposals of the Italian Government before the conference, Wednesday, in a forceful and persuasive address. Italy, he made plain, is prepared to take far more drastic steps than any of the powers whose representatives had spoken previously. Specifically, he proposed the total abolition of capital ships, submarines, aircraft carriers, bombing aircraft, tanks and heavy artillery; the renunciation of chemical and bacteriological warfare, and revision of the rules of warfare for the more effective protection of non-combatants. He touched again on the recurring debate of whether disarmament should precede security, or security should precede disarmament. "We have discussed it for the past 10 years," he remarked, "and should we continue to debate we would inevitably stray into the path of sophistry in disarmament. Not only will that path lead us nowhere, but we shall merely dishearten our peoples." In apparent support of the German Chancellor, Signor Grandi declared further that the practical value of agreements exchanged with a view to the maintenance of peace depends on the outcome of the current conference. "We must now ascertain whether a progressive acceptance of international

justice is guaranteed by an equally progressive renunciation of the forces capable of bringing pressure to bear on the administration of that justice," he said. "Our task is to fortify justice, not to justify force. If we really wish to place our countries at the service of the League, increasing its prestige and authority, we must reduce armaments."

Ambassador Tsuneo Matsudaira, head of the Japanese delegation to the conference, informed the Geneva assemblage Wednesday that Japan is eager to further the cause of disarmament, notwithstanding the unfortunate situation in the Far East. "The Government and people of Japan entertain an abiding interest in this noble task," he declared, and the Japanese delegation is ready to co-operate with "all the powers to arrive at an arrangement through which armaments could effectively be limited or reduced." The draft convention was considered suitable as the basis for the work of the conference. Japan was depicted as favoring reduction of the size of battleships and of the tonnage of aircraft carriers, strict limitation of the use of all classes of warships, prohibition of air bombardment, of poison gases and bacteria. Foreign Minister August Zaleski of Poland followed with a speech in which the French security thesis was upheld. He urged that the potential war-making powers of countries be considered and stated that agricultural countries, if disarmed, required guarantees against highly industrialized neighbors. He emphasized that necessity for "moral disarmament," and said he would place a specific program for this new variety of disarmament before the conference at a suitable time.

Maxim Litvinoff, Commissar for Foreign Affairs, placed the views of the Soviet Government before the conference in a long address delivered Thursday. Complete disarmament by every nation in the world was again proclaimed as the Russian aim, but on this occasion M. Litvinoff did not take the uncompromising stand in regard to negotiations shown four years ago, when he first appeared at the preparatory meetings. "Our delegation," he said, "is ready to discuss with you any proposals pending on the reduction of armaments, and the further such reduction goes the more readily will the Soviet delegation take part in the work of the conference." In advocating "equal rights" and "facilities and exceptions in favor of weaker nations in danger of aggression," he plainly made a bid for wide support of his formula by the Central European Powers and the smaller nations of the world. M. Litvinoff admitted there was little chance for acceptance of his plea for complete and universal disarmament, and he offered, as an alternative, a second proposal for progressive and proportional disarmament. Belgian plans for disarmament were announced at the same session by Paul Hyams, Foreign Minister in the Brussels Cabinet. His Government would support the French project for an international police force at the disposal of the League of Nations, M. Hyams said, and he also upheld the Polish theory of "moral disarmament."

Prodigious efforts by the steadily augmented military forces of Japan and China failed to effect any momentous changes in the situation at Shanghai early this week, and from the tactical viewpoint there is some reason for believing the struggle may prove to be a long drawn out affair. There is, however, still no declaration of hostilities in this peculiar war,

and it is ardently to be hoped that a diplomatic solution will be found for the trouble before it develops into fighting on an even larger scale. The stubborn resistance offered to the Japanese invasion has forced a sudden revision of ideas throughout the world regarding the fighting qualities of the Chinese. It is evident that this factor made the incident at Shanghai far different from any expectations entertained by Japanese officials or military commanders before the struggle began on Jan. 29.

The fighting has already developed into a small-scale war, waged over a 15-mile front, with battles in progress at the two ends of the line, at Shanghai and the Woosung forts. Although exact figures have not been disclosed, it is apparent that the opposing forces number many thousands. The Chinese are far stronger in numbers, but the Japanese forces are much better equipped and they also have the great advantage of command of the air and the assistance of a veritable naval armada. It was assumed early this week that the Chinese troops number about 30,000. In accordance with decisions reached at Tokio last week, Japan is sending the Ninth and Twelfth Army divisions to Shanghai, and the vanguard of these forces, numbering about 22,000 men, has already been landed.

Protective forces of other countries having been increased at Shanghai to a strength deemed adequate for the defense of the International Settlement, less anxiety was reported this week in that quarter. Every effort was made to care for the great throngs of Chinese refugees who streamed into the Settlement, and funds for relief purposes were quickly raised. The steady rumble of artillery fire just outside the area kept excitement at a high pitch, while occasional airplane flights over the Settlement by Japanese flyers caused apprehensions of an aerial battle. Shells from the anti-aircraft guns of the Chinese continued to fall in the International Settlement. Shanghai, nevertheless, is beginning to resume its commercial life, a dispatch of Tuesday to the New York "Times" said.

At Shanghai itself, the struggle continued to revolve around the native area of Chapei, in which the North Station is located. From the Japanese stronghold at Hongkew, just outside the International area, occasional drives were made toward the Chinese lines a half mile away, and an artillery exchange was in steady progress. The Chinese reported Tuesday that they had lured 1,000 Japanese into an ambush in Chapei, inflicting 500 casualties and capturing numerous light field pieces, but this was stoutly denied by the Japanese. Chinese cavalry attempted to storm the Japanese positions late the same day, it was indicated, but they were repulsed. The Chapei section of Shanghai, which housed 200,000 people three weeks ago, is said to be a "city of the dead." Losses were estimated at \$12,500,000. A determined attempt by the Japanese naval, air and military forces to capture the Woosung forts at the mouth of the Whangpoo River, 15 miles below Shanghai, also was fruitless until late this week. A terrific bombardment of these forts began last week, both from the water and the air. Reports were issued almost daily by the Japanese commanders that the forts were demolished, but the flag of China continued to wave over the walls. A landing by 2,000 Japanese troops and 600 sailors was effected Monday, a mile from the forts, but the land attack also failed. The

Japanese began more extensive preparations to take the Woosung forts on Wednesday.

Efforts to end the fighting by negotiations were not lacking, but they also proved fruitless. Rear Admiral Koichi Shiozawa, who commanded the naval forces at Shanghai until early this week, stated last Saturday that a truce could be effected by the withdrawal of the Chinese forces to "a safe distance from Shanghai, at least beyond artillery range." Vice-Admiral Nomura, who assumed the supreme Japanese naval command at Shanghai, last Sunday, expressed his readiness the next day to enter into a truce with the Chinese, whereunder the Japanese would withdraw to Hongkew in the Shanghai area, if the Chinese would withdraw to a distance of 20 miles from Chapei. This information was transmitted to Washington by Admiral Taylor, commander of the American Asiatic fleet. It was reported at Tokio, Sunday, that the Japanese naval attache at Nanking had protested to the Chinese Government against the dispatch of 1,200 fresh Chinese troops to Shanghai, on the ground that the situation could only be aggravated thereby.

Political effects within the two countries of the Shanghai struggle are difficult to estimate, but it is apparent that they are somewhat diverse. Junnosuke Inouye, the able former Finance Minister of Japan, and a leading member of the moderate Minseito party, was assassinated in a Tokio suburb, Tuesday, as he was about to address a meeting. Mr. Inouye was held in the highest esteem in New York and other financial centers, and his death was a shock. It was reported Wednesday that 25 students were arrested at the Imperial University, Tokio, for distributing handbills urging the people to "stop this imperialist war." The Shanghai expedition is causing some strain on Japanese finances, dispatches indicate. The Government appropriated 40,000,000 yen, Monday, for the activities, in addition to 20,000,000 previously made available. The many factions in China, it is reported, are quickly drawing together in order to offer unified resistance to the Japanese invaders. General Chiang Kai-shek, former President of China, is co-ordinating all commands, it is said.

The Tokio Government, disturbed by the attitude taken in other countries to the military expedition, issued a long statement last Saturday in which it was reiterated that Japan has no wish to wage a war of aggression, or to encroach on the rights of other Powers. The incidents preceding the conflict were carefully reviewed, and it was added that the armed collision "was entirely contrary to every intention of ours." The statement, issued in connection with the announcement that additional forces were to be dispatched to China, sought to justify this decision. "In the existing state of affairs China is uncontrolled," the statement said. "In view of historical precedents in such cases we can have no assurance as to the possible behavior of vast armies congregated in the Shanghai area, should unscrupulous politicians incite them." The decision to order military forces to Shanghai was taken, it was added, "so as to put an end to the menace of the Chinese armies, to restore Shanghai to normal conditions, and to relieve the inhabitants of all nationalities from the strain of fear and disquiet."

An international "feeler" was sent out by Japan, Monday, for a conference of powers on China, at which it is reported Tokio intended to propose de-

militarization of the five ports of Shanghai, Canton, Hankow, Tientsin and Tsingtao. These ports would be surrounded by a neutral zone 20 miles deep, under the proposal. Extraterritorial rights would be retained by foreign residents in such zones, and abolished in other parts of China. It was disclosed by Foreign Office officials in Tokio that Japanese diplomats abroad had been instructed to seek favorable opportunities to broach this scheme. This plan, it was admitted, would conflict with the Nine-Power Treaty, which is based on the principle of avoiding foreign interference in China. It was promptly made plain at Washington, according to a report of Monday to the New York "Times," that the plan would be rejected if it is ever presented formally to the United States Government.

At Geneva, further consideration of the Sino-Japanese dispute was given by the Council of the League of Nations, this week. It was reported last Saturday that some discussion developed of a possible plan for an economic blockade of Japan by the leading powers. At special meetings early this week the Chinese delegate, Dr. W. W. Yen, renewed his complaints against Japan, and threatened to invoke an extraordinary session of the League Assembly to deal with the crisis. He was urged to be patient by Sir John Simon, of Britain, and Joseph Paul-Boncour, of France. Laughter was provoked at the meeting by the statement of the Japanese delegate, Naotake Sato, that his Government "has no intention of continuing the hostilities at Shanghai." The League Committee on Manchuria passed through New York this week on its way to investigate the Japanese occupation of that territory. At Tokio, Foreign Minister Kenkichi Yoshizawa announced, Wednesday, that he had under consideration a plan to send envoys to the United States, England and France, to explain and clarify the Japanese position on the Manchurian question.

An acrid controversy between Germany and Lithuania has been provoked by sudden action of Lithuanian authorities last Saturday in the autonomous territory of Memel, situated between German East Prussia and Lithuania, and nominally a part of the latter country, but with its own governing council. The President of the territory, Otto Boettcher, was arrested on charges of treason, and the governing council supplanted by a Lithuanian directorate. The legality of the action is apparently subject to some question. After the arrest of President Boettcher, a demand was made by Governor Merkys, the Lithuanian representative, that other members of the Memel Council assume the Presidency, but this they refused to do on the ground that the statutes provide for continuance of the President in office as long as he had the confidence of the Diet. The territory was seized by Lithuania in 1923. Its population of 147,000 is preponderantly German. A formal protest was promptly made by the German Government to Lithuania, and Berlin also took steps to place the matter before the Council of the League of Nations, now in session for consideration of the Sino-Japanese dispute. In a note presented to the Council of the League, Tuesday, the Berlin Government declared that the Memel affair was too urgent to brook delay and immediate action was requested.

A decree suspending gold payments by the bank of issue in Ecuador until Nov. 10 next was signed by

President Basquerizo, Tuesday, and the Central Bank was ordered, at the same time, to convert into gold all its deposits in foreign banks. The gold holdings are to be placed in the vaults of the Central Bank without delay, under the decree, which also prohibits the export of gold by any authority other than the Government itself. This action was taken as a result of the serious reduction in the gold reserves of the Central Bank, a Guayaquil dispatch to the New York "Times" indicates. Currency issue is to be limited to 45,000,000 sucres, it is stated, and gold reserves must be kept up to 35% of the issue. The Central Bank, moreover, is to lend the Government 15,000,000 sucres at 3%, this sum to be devoted to public works and the organization of a national agricultural credit bank. Of interest is a Basle report to the Associated Press stating that the Board of the Bank for International Settlements decided, Monday, to help South American countries to maintain the gold standard. Gates W. McGarrah, President, was instructed to prepare a plan extending the services of the B. I. S. to the South American continent, it is indicated. A further report, dated Wednesday, stated that the South American banks will receive moral support, rather than material assistance, in their efforts to remain on the gold standard.

There have been no changes in central bank rates this week. 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; 5½% in Estonia; 3½% in Belgium; 3% in Holland, and 2½% in France and Switzerland. In the London open market discounts for short bills on Thursday were 5@ 5½% as against 5@ 5⅝% on Friday of last week, and 5¼@ 5¾% for three months' bills as against 5@ 5⅝% on Friday of last week. Money on call in London on Friday was 4⅜%. At Paris the open market rate continues at 1⅞%, but in Switzerland the rate was reduced from 1⅝ to 1 9-16%.

The Bank of England statement for the week ended Feb. 10 shows a loss of £18,728 in bullion but since circulation contracted £1,147,000, reserves rose £1,128,000. The Bank's gold holdings now aggregate £121,293,948 as compared with £141,247,159 a year ago. Public deposits increased £1,633,000 while other deposits fell off £10,446,050. Of the latter amount, £10,328,129 was to bankers accounts and £117,921 was to other accounts. The reserve ratio is up to 42.84% from 38.92% a week ago. The ratio was 51.37% in the same week last year. Loans on government securities fell off £6,075,000 and those on other securities £3,836,577. The latter consists of discounts and advances and securities which decreased £626,871 and £3,209,706 respectively. The rate of discount is unchanged at 6%. Below we show a comparison of the different items for five years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1932. Feb. 10	1931. Feb. 11	1930. Feb. 12	1929. Feb. 13	1929. Feb. 15
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation	346,519,000	347,245,425	348,003,176	352,698,006	134,281,815
Public deposits	16,434,000	13,502,637	17,937,246	19,635,679	12,970,466
Other deposits	99,725,131	91,615,357	94,565,390	94,637,433	101,137,490
Bankers' accounts	66,997,662	57,655,497	59,083,652	58,199,877	-----
Other accounts	32,727,469	33,959,860	35,481,738	36,437,556	-----
Government securities	34,625,906	36,419,952	44,711,563	47,876,855	36,295,727
Other securities	49,918,049	32,830,014	22,476,568	27,133,217	52,507,613
Disc. & advances	13,007,623	9,537,032	7,963,260	10,446,659	-----
Securities	36,910,421	23,232,922	14,513,308	16,686,553	-----
Reserve notes & coin	49,774,000	54,001,234	63,496,043	57,456,369	43,464,767
Coin and bullion	121,293,948	141,247,159	151,499,219	150,154,375	157,996,582
Proportion of reserve to liabilities	42.84%	51.37%	56.43%	50%	38%
Bank rate	6%	3%	4½%	5½%	4¾%

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

The statement of the Bank of France for the week ended Feb. 5, records a gain in gold holdings of 938,039,887 francs. Total gold now is 72,576,082,971 francs, in comparison with 55,632,073,995 francs a year ago and 42,931,148,630 francs the year before. Decreases are shown in credit balances abroad of 706,000,000 francs, in French commercial bills discounted of 1,432,000,000 francs, in bills bought abroad of 850,000,000 francs and in credit or current accounts of 1,503,000,000 francs while advances against securities reveal a gain of 81,000,000 francs. Notes in circulation show a loss of 285,000,000 francs, bringing the total of notes outstanding down to 84,438,203,575 francs. Total circulation last year was 77,772,473,510 francs and two years ago 69,429,472,500 francs. The proportion of gold on hand to sight liabilities is up this week to 65.25% from 63.39% a week ago. Last year the item was 54.43%. Below we furnish a comparison of the different items for three years:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Changes for Week.	Status As of			
	Feb. 5 1932.	Feb. 6 1931.	Feb. 7 1930.	
Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	
Gold holdings...Inc.	938,039,887	72,563,082,971	55,632,073,995	42,931,048,630
Credit bals. abr'd...Dec.	706,000,000	8,176,275,009	7,010,603,982	6,978,659,661
a French commerc'l bills discounted...Dec.	1,432,000,000	5,123,554,792	7,304,126,776	6,464,461,363
b Bills bought abr'd...Dec.	850,000,000	9,072,739,232	19,300,530,387	18,736,198,087
Adv. against secs...Inc.	81,000,000	2,825,389,269	2,976,534,732	2,575,449,018
Note circulation...Dec.	285,000,000	84,438,203,575	77,772,473,510	69,429,472,500
Cred. curr. accts...Dec.	1,503,000,000	26,770,315,242	24,430,999,950	17,539,950,331
Proportion of gold on hand to sight liabilities...Inc.	1.86%	65.25%	54.43%	49.36%

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

The Reichsbank statement for the first week of February shows a loss in gold and bullion of 19,484,000 marks. Owing to this decline, the total of the item is now 928,341,000 marks, which compares with 2,244,110,000 marks a year ago and 2,325,941,000 marks two years ago. Increases appear in reserve in foreign currency of 1,699,000 marks, in silver and other coin of 14,352,000 marks, in notes on other German banks of 3,956,000 marks and in other assets of 1,770,000 marks. Notes in circulation contracted 130,975,000 marks, reducing the total of the item to 4,276,132,000 marks. Last year circulation aggregated 4,084,240,000 marks and the year previous 4,380,954,000 marks. No change occurred in the item of deposits abroad. Bills of exchange and checks, advances, investments, other daily maturing obligations and other liabilities record decreases of 180,698,000 marks, 29,300,000 marks, 163,000 marks, 60,704,000 marks and 16,189,000 marks respectively. The proportion of gold and foreign currency to note circulation is this week 25.1%, compared with 59.8% last year and 62.1% the year before. Below we furnish a comparison of the various items for three years:

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Assets—	Changes for Week.	Status As of		
		Feb. 6 1932.	Feb. 7 1931.	Feb. 7 1930.
Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.
Gold and bullion...Dec.	19,484,000	928,341,000	2,244,110,000	2,325,941,000
Of which depos. abr'd...No change		83,872,000	207,638,000	149,788,000
Reserve in for'n curr...Inc.	1,699,000	146,750,000	198,402,000	393,537,000
Bills of exch. & checks...Dec.	180,698,000	3,453,816,000	1,825,469,000	1,959,967,000
Silver and other coin...Inc.	14,352,000	140,474,000	178,367,000	138,328,000
Notes on oth. Ger. bks...Inc.	3,956,000	6,030,000	16,267,000	14,082,000
Advances...Dec.	29,300,000	129,038,000	66,200,000	44,753,000
Investments...Dec.	163,000	160,564,000	102,351,000	93,277,000
Other assets...Inc.	1,770,000	971,180,000	549,715,000	502,744,000
Liabilities—				
Notes in circulation...Dec.	130,975,000	4,276,132,000	4,084,240,000	4,380,954,000
Oth. daily matur. oblig...Dec.	60,704,000	332,941,000	270,805,000	451,011,000
Other liabilities...Dec.	16,189,000	869,803,000	331,899,000	208,568,000
Proport. of gold & for'n curr. to note circul'n...Inc.	0.3%	25.1%	59.8%	62.1%

Money rates in the short business week now ending were again unchanged from earlier levels. Transactions were small in all departments of the market, with funds readily available to borrowers with acceptable collateral. Call loans on the New York Stock

Exchange were 2½% for all transactions, whether renewals or new loans. Offerings in the unofficial outside market were reported in all business sessions at 2¼%, or a concession of ¼% from the official rate. Time loans were unchanged. Brokers loans against stock and bond collateral, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for the week to Wednesday night, declined \$19,000,000. Gold movements reported for the same period consisted of exports of \$33,689,000, which were offset only in part by imports of \$3,955,000 and a net decrease of \$12,094,000 in the earmarked stocks.

Dealing in detail with call loan rates on the Stock Exchange from day to day, 2½% was the rate ruling all through the week both for new loans and renewals. The time money market continued inactive and dealers do not look for any improvement as long as the rates are so low. Rates are nominally quoted at 3½@3¾% for all dates. The demand for prime commercial paper has been somewhat improved this week. More paper was obtainable, though the increased demand used all the available supply. Rates are unchanged. Quotations for choice names of four to six months' maturity at 3¾@4%. Names less well known at 4¼@4½%. On some very high class 90-day paper occasional transactions at 3½% continued to be noted.

The market for prime bankers' acceptances has shown slight improvement this week, particularly on Monday, though the greater part of the demand was for short maturities saleable at a profit to the Federal Reserve bank. Rates remain unchanged, though it is reported that one dealer increased his rate on 90-day paper by ⅛ of 1%. 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 gain this week in their holdings of acceptances, the total having risen from \$156,100,000 to \$169,391,000. Their holdings of acceptances for foreign correspondents further increased from \$317,681,000 to \$319,294,000. Open market rates for acceptances are as follows:

SPOT DELIVERY.

	180 Days		150 Days		120 Days	
	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills	3½	3¼	3¼	3¼	3¼	3
90 Days						
60 Days						
30 Days						
Prime eligible bills	2½	2¼	2½	2¼	2½	2¼

FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.

Eligible member banks	3½ bid
Eligible non-member banks	3¼ bid

There have been no changes this week in the rediscount rates of any 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 Feb. 12.	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	3½	Jan. 25 1932	4
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	3½	Jan. 28 1932	4
San Francisco	3½	Oct. 21 1931	2½

Sterling exchange is quiet and although several times during the week the pound seemed to be under pressure, as for instance on Wednesday, when the rate for cable transfers dropped to 3.41 $\frac{5}{8}$, on the whole sterling has been remarkably steady for the past few weeks, with rates fluctuating within narrow limits. Frequently when the rate drops below 3.45 in New York the fall indicates selling of dollars abroad rather than pressure on sterling. The range this week has been from 3.41 $\frac{3}{8}$ to 3.45 $\frac{1}{8}$ for bankers' sight bills, compared with 3.44 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 3.45 $\frac{7}{8}$ last week. The range for cable transfers has been from 3.41 $\frac{5}{8}$ to 3.45 $\frac{1}{2}$, compared with 3.44 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3.46 $\frac{1}{8}$ a week ago. At this season and for several months to come seasonal factors should normally favor sterling exchange, though at present all such favorable influences are offset by the disturbed conditions in foreign exchange and world commodity markets. The suspension of gold payments and the strict regulation of foreign exchange operations are stumbling blocks to foreign trade owing to the difficulty in almost all money markets of obtaining the necessary foreign exchange. At present 19 countries have suspended gold payments and 30 have placed various restrictions on exchange transactions. The untoward events in the Far East and the disturbances in India are of course extremely unfavorable to sterling exchange. Nevertheless the London market is cheerful as to the immediate outlook for business. According to London bankers, while the Far Eastern problems still furnish grounds for anxiety it is believed that they will be solved without seriously involving other nations.

Withdrawals of balances by the Continent, especially by Paris, from London still continue, though on a greatly reduced scale. These withdrawals seem no longer to cause any anxiety in the London market. Hope is still entertained that the Bank of England rate of rediscount may be reduced and it is pointed out in London that all the domestic factors are favorable to such a reduction. There has been no inflation and no speculation, and the internal credit situation is considered entirely sound. In view of these facts the general belief is that the international situation is largely, if not wholly, responsible for the maintenance of the 6% bank rate. It is asserted positively in competent quarters in London that Great Britain views with concern statements frequently made in the foreign press that England desires a general abandonment of the gold standard. Leading bankers and other financial authorities assert that ultimate resumption of gold payments by Great Britain is considered desirable and necessary. Sterling exchange continues to receive support from the large shipments of Indian gold to London. Most of the Indian gold is purchased for Continental, particularly for French, account. To a large extent franc exchange paid to London to cover these purchases has provided the Bank of England with the means of repaying the last installment of the French Bank's credit to the Bank of England without drawing on the London Bank's own gold reserves. It will be recalled that on Thursday of last week the statement was made in the British House of Commons that the £80,000,000 credit advanced to the British Treasury last August by France and the New York bankers will be repaid in August. The credit was granted in a vain attempt to save the pound last summer and was exhausted in the attempt. Consequently, the ability of the British Treasury to repay

the credit when it falls due is regarded as evidence of the improved position of sterling exchanged. Gold seems to have sold in the London open market this week at from 119s. 9d. to 120s. 4d. an ounce. This week the Bank of England shows a decrease in gold holdings of £18,728, the total standing on Feb. 10 at £121,293,948, which compares with £141,247,159 a year ago.

At the Port of New York, the gold movement for the week ended Feb. 10, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, consisted of imports at \$3,955,000, of which \$1,146,000 came from Argentina; \$1,070,000 came from Canada; \$840,000 came from Denmark; \$575,000 came from India, and \$324,000 came chiefly from Latin-American countries.

Gold exports totaled \$33,689,000, of which \$30,926,000 was shipped to France, \$2,550,000 to Holland, \$100,000 to Germany, \$94,000 to Switzerland, \$12,000 to Poland, \$5,000 to Cuba and \$2,000 to Belgium. There was a decrease of \$12,094,000 in gold earmarked for foreign account.

In tabular form the gold movement at the Port of New York for the week ended Feb. 10, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, was as follows:

GOLD MOVEMENT AT NEW YORK, FEB. 4—FEB. 10, INCLUSIVE.

<i>Imports.</i>	<i>Exports.</i>
\$1,146,000 from Argentina	\$30,926,000 to France
1,070,000 from Canada	2,550,000 to Holland
840,000 from Denmark	100,000 to Germany
575,000 from India	94,000 to Switzerland
324,000 chiefly from Latin-American countries	12,000 to Poland
	5,000 to Cuba
	2,000 to Belgium
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\$3,955,000 total	\$33,689,000 total

Net Change in Gold Earmarked for Foreign Account.
Decrease \$12,094,000.

On Thursday there were no imports of gold. Exports of the metal amounted to \$16,563,600, of which \$11,150,100 was shipped to France, \$5,393,500 to Belgium and \$20,000 to England. There was a decrease of \$16,644,900 in gold earmarked to foreign account. During the week approximately \$14,450,000 of gold was received at San Francisco from Japan. Yesterday (Lincoln's Birthday) being a holiday in this city there were no reports on the gold movement.

Canadian exchange continues at a heavy discount although this week, as last week, the rate is slightly more favorable to the Canadian dollar. On Saturday last, Montreal funds were at a discount of 13 $\frac{3}{8}$ %, on Monday at 13 13-16%, on Tuesday at 14%, on Wednesday at 14 $\frac{1}{8}$ %, on Thursday at 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ %, on Friday, Lincoln's Birthday, there was no market in New York.

Referring to day-to-day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday last was inclined to ease in a dull half-day session. Bankers' sight was 3.44 $\frac{5}{8}$ @3.45 $\frac{1}{4}$; cable transfers 3.44 $\frac{7}{8}$ @3.45 $\frac{1}{2}$. On Monday exchange was slightly more active. The range was 3.44 $\frac{7}{8}$ @ 3.45 $\frac{1}{4}$ for bankers' sight and 3.45 $\frac{1}{8}$ @3.45 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers. On Tuesday sterling was under slight pressure. Bankers' sight was 3.43 $\frac{3}{4}$ @3.45; cable transfers 3.44@3.45 $\frac{1}{4}$. On Wednesday sterling was lower. Bankers' sight was 3.41 $\frac{3}{8}$ @3.44; cable transfers 3.41 $\frac{5}{8}$ @3.44 $\frac{1}{4}$. On Thursday the market showed further ease. The range was 3.43@3.43 $\frac{5}{8}$ for bankers' sight and 3.43 $\frac{1}{8}$ @3.43 $\frac{7}{8}$ for cable transfers. On Friday, Lincoln's Birthday, there was no market in New York. Closing quotations on Thursday were 3.43 $\frac{1}{4}$ for demand and 3.43 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 3.42 $\frac{1}{2}$; 60-day

bills at $3.39\frac{1}{4}$; 90-day bills at $3.37\frac{3}{4}$; documents for payment (60 days) at $3.39\frac{1}{4}$ and 7-day grain bills at $3.42\frac{7}{8}$. Cotton and grain for payment closed at $3.42\frac{1}{2}$.

Exchange on the Continental countries is quiet, presenting no new features from those displayed during the past few weeks. French francs are especially strong. The Bank of France continues to increase its gold holdings, drawing largely from earmarked stock in New York and also from the Indian gold arriving in the London open market from week to week. This week the Bank of France shows an increase in gold holdings of 938,039,887 francs. The current statement of the bank as of week ending Feb. 5 shows total gold holdings of 72,563,082,971 francs, a record high level, which compares with 71,625,043,084 francs on Jan. 29, with 55,632,073,995 francs a year ago, and with 28,935,000,000 francs in June 1928 upon stabilization of the unit. The Bank's ratio of reserves has also reached a new high level at 65.25%, which compares with 63.39% on Jan. 29, with 54.43% a year ago and with legal requirements of 35%. It is thought in well informed banking circles that the end of the French gold flow from New York is near, although it would seem that the Bank of France still has balances of about \$700,000,000 in New York and London. The chief effect of the repatriation of French funds will be to offset the rapidly increasing adverse balance of French trade. The trend of international payments moved sharply against France in 1931. The excess of merchandise imports over exports amounted to 11,778,000,000 francs, against 9,514,000,000 francs in 1930. Gross receipts from tourists, which totaled approximately \$400,000,000 in 1929, fell to about \$60,000,000 in 1931. According to official figures 1,200,000 visitors in 1931 spent 50% less per capita than the 4,000,000 tourists in 1929. Figures also prove that income from foreign loans, investments abroad, shipping, insurance, and other invisible items likewise declined. The suspension of war debts and reparations payments caused France a net loss of more than \$100,000,000. The French Treasury is far from being in the flourishing condition it enjoyed a few years ago, according to Deputy Lucien Lamoureux in the Chamber Finance Commission's report on the budget bill. The Treasury, he said, has reached the point where it is no longer possible to meet the insufficiencies of a difficult year without having recourse to a new appeal for credit. The report shows important decreases in every department, in tax collections and national sources of taxes during the past year and points out that the budget on the other hand has steadily increased by 25%, rising 10,700,000,000 francs between 1928 and 1932.

German marks are unchanged from the past few weeks. Quotations are of course largely nominal owing to the moratorium and to control of the exchanges. Berlin dispatches on Tuesday stated that a majority of the foreign creditors have signed the new "standstill" agreement which becomes effective March 1. The pact obligates all German debtors of foreign banks to adhere to the agreement. Because foreigners are selling German securities and transfer the proceeds by exporting mark notes the Reichsbank will, it is understood from recent dispatches, discontinue the purchase of notes abroad. The action is likely to cause a lower quotation for mark exchange, but it will not affect the mark's real value.

Further loss of gold by the Reichsbank, as reported in its latest statement, was caused by the unwillingness of foreign banks to prolong acceptances, as was possible under the old standstill agreement and which is still valid. The Reichsbank statement for the week ended Feb. 6 shows a loss in gold holdings for the week of 19,484,000 marks, the total standing at 928,341,000 marks, which compares with 2,244,110,000 marks on Feb. 7 1931. Berlin is still discussing the possibility of a cut in the Reichsbank rate, in the belief that the Bank's position justifies a lower rate than the present 7%.

Italian exchange has shown weakness after last weeks strength, when the rate jumped from slightly below five cents to 5.23, the highest point reached since England suspended gold payments. This week the Italian rate has had a range of from 5.19 to 5.23. A short interest has been built up in the exchange in the past several weeks, but supplies of exchange for covering have been dried up through commercial requirements and the shorts were compelled to bid the rate up in order to secure the necessary exchange. Italian circles in New York are confident that the ground gained in the recent sharp rise in lire exchange will be maintained. Due to the absence of large foreign deposits in Italy above strictly commercial needs, the available supply of lira exchange is small. During January the exchange did not receive the usual support from immigrant remittances, due to the large amount sent during December for the Christmas holidays. It is estimated that about 100,000,000 lire were purchased for holiday requirements. This month, however, immigrant remittances should be made on a normal scale, estimated at about 25,000,000 lire and it is estimated that next month 50,000,000 lire will be transferred into Italy for the Easter holidays.

Recent dispatches from Athens say that the French, Italian and English governments will offer financial assistance to Greece following examination of its national status by the League of Nations finance commission. The country is reported to have received a favorable response to its request for a loan of \$52,000,000.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 87.27 on Thursday of this week, against 87.85 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished on Thursday at $3.93\frac{7}{8}$, against $3.93\frac{5}{8}$ on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 3.94, against $3.93\frac{3}{4}$ and commercial sight bills at $3.93\frac{3}{4}$, against 3.93 11-16. Antwerp belgas finished at $13.95\frac{1}{2}$ for bankers' sight bills and at 13.96 for cable transfers, against $13.93\frac{1}{2}$ and 13.94. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 23.76 for bankers' sight bills and 23.78 for cable transfers, in comparison with 23.75 and 23.77. Italian lire closed at $5.18\frac{1}{2}$ for bankers' sight bills and at 5.19 for cable transfers, against $5.22\frac{1}{4}$ and $5.22\frac{1}{2}$. Austrian schillings closed at 14.10, against 14.10; exchange on Czechoslovakia at $2.96\frac{1}{2}$, against $2.96\frac{1}{2}$; on Bucharest at $0.59\frac{5}{8}$, against $0.59\frac{3}{4}$; on Poland at 11.25, against 11.25, and on Finland at 1.50, against 1.52. Greek exchange closed at $1.28\frac{5}{8}$ for bankers' sight bills and at $1.28\frac{7}{8}$ for cable transfers, against $1.28\frac{5}{8}$ and $1.28\frac{7}{8}$.

Exchange on the countries neutral during the war presents no new developments. Dutch guilders and Swiss francs are firm. There is a continued movement for foreign capital into Switzerland for safe-

keeping, which is causing a steady and sensational increase in Swiss gold reserves, now approximately 2,425,455,273 gold francs (par of the Swiss franc is 19.30). This compares with 654,515,564 francs a year ago, an increase of 1,770,939,709 francs. Switzerland's gold reserve is now one of the largest in the world. Gold cover for notes alone now stands at 165%. Expansion in note circulation has not kept pace with increasing gold reserves, as notes now amount to 1,467,766,420 francs, compared with 891,728,170 francs a year ago. The Scandinavian currencies move strictly in harmony with the fluctuations in sterling exchange, to which these currencies are closely allied. Consequently they are relatively steady.

The Swedish Riksbank in a report for 1931 just published describes in some detail the Bank's efforts to remain on the gold standard. Between the end of February last year and the end of May foreign deposits in Sweden grew to kr. 343,000,000 from kr. 238,000,000, while at the same time net foreign assets in Swedish banks fell to kr. 300,000,000 from kr. 505,000,000. For this reason the Riksbank made every effort to protect itself and insisted in some cases that the foreign money deposited in Sweden should be subject to withdrawal only upon notice. During June there was a wholesale withdrawal of foreign funds. On July 31 the Bank rate was raised to 4% from 3% and the Riksbank determined to make use of its powers to negotiate a foreign loan to protect the exchange. It was not successful either in New York or in Paris. Between Sept. 21 and 26 the Riksbank lost kr. 100,000,000 in gold and foreign exchange, and on Sept. 27 the free gold reserves of the Riksbank totaled only kr. 98,000,000 and the foreign exchange reserves only kr. 30,000,000, so that the suspension of the gold standard was unavoidable. As noted above, \$840,000 in gold was received in New York from Denmark during the week. The metal is to remain in New York at the disposal of the Danish bank and is to be used ultimately for the repayment of some small loans.

During the week approximately 35,000,000 francs in gold were received at Paris from Amsterdam. Holland guilders have been especially strong in the European markets. This gold shipment was declared by Dutch bankers in New York to indicate Holland's insistence that the gold standard be maintained and the ready availability of metal whenever the exchange warrants. Prior to the shipment the Paris rate on Amsterdam showed a strong tendency in favor of France. Spanish pesetas are on the whole weak and fluctuating rather widely. The latest statement of the Bank of Spain, issued Feb. 6, shows that circulation has passed the 5,000,000,000 mark. On that date the figure rose to 5,010,800,000 pesetas from 4,922,800,000 pesetas on Jan. 30 and from 4,736,100,000 pesetas on Feb. 7 1931. There is some disposition in New York to regard the increase in Spanish circulation as note inflation. Foreign exchange circles have been expecting such a condition for some time and this expectation, if not the actual increase in the note issue, is largely responsible for the weakness in Spanish exchange in recent days.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Thursday at 40.34, against 40.27 on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 40.35 against 40.28, and commercial sight bills at 40.20 against 40.15. Swiss francs closed at 19.52 for checks and at 19.52½ for cable transfers, against 19.51½ and 19.52. Copenhagen checks fin-

ished at 18.88 and cable transfers at 18.93 against 19.00 and 19.05. Checks on Sweden closed at 19.24 and cable transfers at 19.29 against 19.35 and 19.40; while checks on Norway finished at 18.66 and cable transfers at 18.71 against 18.75 and 18.80. Spanish pesetas closed at 7.86½ for bankers' sight bills and at 7.87 for cable transfers against 7.79½ and 7.80.

Exchange on the South American countries is, of course, as since September, largely nominal, owing to various moratoria and to control of exchange by government committees. The Bank of London & South America reported recently that coffee is moving freely from Brazil and Brazilian deliveries are gaining at the expense of coffees from other sources. At the present rate of export it is stated that shipments from Brazil during the present crop year will amount to 17,000,000 bags, the highest total yet reached. Dispatches from Basle, Switzerland, on Tuesday of this week stated that the board of the Bank for International Settlements voted on Monday to help South American banks maintain the gold standard and instructed President Gates W. McGarrah to prepare a plan extending its services to the South American continent. The board took this action at its eighteenth regular session after requests had been formulated at the Lima conference of South American banks in September.

Argentine paper pesos closed on Thursday at 25 15-16 for bankers' sight bills, against 25 15-16 on Friday of last week; and at 26.00 for cable transfers, against 26.00. Brazilian milreis are nominally quoted 5.95 for bankers' sight bills and 6.00 for cable transfers, against 5.95 and 6.00. Chilean exchange is nominally quoted 12½, against 12½. Peru is nominally quoted 27.80, against 27.80.

Exchange on the Far Eastern countries presents no new trends from September, when the Japanese entered on their Manchurian campaign and at the same time abandoned the gold standard. Currently the Chinese exchanges are dull, owing to the celebration of the Chinese new year, which began on Saturday of last week and continued until Friday wherever Chinese are resident. Japanese yen are, of course, at a heavy discount. There was a drop of 20 points in the yen in Tuesday's trading following news of the assassination of Former Finance Minister Inouye. A recovery followed later. Mr. Inouye was mentioned prominently as the next Minseito premier of Japan and his death at this time clouds the Japanese political situation still further. The country as a whole had great confidence in his ability and it was thought probable that he would lead the Minseito party to victory in the elections to be held on Feb. 20. Mr. Inouye was the outstanding champion of deflation in Japan, in opposition to the inflationary tendencies of the Seiyukai party, which has been in power since last December.

Closing quotations for yen checks on Thursday were 35½ against 35½ on Friday of last week. Hong Kong closed at 25 3-16@25¾ against 25 9-16@26¾; Shanghai at 32 13-16@33½ against 33@33¾; Manila at 49½ against 49½; Singapore at 40¾ against 40¾; Bombay at 26.20 against 26.20, and Calcutta at 26.20 against 26.20.

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. FEB. 6 1932 TO FEB. 12 1932, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York, Value in United States Money.					
	Feb. 6.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	Feb. 10.	Feb. 11.	Feb. 12.
EUROPE—						
Austria, schilling	.139607	.139558	.139541	.139541	.139541	.139541
Belgium, belga	.139394	.139397	.139426	.139450	.139465	.139465
Bulgaria, lev	.007160	.007150	.007150	.007150	.007150	.007150
Czechoslovakia, krone	.029631	.029626	.029625	.029628	.029625	.029625
Denmark, krone	.190175	.189822	.189827	.189350	.188811	.188811
England, pound sterling	3.449523	3.451011	3.442440	3.420437	3.435297	3.435297
Finland, marka	.015118	.014872	.014855	.014855	.014866	.014866
France, franc	.039368	.039361	.039369	.039365	.039368	.039368
Germany, reichsmark	.237435	.237305	.237350	.237405	.237515	.237515
Greece, drachma	.012832	.012869	.012866	.012876	.012876	.012876
Holland, guilder	.402657	.402715	.403265	.403539	.403137	.403137
Hungary, pengo	.174366	.174341	.174550	.174500	.174416	.174416
Italy, lira	.052235	.052134	.051964	.051906	.051889	.051889
Norway, krone	.187738	.187538	.187733	.187172	.186622	.186622
Poland, zloty	.111935	.111858	.111907	.111921	.111858	.111858
Portugal, escudo	.031875	.031850	.031750	.031675	.031750	.031750
Rumania, leu	.005953	.005951	.005948	.005950	.005950	.005950
Spain, peseta	.077205	.076537	.076962	.077405	.078752	.078752
Sweden, krona	.193627	.193582	.193583	.193211	.192822	.192822
Switzerland, franc	.195127	.195123	.195136	.195093	.195165	.195165
Yugoslavia, dinar	.017808	.017804	.017804	.017806	.017807	.017807
ASIA—						
China—						
Chefoo tael	.339583	.339583	.337916	.341875	.337708	.337708
Hankow tael	.330937	.330937	.331875	.328906	.328281	.328281
Shanghai tael	.325000	.325416	.325000	.323229	.323229	.323229
Tientsin tael	.341666	.341666	.337500	.338125	.337500	.337500
Hong Kong dollar	.250208	.250625	.249791	.249791	.248645	.248645
Mexican dollar	.239166	.239166	.236666	.238333	.238333	.238333
Tientsin or Peking dollar	.240000	.240000	.228750	.230000	.230000	.230000
Yuan dollar	.240625	.240625	.235625	.236250	.236250	.236250
India, rupee	.260229	.259966	.259633	.258750	.258958	.258958
Japan, yen	.352343	.352347	.352142	.352578	.353078	.353078
Singapore (S.S.) dollar	.397500	.397500	.397500	.396875	.396875	.396875
NORTH AMER.—						
Canada, dollar	.868602	.863566	.860919	.858242	.864570	.864570
Cuba, peso	.999300	.999362	.999422	.999437	.999422	.999422
Mexico, peso (silver)	.392750	.392533	.393533	.391033	.391033	.391033
Newfoundland, dollar	.865750	.860750	.858375	.856125	.862000	.862000
SOUTH AMER.—						
Argentina, peso (gold)	.582264	.581595	.582125	.581872	.581507	.581507
Brazil, milreals	.061806	.061431	.061681	.061431	.061431	.061431
Chile, peso	.120500	.120500	.120500	.120500	.120500	.120500
Uruguay, peso	.456333	.457166	.458333	.458333	.458333	.458333
Colombia, peso	.952400	.952400	.952400	.952400	.952400	.952400

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

Banks of	Feb. 11 1932.			Feb. 12 1931.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 121,293,948	£ —	£ 121,293,948	£ 141,247,159	£ —	£ 141,247,159
France	580,504,663	d —	580,504,663	445,056,501	d —	445,056,501
Germany	42,223,450	994,600	43,218,050	101,822,800	994,600	102,817,400
Spain	89,932,000	11,372,000	101,304,000	96,604,000	28,242,000	124,846,000
Italy	60,854,000	—	60,854,000	57,297,000	—	57,297,000
Netherl'ds.	72,728,000	2,276,000	75,004,000	36,341,000	2,233,000	38,574,000
Nat. Belg.	72,403,000	—	72,403,000	39,321,000	—	39,321,000
Switzerl'd.	61,998,000	—	61,998,000	25,748,000	—	25,748,000
Sweden	11,436,000	—	11,436,000	13,365,000	—	13,365,000
Denmark	8,160,000	—	8,160,000	9,552,000	—	9,552,000
Norway	6,559,000	—	6,559,000	8,134,000	—	8,134,000
Tot. wk.	1,128,097,061	14,642,600	1,142,739,661	974,488,550	31,469,600	1,005,958,150
Prev. week	1,120,749,670	23,982,600	1,144,732,270	973,515,224	31,388,600	1,004,903,824

a These are the gold holdings of the Bank of France as reported in the new form of statement. b Gold holdings of the Bank of Germany are exclusive of gold held abroad, the amount of which the present year is £4,193,600. c As of Oct. 7 1924. d Silver is now reported at only a trifling sum.

Official Programs of Disarmament—The Geneva Delegates State Their Case.

The Disarmament Conference at Geneva has gone bravely about its work, listening respectfully to the opening address of its President, Arthur Henderson, quietly circumventing the attempt of a Spanish delegate, Salvador de Madariaga, to exclude Japan from representation on the list of vice-presidents, receiving scores of petitions, and struggling with the diverse proposals presented to it on behalf of various national delegations. The monster petitions are so obviously the fruit of organized propaganda as to afford no reliable evidence of the actual state of the public opinion which they assume to mobilize. Nobody supposes that any considerable number of the millions of persons whom these petitions claim to represent have actually signed the petitions or authorized others to sign for them. The speeches and proposals of the heads of delegations, on the other hand, are of the utmost importance as indicating what the various Governments think

should be done or are themselves willing to endorse. If the program of the Conference is carried out as planned, it will be another week or two, perhaps longer, before all the fifty and more formal statements are in. Up to date, however, each of the great Powers, France, Great Britain, Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States, together with several of the other Powers, have been heard from, and what is to follow can hardly be much more than variations on the themes which these Governments have announced.

Easily the most important, as well as the first in point of time, is the proposal which Andre Tardieu, leader of the French delegation, laid on the table of the Conference on Feb. 5. M. Tardieu had refused to speak after Chancellor Bruening, as had at first been planned, on the ground that he wished the French proposals to appear "as a constructive suggestion and not in any way as a controversial retort to any previous speech," and it was expected that he would be heard after Sir John Simon, the British delegate. Instead, he surprised the Conference by tabling his propositions at a session devoted to formal business, and followed on Sunday by delivering a radio address to the people of the United States. Irregular as the procedure was, it undoubtedly scored for France a certain tactical advantage in that it put France in the position of offering a definite program, and threw upon others the burden of opposing it. In view of the position of opposition which France has consistently assumed at other discussions of disarmament, M. Tardieu's move was not without significance.

The Tardieu program, an elaborate document in five parts, embodies two main propositions. Starting with the draft disarmament convention of 1930 as an agreement upon which it is assumed that "action will be taken with the least possible delay," the plan outlines a scheme "for placing civil aviation and bombing aircraft and also certain material, land and naval forces at the disposal of the League of Nations for the creation of a preventive and punitive international force." The League alone may authorize the construction or use of aircraft over a certain tonnage, and nations which possess such aircraft will transfer them to the League. Other machines of fighting character may, apparently, be used by the several States, and may be employed for defense in case of sudden attack, but the supreme control would rest with the League. The League is also to create an international civil air transport service, and is to have "the exclusive, permanent and inalienable right" to requisition all machines for such service. The plan further provides that batteries of heavy long-range artillery, capital ships with guns of more than 8-inch calibre or a tonnage exceeding 10,000 tons, and submarines in excess of an agreed tonnage, shall not be used by parties to the agreement unless they are also placed at the disposal of the League for the enforcement of Article XVI of the Covenant or for other common action.

The second main proposal is the establishment of an international police force under the direction of the League, the force to be contributed by the member States in varying proportions, regard being had, apparently, to the geographical location of the conflict with which the force would deal. Finally, the plan proposes the prohibition of incendiary projectiles or those containing poisonous gases or bacteria, and the limitation of bombardment, whether from

the air or from artillery, to prescribed distances from coasts or battle lines.

Some emphasis has been placed, in newspaper discussion and elsewhere, upon the "positive" character of the Tardieu program and its aggressive purpose to achieve a real reduction of armaments. As a matter of fact, the plan provides neither for general disarmament nor for armament reduction. What it does is to magnify the League, first, by transferring to it the control of heavy aircraft suitable for warfare and giving it a permanent and prior lien on aircraft of all kinds; and, second, by creating, under League control, an international police which would in practice employ whatever kind or weight of land, air or naval armament it chose to use. There is nothing in the plan to indicate that the nations agreeing to it would be required to cut down drastically their own war establishments. Both the size and the disposition of the international police force are left to the League, and while it is probable that such a force, if conceivably it were set up, would be less numerous and costly than the combined national forces which it would supplement, a vast burden of armaments would, apparently, still remain, and the nations members of the League would have to pay the cost.

M. Tardieu, in his radio speech, labored hard to commend the French plan as one in which the United States would have a welcome opportunity of co-operating with the League, but we can hardly think that M. Tardieu, who is no stranger to the United States, could have cherished much hope of American approval. It can be said, without fear of contradiction, that for an international police force, or any other kind of international force, under the direction of the League, the United States has no sympathy whatever, while to intrust American defense to a body of which the United States is not a member would be unthinkable. The whole idea of maintaining peace and punishing aggression by organizing the war forces of the nations under some international agreement is repugnant to those who believe that the only sure way to minimize the likelihood of war is not to organize, but to disarm. What emerges from a study of the Tardieu proposals is not general disarmament, but the old French demand for security, with the difference that the burden of guaranteeing security, instead of being borne by each nation for itself in such measure as it deems needful, is to be transferred to a League which France has thus far dominated. Such a transfer, it may be pointed out, involves a colossal derogation of national sovereignty, and even if the League were a hundred-fold more independent and efficient than it has shown itself to be, the surrender to it of sovereign rights and obligations is not, we think, seriously to be considered.

With the French program thrown thus conspicuously to the front of the stage, the proposals of the other Powers have been at a disadvantage. On the whole, what has been suggested has contained little that was new and not much that was unexpected. Sir John Simon, who spoke on Monday, set out as the British program (we quote from a summary of his remarks in the New York "Times") "first, the limitation of estimates as to what forces and weapons are strictly necessary for defense, the discouragement by cooperation and comparison of all extravagant claims and the fixing of the maximum in each case at as low a figure as possible; second, the abolition of chemical warfare, gas, submarines and bomb-

ing from the air." He further announced that Great Britain was "ready to cooperate in whatever methods were found practicable or agreed upon for the reduction of the size of ships and the fixing of maximum gun calibres at sea and on land." His remark that "a high level of armaments is no substitute for security" was interpreted by the Conference as dissociating Great Britain from the Tardieu proposal. Ambassador Gibson, the leader of the American delegation, who followed on Tuesday, elaborated a nine-point program which included acceptance of the draft convention as "a convenient basis for discussion," prolongation of the Washington and London naval agreements with proportional reduction in the figures of naval tonnage, the abolition of submarines, lethal gases and bacteriological warfare, special restrictions for tanks and heavy mobile guns, and budgetary limitation on material as complementary to direct limitation.

Chancellor Bruening, who also spoke on Tuesday and whose reception was conspicuously cordial, offered no concrete proposals, leaving the German delegation to present these later, but skillfully contrived, doubtless with an eye to the strained political situation at home, to indicate dissent from the Tardieu position while declaring that "the German Government and the German people ask that their own disarmament shall be followed by a general disarmament." The Italian Foreign Minister, Signor Grandi, surprised the Conference by pledging the Italian Government to support the abolition of capital ships, submarines and aircraft carriers, all kinds of heavy artillery, tanks, army airplanes, and chemical and bacteriological warfare—the most sweeping program of abolition since Maxim Litvinov, the Russian Foreign Minister, confronted the previous conference with his famous proposals. M. Litvinov's program as outlined at the present Conference, while quite as thoroughgoing as his former one, had a conciliatory tone which was not lost upon the delegates. The Japanese delegate, Tsuneo Matsudaira, pledged the co-operation of his Government and suggested reductions and limitations similar to those advocated by Great Britain, the United States and Italy.

The net effect of the proceedings thus far has been to split the Conference into two opposing groups. One group, composed of France and its eastern European allies, stands of course for the Tardieu proposals. The other group, less firmly knit because not bound together in political alliances or understandings, comprises Italy and Germany, between which a marked rapprochement has been evident since M. Tardieu's speech, and, in a general way, Great Britain and the United States. Unfortunately, the bond which unites this latter group is far more the negative one of opposition to the French plan than agreement upon any common set of proposals. As far as difference of principle can be discerned, the French plan assumes that national disarmament will be facilitated by arming the League, while the opposing group prefers specific reductions or limitations of the kind that have long been debated.

Save for this irregular formation of group lines, the Conference appears to have done little more than to mark time and wait for something to happen. It could hardly, perhaps, have done otherwise with the war in China attaining daily larger and larger proportions, with reinforcements of troops, marines and naval vessels en route to the Far East, with Germany insisting that the disarmament provisions of the

Covenant shall be carried out, and with the moral and legal obligations of the Kellogg-Briand pact intruding themselves as a form without substance. The most practical suggestion made thus far is that the Conference should adjourn in March, after the speeches of the leading delegates have been made, and await the result of the elections in Germany and France, and then meet and adjourn again until after the November elections in this country. As a means of saving the face of the Conference and averting the calamity of failure, the suggestion has much to commend it.

Recapture Provisions of the Transportation Act Apparently Doomed—Recapturable Earnings Are Listed for Past Decade.

The recapture clause of the Transportation Act of 1920 is being given a complete renovation by the House Committee on Inter-State Commerce. This is the clause which provides that any railway receiving in any year an excess of 6% on the value of its railway property should hold one-half of such excess in trust for and pay it to the Government.

The present law provides that the recapture excess earnings be placed in a revolving fund, called the railway general contingent fund, and the Inter-State Commerce Commission has been assigned the duty of collecting and administering them.

The intention was to use the excess earnings in furtherance of the public interest in railway transportation, either in the form of loans to the carriers to meet expenditures for capital account or to refund maturing securities originally issued for capital account, or to facilitate purchases of transportation equipment and facilities and leasing them to the railways.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission has made an estimate of the total amount due under the recapture provisions, and they have prepared a statement covering the period from 1920 to 1930, inclusive, indicating the total recapture liability of 446 railroads by classes as follows:

<i>Class of Railroad.</i>	<i>Estimated Liability.</i>	<i>Per Cent.</i>
I-----	\$336,443,378	93.08
II-----	15,929,742	4.41
III-----	2,259,036	0.62
IV-----	6,833,659	1.89
Total-----	\$361,465,815	100.00

Included in the recapture class are 90 Class I railroads; 138 Class II; 134 Class III, and 84 Class IV. The class I carriers are those with gross earnings above \$100,000,000 annually; class II carriers report gross earnings between \$100,000 and \$100,000,000; class III are those with gross earnings below \$100,000, and class IV are switching and terminal companies not included in other classes.

Recapture Liability of Coal Carriers Large.

Seven of the largest eastern coal carrying railroads accounted for approximately 34% of the estimated total. These roads are the Chesapeake & Ohio, estimated to have had \$47,779,611 of recapturable income; the Norfolk & Western with \$42,106,462; the Reading Co., \$13,749,555; the Virginian, \$7,364,770; the Hocking Valley, \$5,241,114, the Baltimore & Ohio, \$3,211,587, and the Delaware & Hudson, \$2,476,627.

Fifteen railroad subsidiaries of the United States Steel Corp. accounted for \$43,258,641, or nearly

12% of the total. The estimated recapturable sums for these roads are: Bessemer & Lake Erie, \$11,370,624; Duluth Missabe & Northern, \$25,462,836; Elgin Joliet & Eastern, \$9,374,365; Union Railroad (Pittsburgh), \$3,814,226; Duluth & Iron Range, \$1,670,203; Birmingham Southern, \$236,077; Lake Terminal Railroad, \$58,589; Northampton & Bath Railroad, \$58,589; Newburg & South Shore, \$61,132; Hannibal Connecting Railroad, \$29,455; Johnstown & Stony Creek Railroad, \$24,868; Youngstown & Northern, \$22,630; Carbon County Railway, \$21,995, and Donora Southern, \$14,773.

Other Large Roads.

The recapturable income of other large roads include the following:

The St. Louis-San Francisco, \$19,556,512; Southern Railway, \$15,838,881; Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe, \$11,015,315; Atlantic Coast Line, \$9,722,431; Union Pacific, \$8,363,047; Missouri Kansas & Texas, \$7,556,520; Terminal RR. Association of St. Louis, \$4,893,664; New York Central, \$4,842,577; Texas & Pacific, \$4,183,231; Detroit Toledo & Ironton, \$3,969,082; Kansas City Southern, \$3,712,402; Chicago River & Indiana, \$3,360,573; Wheeling & Lake Erie, \$3,319,671; Richmond Fredricksburg & Potomac, \$2,891,766; Wabash Railway, \$2,367,155; Belt Railway of Chicago, \$2,363,800; Detroit & Toledo Shore Line, \$2,270,903; Gulf Coast Lines, \$2,094,974; New York New Haven & Hartford, \$1,966,710; St. Louis Southwestern, \$1,955,924; Monongahela Railway, \$1,771,576; Kansas City, Mexico & Orient, \$1,771,437; Toledo Terminal, \$1,728,456; Illinois Terminal, \$1,728,456; Lehigh & New England, \$1,425,271; Midland Valley, \$1,361,293; Denver & Rio Grande Western, \$1,263,075; Florida East Coast, \$1,213,479; Western Maryland, \$1,201,965; Chicago & Illinois Midland, \$1,143,707; Toledo St. Louis & Western, \$1,107,024; Bangor & Aroostook, \$1,096,453; the Seaboard Air Line, \$1,094,540; Moutour RR., \$944,670; Nevada Northern, \$913,743; Brooklyn East. District Terminal, \$864,524; Lake Superior & Ishpeming, \$834,114; Great Northern, \$782,730; Peoria & Pekin Union, \$709,848, and the Clinchfield RR., \$703,801.

Other Class I railroads in the list had recapturable income estimated at less than \$700,000.

Present Status of Contingent Fund.

The Commission's statement shows that the contingent fund now holds \$13,277,598.50 contributed by about 98 carriers. Of this amount \$10,717,922.97 represents payments by the railroads and the remainder represents interest accumulations. Of the payments made by the railroads \$8,796,888.11 was paid under protest and \$1,921,734.86 was paid conditionally. Of the latter amount, \$9,917.72 was paid in whole or in part under final orders by the Commission. Most of the payments have been by comparatively small roads. A detailed statement of these follows, and it is of especial interest to note that considerably more than one-half, or \$6,305,683, came from three railroad subsidiaries of the U. S. Steel Corp. The Duluth Missabe & Northern contributed \$5,808,256; the Bessemer & Lake Erie, \$442,280, and the Elgin Joliet & Eastern, \$55,147. The return of this \$6,305,683 to the Steel Corp. is equivalent to more than 72c. a share on the 8,703,252 shares of the common stock outstanding at the end of the year. If interest is credited, as is done when excess income taxes are returned, the refund would be considerably more.

EXCESS INCOME PAYMENTS TO DEC. 16 1931.

Name of Carrier—	Name of Carrier—
Ashley Drew & Northern Ry. \$ 5,811	Ligonier Valley RR. \$63,165
Atlantic & Carolina RR. 364	Louisiana & Arkansas Ry. 8,000
Augusta Northern Ry. 5,070	Louisiana & Mississippi RR. & Transfer Co. 20
Bauxite & Northern Ry. 11,851	Louisville New Albany & Corydon RR. 3,200
Bay Terminal RR. 2,443	Ludington & Northern RR. 2,865
Beaver Meade & Englewood RR. 1,431	Middletown & Unionville RR. 51
Bessemer & Lake Erie RR. 442,280	Missouri & Ill. Bridge & Belt RR. 3,026
Birmingham Southern RR. 31,371	Mount Hood RR. 7,359
Brimstone RR. & Canal Co. 42,642	Mount Hope Mineral RR. 1,396
Conemaugh & Black Lick RR. 81,919	Natchez Urania & Ruston Ry. 530
Cambria & Indiana RR. 18,630	Neame Carson & Southern RR. 2,120
Campbell's Creek RR. 548	Nevada Northern Ry. 39,729
Central Ry. of Arkansas. 2,064	New Orleans Tex. & Mex. Ry. 5,248
Chattahoochee Valley Ry. 16,140	Patasco & Back Rivers RR. 50,355
Chicago & Illinois Midland Ry. 199,219	Phila. Bethlehem & N. Engl. RR. 152,191
Chic. W. Pullman & South'n Ry. 5,035	Pittsburgh Lisbon & West. RR. 3,313
Collins & Glennville RR. 162	Port Huron & Detroit RR. 195,000
Cornwall RR. 177,091	Potato Creek RR. 1,005
Cowlitz Chehalis & Cascade Ry. 3,000	Richm. Frederick. & Potom. RR. 194,919
Durham & Southern Ry. 54,989	Rockport Langdon & North. Ry. 441
Dayton-Goose Creek Ry. 183,127	South San Francisco Belt Ry. 1,374
Dayton Union Ry. 963	San Joaquin & Eastern RR. 12,539
DeKalb & Western RR. 10,025	San Luis Central. 246
Detroit & Toledo Shore Line RR. 68,011	St. Joseph Belt Ry. 2,624
Detroit Toledo & Ironton RR. 239,461	San Antonio Southern Ry. 2,460
Duluth Missabe & North'n RR. 5,808,256	Santa Maria Valley Ry. 3,500
East Jersey RR. & Term'l Co. 3,332	Shreveport Houston & Gulf RR. 1,674
East Jordan & Southern RR. 4,753	Sioux City Terminal Ry. 5,349
Elgin Joliet & Eastern Ry. 55,147	South Buffalo Ry. 23,768
Erie & Mich. Ry. & Nav. Co. 2,297	Steelton & Highspire RR. 42,935
Fordyce & Princeton RR. 3,697	Sugar Land Ry. 27,435
Fort Worth Belt Ry. 79,485	Talbotton RR. 36
Franklin & Abbeville Ry. 15,320	Tionesta Valley Ry. 20,944
Genesee & Wyoming RR. 486,107	Toledo Terminal RR. 18,337
Gideon & North Island RR. 980	Trinity Valley Southern RR. 102
Hannibal Connecting RR. 17,532	Tuckerton RR. 1,949
Hutchison & Northern Ry. 154	Tucson Cornelia & Gila Bend RR. 11,997
Illinois Terminal Co. 800,000	Tuskegee RR. 2,480
Indiana Northern Ry. 2,942	Unity Railways. 141,849
Indiana Creek Valley Ry. 2,859	Upper Merion & Plymouth RR. 2,984
Ironton RR. 574,639	Warren & Ouachita Valley. 14,444
Johnstown & Stony Creek RR. 1,162	Warrenton RR. 32,222
Jonesboro Lake City & East. RR. 42,450	Washington Brandywine & Pt. Lookout RR. 85
Kanawha Glen Jean & East. RR. 5,460	Washington Run RR. 6,744
Kinston Carolina RR. 62	Wichita Falls & Southern RR. 369
Longview Portland & East. RR. 5,310	Wyandotte Terminal RR. 8,241
Lakeside & Marblehead RR. 5,478	
Lancaster & Chester Ry. 14,760	
LaSalle & Bureau County RR. 18,421	
Laurinburg & Southern RR. 2,518	
	Total. \$10,679,085

Status of General Railroad Contingent Fund.

Payments by Carriers of excess income as above. \$10,679,085
Payments by Carriers of interest on overdue payments. 38,837
Interest from investments in obligations of the United States. 2,557,613
Interest from bank balances. 2,062
Total. \$13,277,598

Commissioner Eastman of the Inter-State Commerce Commission recently stated that the objections to the recapture provisions were practical rather than theoretical.

He indicated that present conditions are responsible for what is perhaps the strongest objection of all. Nearly every railroad is suffering great financial difficulties, and there is no telling how long this condition will continue. It is possible that the revival of their credit will lag very considerably behind the revival of business conditions. While it is believed that their traffic and earnings ultimately will be restored, they have a long up-hill pull before them, not only with business conditions but also with competitive forms of transportation.

Excess Earnings for the Immediate Future Not Important.

Very little importance may be attached to excess earnings for the immediate future; however, retroactive repeal covering the past is of extreme importance. Of the amounts now due, few, if any, of the railroads have sufficient cash on hand to pay them. To secure the necessary cash the railways for the most part would be compelled to issue securities to replenish their treasuries and there are few that are now able to issue any securities on reasonable terms. Present conditions indicate that there are better uses to which the dwindling railroad credit can be applied other than to raise cash to pay the Government excess income for past performances, which in most cases is no more than balanced by the income deficiencies of the present.

Mr. Eastman held that a 12-month period governing recapture was too short a time to permit the averaging of railroad earnings which fluctuate with changing industrial conditions. A road may have one fat year followed by several lean years, and under the present law the lean cannot compensate for the fat.

According to the estimates made by the Commission there is nothing due from such roads as the

Pennsylvania, the Chicago Burlington & Quincy, the Northern Pacific, the Illinois Central, the Chicago & North Western, the Chicago Milwaukee St. Paul & Pacific, the Missouri Pacific, the Lehigh Valley, the Erie, the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific, and other important roads. On the other hand, the estimates show amounts due from the four large railways which have recently gone into receivers' hands, namely, the Florida East Coast, the Seaboard Air Line, the Wabash, and the Ann Arbor. The \$1,094,540 shown as due from the Seaboard Air Line is materially greater than the \$149,552 shown as due from the Louisville & Nashville. A comparatively large amount is shown as due from the St. Louis-San Francisco, and also from the New York Chicago & St. Louis. A larger amount is shown as due from the Gulf Mobile & Northern, which has always been regarded as a weak line, than from the Louisville & Nashville, which has always been regarded as strong. These facts merely go to show that some roads are financially strong because of their conservative capitalization in comparison with valuation, whereas other roads are weak because of their overcapitalization. Recapture, of course, is based on valuation and not on capitalization.

In summing up the situation Mr. Eastman said that the Commission was of the opinion that the difficulties and dangers of recapture far outweigh its possible advantages. This is even more true of the past than of the future, particularly under the conditions which now exist and may be expected for some time to come. There is apparently no possible escape from the conclusion that the present recapture proceedings should be discontinued and the money which is now in the contingent fund returned. The whole theory of recapture of excess income is apparently unsound. It is far more unfair in a system of regulation to allow a railway to earn more than it ought to earn and meet the difficulties of others by taking money away from it after it is received.

Japan at the Crossroads—Address of David Lawrence.

In his customary weekly talk from Washington Sunday night of last week over an extensive hook-up of stations included in the National Broadcasting System, David Lawrence spoke on the subject of "Japan at the Crossroads." As Mr. Lawrence is understood to reflect the views of the Administration at Washington and to speak by authority, and the address was an excellent one, we give it in full herewith:

To-night Japan and China are at war. Technically, they have not "declared war," but they are engaged in hostilities. Warships have opened fire on land forts, airplanes have shelled cities; infantry and bluejackets and all weapons of war are in use. Thousands of human beings have been killed or wounded in the last fortnight.

Less than three years ago, both Japan and China, together with the other nations of the world, signed the Kellogg-Briand treaty outlawing war as a national policy. That treaty contained the following clause:

"The high contracting parties agree that the settlement or solution of all disputes or conflicts of whatever nature or of whatever origin they may be, which may arise among them, shall never be sought except by pacific means."

But Japan contends that she is not engaged in a war of aggression and is simply taking necessary steps in self-defense against hostile acts of the Chinese. Japan insists that for every military measure taken in Manchuria and lately in Shanghai, her forces have been provoked into action.

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Diplomatic notes have been exchanged for the last four months, the Council of the League of Nations has examined the situation and addressed warnings to the Japanese and Chinese Governments. Assurances have been given by China that she will protect the lives and property of foreigners and solemn pledges have been written by Japan that she plans no territorial acquisitions and that as soon as the present disturbances and disorder are relieved, her troops will be withdrawn.

As to these pledges and counter-pledges, the world is compelled to adopt a judicial attitude. It is forced to accept such facts as are revealed in the official notes of governments and the military and naval steps that are a matter of public knowledge. On the record thus far made, the American Government has come to the conclusion that the Japanese policy contradicts not only the nine-power treaty, but the Kellogg-Briand treaty. The United States has sent formal notice that any steps taken by Japan or China through impairment of those treaties will never be recognized legally by the United States.

What is the responsibility of the Government of the United States, indeed the obligation of all nations that signed the Kellogg-Briand treaty outlawing war? From all over the world has come the demand for action. There are only two ways by which international intercourse can be conducted. One is by the mobilization of public opinion and thus the application of moral force, the forces of reason and persuasion that appeal to conscience and intelligence, and the other is by the application of physical force, the brutishness that emerges only when conscience and reason are lacking, and organized savagery becomes the last resort.

America and the rest of the world have not forgotten 1914 when military mobilization brought the distrust that kindled the flames of war before reason could prevail. The world is to-day paying in suffering and loss of life the penalty of that huge conflict. There is no desire in America or elsewhere for another world war. Yet, in the Japanese-Chinese controversy to-day are the ingredients of a great disturbance and the language of diplomatic justification reads strangely like that which the note-writers of 1914 set forth in pursuance of that terrible doctrine which has cost mankind so much pain throughout the ages, namely the law of might, the law of military necessity and convenience.

Japan is stronger than China. Japan is more powerful in military and naval strength than China. Japan has been accepted into the family of nations as a people who could exercise self-restraint. Japan may have plenty of justification for making reprisals against attacks by the Chinese. She may be able to plead economic necessity as the reason for her desire to retain the privileges she enjoys in Manchuria—the land of minerals and the granary of the Far East.

But Japan never was granted a free hand in China. She was bound by treaties and precedents to take no action without previous consultation, indeed it might be added by strong inference, without previous agreement with the other powers. The American Government, in a formal note to Japan a month ago, said: "With the recent military operations about Chinchow, the last remaining administrative authority of the Government of the Chinese Republic in South Manchuria, as it existed prior to Sept. 18 1931, has been destroyed."

This historical statement has been made in the face of a pledge by Japan when she signed the famous nine-power treaty in 1922, agreeing "to respect the sovereignty, the independence, and the territorial and administrative integrity of China."

And now in Shanghai, another provocation developed or was developed and Japanese bluejackets landed. The large Chinese force repulsed the Japanese. Reinforcements were necessary. The pride of the Japanese people could not accept even temporarily a set-back. Public sentiment which may have been divided before rose unanimously when it became necessary to dispatch infantry troops to help out the bluejackets. The thought farthest from the minds of the Japanese in this mix-up, no doubt, was any move that would draw other nations into the conflict. The international settlement or international city set-up by treaty at Shanghai contains American, British and French forces. Outside the port are the naval fleets of America and European powers. The Japanese used the international settlement as a base of military operations, a violation of the agreements between the powers. Again, military necessity has been urged by Japan as the justification.

Efforts to mediate and bring about an armistice have failed. The Japanese have gone in and cannot get out with-

out fighting their way beyond the international settlement at Shanghai to the other areas of China. Technically, as yet this is not war because to call it such means an admission that Japan and China have plainly violated the Kellogg-Briand treaty. So far as the rest of the world is concerned, there is no further need for such ambiguity—the difference between actual war and technical war is too vague to be understood by any but the exponents of old fashioned diplomacy—certainly not the masses who make up the public opinion of mankind.

So Japan and China are at war. Japanese troops advanced from a railway zone in Manchuria, within which they had a right to exercise police powers, and occupied points 50 and 100 miles away. Japan entered Shanghai from the sea after the Chinese had accepted every point in the Japanese ultimatum.

How then can we explain these events? Has the Japanese Government suddenly decided that this is a strategic moment in world affairs to let loose militaristic ambitions to dominate and control China? Why was the American Government told by the Japanese before September 18th that conditions in Manchuria were satisfactory and why did the Japanese find it necessary to bring about a complete military occupation so soon after September 18th?

We must look to the Japanese economic and political situation for our answer. There, public sentiment has been patriotically fanned to a fervor from time to time by groups which have regarded China as the legitimate outlet of the Japanese Empire. The militarist believes in occupying territory, striking with force, and letting the diplomats talk about it afterwards.

Be it said to the credit of the moderate groups in Japan that they have resisted imperialism and militarism at every step; but Japan does not have a complete democracy. The war and navy ministers are responsible directly to the Emperor and are independent of the rest of the Cabinet. This means that the Emperor of Japan, in this respect, has the powers of an absolute monarch. Pressed on every side to improve the economic situation which has been steadily getting worse in the last decade, the Japanese military party has been gradually gaining the ascendancy. Finally, in the midst of the exchanges of notes and negotiations with the League of Nations, the Japanese Cabinet resigned last December and the military party came into complete control of the entire Japanese Government.

Expeditionary forces into foreign lands are costly, complications with foreign powers are dangerous, and the whole Japanese adventure is a startling episode in a world which thought it had seen in 1918 the last of militarism.

Thousands of American citizens are in China. They are there to carry on business amounting to hundreds of millions of dollars in behalf of Americans back home. We cannot desert them nor ask them to forfeit all business transactions because one nation has decided to carry on military operations in the face of a pledge not to resort to war. Our citizens will remain in the Far East and they will be protected to the fullest extent by the military and naval forces of the United States. This can be said and should be said without qualification. But when this is fully understood we should bear in mind also that Japan has not the slightest intention of provoking conflict with foreign powers, that the Japanese people are already restive under the expense of the Chinese invasion that the Japanese Finance Minister only a few days ago interposed objections to the cost of sending of forces to China, that reinforcements have been sent as a matter of National pride and that the liquidation of the whole unfortunate business at Shanghai may be expected soon to ensue.

But it must also be understood that we shall not be helping the situation by attempting to dictate to or coerce Japan. When we have announced our intention to protect our citizens in the international settlement at Shanghai and elsewhere and when we have announced our position with reference to treaty rights, we have set forth all that is wise at this moment for our Government to do.

The task indeed goes then to the whole world. Shall public opinion which is the basic influence in the words "moral force" be effective and how can it be made effective? It has been suggested that an economic boycott be employed against Japanese goods everywhere, but this is merely a measure of coercion. It is aimed at innocent people in Japan whose livelihood depends on the continuance of world trade.

We can, on the other hand, discuss the Japanese problem; we can, as a people, ask to know the facts; and we can frankly

discuss the purposes and sincerity of Japan. The world can, through the League of Nations in Geneva, and through every available agency focus attention on what the military party in Japan has done and is trying to do. We can appeal to the sense of fairness and justice of the Japanese people whose national honor and whose co-operation in the family of nations has been a source of gratification to western peoples in the last decade. We cannot compel Japan—a sovereign people—to accede overnight to western methods and western ideas. We must depend on moral force to bring its own solution. And happily our Government, the President of the United States and the Secretary of State and the assembled governments at Geneva, have not used bluster or threats, but have endeavored to appeal to the reason of Japan. For no matter what the technicalities of the record, the fact remains Japan is in China with a military operation and hostilities are continuous. Japan is obligated even at this time, as is China, to seek pacific means to solve all controversies and this means the withdrawal of military pressure by Japan while negotiations with China may be set in motion.

What has Japan to gain by adopting a course of peace and conciliation? What shall she say to her jingos and nation-

alists and militarists at home? Her broad-visioned leaders may say that they are as zealously seeking to safeguard the prestige and honor and future of Japan as are the militarists. For Japan's prestige in the world is at stake. She can at this time by exercising self restraint give a conspicuous example of how a strong nation can behave toward a weaker neighbor. She can prove that the Kellogg-Briand treaty was not a mere grouping of empty phrases, but a document built upon the highest pledges that a civilized people ever gave to another. Her true patriots can say to her militarists that long after the provocation or local irritation which gave rise to the occupation of Mukden or Chinchow or Shanghai the world will remember only what Japan did afterwards—her readiness to conciliate, her desire to co-operate in furthering the cause of universal peace. Japan's chance to prove to mankind that militarism will not again shake the foundations of the world is here. It is a dramatic opportunity to convert a military fiasco into a victory of reason and goodwill. By so doing Japan will make conquest of the hearts and sympathies of free peoples everywhere—a heritage more precious than the minerals of Manchuria and more profitable in the long run than the money spent in the futile flow of blood in China.

Gross and Net Earnings of United States Railroads for the Month of December

There is nothing to be said regarding the character of the showing of earnings of United States railroads for December, the closing month of the year, except that it is poor beyond the possibility of exaggeration, the same as for all the other months of that unfortunate year. December of the previous year (1930) had been extremely poor, recording huge losses in gross and net earnings alike, and one would have supposed that in comparison with these poor results the further shrinkage in December 1931 would be relatively light. Not so, however. For mere amount of loss the month of December ranks as among the poorest of the year, while in ratio, in the case of the net earnings at least, the percentage of further decline exceeds that of any other month of the year, running in excess of 41% notwithstanding that comparison is with such heavily reduced earnings in the year preceding.

Stated in brief, gross earnings for December 1931 record a decrease of \$89,259,333 after \$91,220,835 decrease in 1930 as compared with 1929, and notwithstanding also that back in 1929 our tabulations showed \$27,767,999 decrease as compared with 1928. The falling off in 1929 reflected the slump in trade and industry which followed as the immediate result of the crash on the Stock Exchange a month or two earlier in that year. The comparisons of the net earnings (above expenses, but not above taxes) are equally bad. For December 1931 there is a falling off of \$32,841,593, following \$25,567,928 falling off in December 1930, and a falling off also of \$32,186,071 in December 1929. As a result of this uninterrupted shrinkage for three successive years, gross revenues from operations have been reduced to \$288,239,790 as against \$495,574,485 in December 1928, or the smallest of any year back to 1916, and the net earnings have fallen from \$138,293,445 (in 1928) to \$47,141,248, or the lowest figures of any previous December since 1919. These comparisons tell the story of the decline in railroad traffic and railroad revenues in a very graphic fashion.

Month of December—	1931.	1930.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (—).	
Miles of road (172).....	242,639	242,319	+ 320	00.13%
Gross earnings.....	\$288,239,790	\$377,499,123	—\$89,259,333	23.64%
Operating expenses.....	241,098,542	297,516,282	—56,417,740	18.96%
Ratio of expenses to earnings	83.65%	78.82%	+ 4.73	-----
Net earnings.....	\$47,141,248	\$79,982,841	—\$32,841,593	41.06%

The truth of the matter is that trade and business came almost to a complete standstill in December

1931. There had been startling contraction in the closing month of 1930, business activity in many lines having fallen away to almost nothing and advantage having been taken of the Christmas holidays to shut down altogether, so that the very nadir of business collapse appeared to have been reached, but December 1931, impossible as it had seemed, was to witness a still lower depth. All the trade statistics bear witness to the accuracy of this statement. It will be interesting to put on record here, as is our practice in these monthly reviews, the figures going to show the dwindling activity in the case of some of the more prominent industries. If we turn first to the statistics of coal production, we find that only 30,260,000 net tons of bituminous coal were mined in the United States in December 1931 as compared with 40,222,000 tons in December 1930, a contraction of a full 25%. If we go further back, we find even larger totals to compare with, the quantity mined in December 1929 having been 47,046,000 tons, and in December 1928, 44,083,000 tons. The production of Pennsylvania anthracite in December 1931 was only 4,671,000 tons as against 6,050,000 tons in December 1930; 7,377,000 tons in December 1929, and 6,114,000 tons in December 1928. Iron and steel production fell to startlingly low levels. The production of steel ingots in the United States in December 1931 fell to only 1,302,399 tons against 1,979,547 tons in December 1930; 2,903,012 tons in December 1929, and 4,018,208 tons in December 1928. The figures for December 1931 were the lowest in over 10 years, or since August 1921, when the monthly output totaled only 1,300,199 tons. The make of pig iron in the United States during December 1931 was also the lowest in over 10 years, or since August 1921, when the product was 954,193 tons. In December 1931 the make was 980,376 tons against 1,965,690 tons in December 1930; 2,836,916 tons in December 1929, and 3,369,846 tons in December 1928. It will be observed that the shrinkage for the three years combined has been over 70%. Automobile production, of course, sustained severe curtailment, though less so in December than in the earlier months of the year, the number of motor vehicles turned out in December 1931 having been 123,956 against 155,601 in December 1930; 120,007 in December 1929, and 234,116 in December 1928.

Building activity necessarily was on a greatly reduced scale. According to the statistics collected by S. W. Straus & Co., building permits in 577 cities and towns of the United States in December 1931 involved a contemplated outlay of only \$55,279,157 as compared with \$131,090,287 in December 1930; \$152,157,988 in December 1929 and \$254,039,456 in December 1928. According to the statistics by the F. W. Dodge Corporation the construction contracts awarded in the 37 States east of the Rocky Mountains during December 1931 represented a money outlay of \$136,851,600, which compares with \$249,435,500 during December 1930; \$316,368,100 in December 1929 and \$432,756,300 in December 1928. This indicates an enormous shrinkage in new building work, and lumber production, or the cut of lumber, shows a corresponding contraction. The National Lumber Manufacturers' Association reports the cut of lumber for the five weeks ending Jan. 2 1932 at only 492,359,000 ft. against 799,750,000 ft. in the corresponding five weeks of the previous year, and 61.4% below the record of comparable mills for the corresponding five weeks of the year before. As it happens, too, the grain movement, already heavily reduced in the previous year, dropped still lower in December 1931, farmers evidently holding back their grain because of the low prices. We give the details of the grain movement further below and will note here merely that the receipts of wheat, corn, oats, barley and rye, combined, at the Western primary markets for the four weeks ending Dec. 26 aggregated only 27,752,000 bushels as compared with 55,267,000 bushels in the corresponding four weeks of 1930; 76,931,000 bushels in the same four weeks of 1929, and 88,702,000 bushels in 1928.

As a sort of composite picture of the general shrinkage in business, we may observe that the figures of car loadings reported by the American Railway Association show that for the four weeks ended Dec. 26 in 1931 the loading of revenue freight on the railroads of the United States footed up only 2,273,222 cars against 2,781,582 cars in 1930; 3,338,334 cars in the corresponding four weeks of 1929 and 3,517,035 cars in the same four weeks of 1928.

With traffic of all kinds so heavily reduced, prodigious losses in revenues followed as the inevitable result. And with the whole railroad system of the country adversely affected in such an extraordinary degree, the losses by the separate roads and systems in all parts of the country, it need hardly be said, are of corresponding magnitude. These losses on the separate roads and systems are so common that it would be a work of supererogation to attempt to enumerate even the more conspicuous of the roads thus distinguished and would besides take up an unnecessary amount of space. We will therefore content ourselves by mentioning the record merely of those two great East-and-West trunk line systems, namely the Pennsylvania RR. and the New York Central. The New York Central (including the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie and the Indiana Harbor Belt) reports \$8,715,445 decrease in gross and \$1,806,920 decrease in net. This follows, however, no less than \$10,227,130 decrease in gross and \$2,439,024 decrease in net in December of the previous year. The Pennsylvania RR. shows a reduction of \$7,845,009 in gross and of \$2,294,449 in net in December 1931, after \$11,556,637 reduction in gross

and \$1,867,090 reduction in December 1930 as compared with December 1929.

In the table below we show all changes for the separate roads and systems for amounts in excess of \$100,000, whether increases or decreases, and in both gross and net. In the case of the gross, there in only one road distinguished in that way, namely having over \$100,000 increase in the amount of its gross, namely the New York Ontario & Western, which has added \$151,775 to the total of its gross and this road has been getting a large additional amount of Anthracite for shipment over its lines through contracts with one of the large producers of Anthracite. In the case of the net, our list of increases in excess of \$100,000 includes eleven roads, the improvement as a rule resulting from unusual savings in expenses. In the case of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois, which heads the list, the improvement in net reaches \$4,605,393, but this is decidedly misleading, since it follows entirely from the circumstance that the company in the previous year (December 1930) charged to expenses a large amount for worn out equipment, &c., and thereby ran up a deficit for that month in the huge sum of \$4,511,318. These extra charges to expenses were of course not repeated in December 1931.

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

	Increase.		Decrease.
N Y Ontario & Western.....	\$151,775	Grand Trunk Western.....	\$406,823
Total (1 road).....	\$151,775	Maine Central.....	404,494
		Long Island.....	403,524
		Yazoo & Mississippi Val.....	388,984
		Cin New Ori & Tex Pac.....	383,515
		Central of Georgia.....	379,240
New York Central.....	\$8,094,073	Mobile & Ohio.....	373,026
Pennsylvania.....	7,845,009	Chic St P Minn & Omaha.....	371,681
Southern Pacific (2 roads).....	5,060,149	Colo & Southern (2 roads).....	362,654
Achison Topeka & Santa Fe (3 roads).....	4,294,653	New Orleans Texas & Mexico (3 roads).....	358,916
Chic Burl & Quincy.....	3,310,850	Los Angeles & Salt Lake.....	341,286
Baltimore & Ohio.....	3,231,688	Alton RR.....	329,577
Union Pacific (4 roads).....	3,108,732	Nashv Chatt & St Louis.....	279,589
Chesapeake & Ohio.....	2,494,731	Western Maryland.....	274,171
Louisville & Nashville.....	2,403,607	Chic & Eastern Illinois.....	273,414
Chic R I & Pac (2 roads).....	2,374,438	Virginian.....	263,045
Southern Ry.....	2,278,815	Chich Ind & Louisville.....	253,904
Illinois Central.....	2,244,765	Buffalo Roch & Pittsb.....	238,992
Chic Milw St P & Pacific.....	2,229,072	Wheeling & Lake Erie.....	234,341
Missouri Pacific.....	2,119,991	Minneapolis & St Louis.....	227,227
Chic & Northwestern.....	1,915,904	Pere Marquette.....	221,078
Reading Co.....	1,749,496	Kansas City Southern.....	218,587
N Y N H & Hartford.....	1,575,273	Chicago Great Western.....	206,862
Great Northern.....	1,518,449	Alabama Great Southern.....	197,017
Union Pacific (3 roads).....	1,507,230	Florida East Coast.....	182,467
Wabash.....	1,491,016	Richm Fredericks & Pot.....	172,844
Northern Pacific.....	1,352,942	Union RR of Penna.....	162,451
Atlantic Coast Line.....	1,352,371	Illinois Terminal.....	160,686
Del Lack & West.....	1,260,109	Detroit Toledo & Ironton.....	159,575
Boston & Maine.....	1,226,164	Terminal Ry Assn of St L.....	153,772
St L-San Fran (3 roads).....	1,187,350	Bessemer & Lake Erie.....	153,649
Norfolk & Western.....	1,106,650	New Orleans & Northeast.....	153,622
Missouri-Kansas-Texas.....	1,044,021	Norfolk Southern.....	130,160
Lehigh Valley.....	1,031,149	Int Great Northern.....	129,031
Seaboard Air Line.....	923,743	Bangor & Aroostook.....	127,781
Delaware & Hudson.....	788,406	Spok Portl & Seattle.....	119,702
Central RR of N Jersey.....	760,753	Belt Ry of Chicago.....	117,394
Texas & Pacific.....	720,498	Indiana Harbor Belt.....	117,310
Minn St P & SS Marie.....	683,571	Clinchfield.....	113,856
New York Chic & St. L.....	608,441	Central Vermont.....	113,078
Elgin Joliet & Eastern.....	594,051		
Deny & Rio Grande West.....	557,070	Total (91 roads).....	\$86,208,571
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie.....	504,062		

a These figures cover the operations of the New York Central and the leased lines—Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis, Michigan Central, Cincinnati Northern and Evansville Indianapolis & Terre Haute. Including Pittsburgh & Lake Erie and the Indiana Harbor Belt, the result is a decrease of \$8,715,445.

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

	Increase.		Decrease.
Chicago & East Illinois.....	\$4,605,393	Union Pacific (4 roads).....	\$701,824
Duluth Missab. & North.....	311,276	N Y N H & Hartford.....	639,057
St Lo Southwestern.....	215,278	Louisville & Nashville.....	615,607
Pere Marquette.....	169,590	Del Lack & Western.....	509,563
Union RR of Penna.....	163,786	Northern Pacific.....	465,952
Reading Co.....	161,367	Atlantic Coast Line.....	415,559
Great Northern.....	157,527	Lehigh Valley.....	360,153
Kan Okla & Gulf.....	156,254	Boston & Maine.....	340,269
Chic St P Minn & Omaha.....	133,856	Chic Milw St P & Pacific.....	327,300
N Y Ontario & Western.....	128,986	Erie (3 roads).....	321,300
Bessemer & Lake Erie.....	119,753	Maine Central.....	311,404
		Alabama Gt Southern.....	302,729
		Buff Roch & Pittsburg.....	297,270
		Burlington & Rock Island.....	295,126
		Central of Georgia.....	286,544
		Long Island.....	261,966
		Denver & Rio Grande W.....	241,624
		Cin New Ori & Tex Pac.....	240,741
		Grand Trunk Western.....	227,635
		Pittsburgh & Lake Erie.....	222,761
		Virginia.....	211,073
		Texas & Pacific.....	195,960
		Seaboard Air Line.....	185,802
		Chicago Great Western.....	154,576
		New Orleans Texas & Mexico (3 roads).....	147,976
		N Y Chicago & St Louis.....	138,803
		Chic Indianap & Louisv.....	117,500
		Belt Ry of Chicago.....	102,440
		Norfolk Southern.....	102,260
		Elgin Joliet & Eastern.....	101,865
		Total (60 roads).....	\$38,005,984

a These figures cover the operations of the New York Central and the leased lines—Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis, Michigan Central,

Cincinnati Northern and Evansville Indianapolis & Terre Haute. Including Pittsburgh & Lake Erie and the Indiana Harbor Belt, the result is a decrease of \$1,806,920.

When the roads are arranged in groups, or geographical divisions, according to their location, the story is the same as in all other recent months, and also the same as in the corresponding period of the preceding year, namely that every one of the three leading districts of the country, namely the Eastern District, the Southern District, and the Western District, as well as all the different regions grouped under each of these districts, records heavy losses in gross and net alike, with the single exception of the Central Eastern region, which reports a small increase in the net. Our summary by groups is given below: As previously explained, we group the roads to conform to the classification of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, the boundaries of the different groups and regions are indicated in the footnote to the table.

SUMMARY BY GROUPS.

District and Region.	Gross Earnings					
Month of December—	1931.	1930.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).	%		
Eastern District—						
New England region (10 roads).....	14,463,842	18,070,717	-3,606,875	19.95		
Great Lakes region (31 roads).....	58,321,136	75,144,455	-16,823,319	22.38		
Central Eastern region (26 roads).....	59,353,470	75,980,016	-16,626,546	21.88		
Total (67 roads).....	132,138,448	169,195,188	-37,056,740	21.90		
Southern District—						
Southern region (30 roads).....	36,092,358	48,725,265	-12,632,907	25.92		
Pocahontas region (4 roads).....	15,336,832	19,374,102	-4,037,270	20.83		
Total (34 roads).....	51,429,190	68,099,367	-16,670,177	24.47		
Western District—						
Northwestern region (17 roads).....	31,099,538	40,479,403	-9,379,865	23.17		
Central Western region (24 roads).....	48,193,229	65,637,479	-17,444,250	26.51		
Southwestern region (30 roads).....	25,379,355	34,087,686	-8,708,331	25.54		
Total (71 roads).....	104,672,152	140,204,568	-35,532,416	25.34		
Total all districts (172 roads).....	288,239,790	377,499,123	-89,259,333	23.64		
District and Region.	Net Earnings					
Month of Dec.—	1931.	1930.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-)	%		
Eastern District—						
New England region.....	7,304	7,304	4,088,553	5,380,533	-1,291,980	24.01
Great Lakes region.....	27,894	27,619	8,745,924	13,543,546	-4,797,622	35.42
Central Eastern region.....	24,937	25,031	10,747,904	10,390,902	+357,002	3.43
Total.....	60,135	59,954	23,582,381	29,314,981	-5,732,600	19.55
Southern District						
Southern region.....	40,007	40,055	6,074,003	11,406,630	-5,332,627	46.75
Pocahontas region.....	6,108	6,033	5,161,894	7,797,552	-2,635,658	33.80
Total.....	46,115	46,088	11,235,897	19,204,182	-7,968,285	41.49
Western District—						
Northwestern region.....	48,766	48,962	4,309,651	5,832,664	-1,523,013	26.11
Central Western region.....	52,252	52,018	3,575,112	16,453,256	-12,878,144	78.27
Southwestern region.....	35,321	35,297	4,438,207	9,177,758	-4,739,551	51.64
Total.....	136,339	136,277	12,322,970	31,463,678	-19,140,708	60.83
Total all districts.....	242,639	242,319	47,141,248	79,982,841	-32,841,593	41.06

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

EASTERN DISTRICT.

New England Region.—This region comprises the New England States.
Great Lakes Region.—This region comprises the section on the Canadian boundary between New England and the westerly shore of Lake Michigan to Chicago, and north of a line from Chicago via Pittsburgh to New York.
Central Eastern Region.—This region comprises the section south of the Great Lakes Region, east of a line from Chicago through Peoria to St. Louis and the Mississippi River to the mouth of the Ohio River, and north of the Ohio River to Parkersburg, W. Va., and a line thence to the southwestern corner of Maryland and by the Potomac River to its mouth.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

Southern Region.—This region comprises the section east of the Mississippi River and south of the Ohio River to a point near Kenova, W. Va., and a line thence following the eastern boundary of Kentucky and the southern boundary of Virginia to the Atlantic.
Pocahontas Region.—This region comprises the section north of the southern boundary of Virginia, east of Kentucky and the Ohio River north to Parkersburg, W. Va., and south of a line from Parkersburg to the southwestern corner of Maryland and thence by the Potomac River to its mouth.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

Northwestern Region.—This region comprises the section adjoining Canada lying west of the Great Lakes Region, north of a line from Chicago to Omaha and thence to Portland and by the Columbia River to the Pacific.
Central Western Region.—This region comprises the section south of the Northwestern Region, west of a line from Chicago to Peoria and thence to St. Louis, and north of a line from St. Louis to Kansas City and thence to El Paso and by the Mexican boundary to the Pacific.
Southwestern Region.—This region comprises the section lying between the Mississippi River south of St. Louis and a line from St. Louis to Kansas City and thence to El Paso and by the Rio Grande to the Gulf of Mexico.

As we have already indicated, the Western grain traffic in December 1931 fell far below the small movement of December 1930. All the different cereals contributed to the falling off, the decrease in the case of corn having been particularly pronounced. The receipts of wheat at the Western primary markets for the four weeks ending Dec. 26 1931 were 12,516,000 bushels as against 19,170,000 bushels in the corresponding four weeks of 1930; the receipts of corn 9,718,000 bushels against 26,267,000 bushels; the receipts of oats 3,361,000 bushels

against 5,781,000 bushels; of barley 1,769,000 bushels against 3,103,000, and of rye 388,000 bushels as compared with 946,000 bushels. The receipts for the five cereals, wheat, corn, oats, barley, and rye, combined, for the four weeks in 1931 reached only 27,752,000 bushels, as against 55,267,000 bushels in the same four weeks of 1930 and 76,931,000 bushels in the corresponding four weeks of 1929. The details of the Western grain movement in our usual form are set out in the table we now subjoin:

WESTERN FLOUR AND GRAIN RECEIPTS.

4 Wks. End. Dec 26.	Flour. (bbls.)	Wheat. (bush.)	Corn. (bush.)	Oats. (bush.)	Barley. (bush.)	Rye. (bush.)
Chicago—						
1931.....	607,000	441,000	3,544,000	848,000	284,000	17,000
1930.....	763,000	1,439,000	5,217,000	1,134,000	356,000	49,000
Minneapolis—						
1931.....	2,659,000	706,000	234,000	632,000	244,000	685,000
1930.....	5,653,000	3,299,000	937,000	1,360,000	-----	-----
Duluth—						
1931.....	373,000	163,000	13,000	30,000	104,000	-----
1930.....	1,350,000	932,000	611,000	216,000	28,000	-----
Milwaukee—						
1931.....	61,000	18,000	381,000	103,000	468,000	2,000
1930.....	59,000	52,000	1,523,000	174,000	777,000	12,000
Toledo—						
1931.....	720,000	229,000	612,000	17,000	4,000	-----
1930.....	347,000	100,000	422,000	3,000	1,000	-----
Detroit—						
1931.....	115,000	41,000	45,000	44,000	11,000	-----
1930.....	502,000	507,000	250,000	24,000	-----	-----
Indianapolis & Omaha—						
1931.....	1,301,000	1,680,000	606,000	-----	-----	-----
1930.....	1,623,000	5,882,000	770,000	15,000	-----	-----
St. Louis—						
1931.....	496,000	1,803,000	1,053,000	402,000	193,000	6,000
1930.....	490,000	1,403,000	2,294,000	912,000	127,000	15,000
Peoria—						
1931.....	176,000	8,000	731,000	163,000	97,000	-----
1930.....	265,000	116,000	1,079,000	211,000	198,000	206,000
Kansas City—						
1931.....	30,000	3,483,000	644,000	124,000	-----	-----
1930.....	-----	4,719,000	3,275,000	152,000	-----	-----
St. Joseph—						
1931.....	312,000	141,000	145,000	-----	-----	-----
1930.....	311,000	1,565,000	72,000	-----	-----	-----
Wichita—						
1931.....	1,186,000	16,000	4,000	2,000	-----	-----
1930.....	1,057,000	207,000	2,000	11,000	-----	-----
St. Paul—						
1931.....	97,000	359,000	62,000	2,000	-----	-----
1930.....	98,000	387,000	134,000	16,000	-----	-----
Total All—						
1931.....	1,370,000	12,516,000	9,718,000	3,361,000	1,769,000	388,000
1930.....	1,577,000	19,170,000	26,267,000	5,781,000	3,103,000	946,000

Western roads also appear to have had a smaller livestock movement than in December 1930. At Chicago the receipts embraced only 18,609 carloads as against 19,906 in the month the previous year; at Omaha but 4,829 carloads as compared with 5,579 cars, and at Kansas City only 5,156 carloads as against 6,904 cars.

As to the cotton traffic over Southern roads, while the movement of the staple overland was somewhat smaller, receipts at the Southern outports were much larger. Gross shipments overland in December 1931 were only 76,849 bales as against 142,249 bales in December 1930; 150,261 bales in December 1929; 171,900 bales in December 1928; 138,903 bales in December 1927, and 229,232 bales in December 1926. The receipts of cotton at the Southern outports aggregated 1,113,458 bales in December 1931 as against but 888,213 bales in December 1930 and 1,107,014 bales in December 1929, but comparing with 1,260,645 bales in December 1928; 695,985 bales in December 1927 and 1,606,850 bales in December 1926, as will be seen by the following table:

RECEIPTS OF COTTON AT SOUTHERN PORTS IN DECEMBER FOR SIX YEARS, 1926 TO 1931, INCLUSIVE.

Ports.	Month of December.					
	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
Galveston.....	302,089	165,789	270,032	421,172	206,941	483,603
Houston &c.....	365,889	288,431	417,108	384,668	234,110	492,227
Corpus Christi.....	13,848	10,097	10,641	8,337	1,423	-----
Beaumont.....	3,379	4,002	-----	-----	-----	-----
New Orleans.....	305,455	215,439	230,402	281,217	152,908	338,823
Mobile.....	62,812	86,595	58,472	41,393	16,841	44,975
Pensacola.....	3,368	4,548	2,978	143	633	990
Savannah.....	25,448	65,705	42,928	40,097	29,465	102,091
Brunswick.....	1,231	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Charleston.....	7,895	23,434	24,570	16,071	13,624	56,003
Lake Charles.....	9,768	1,451	1,502	2,034	-----	-----
Wilmington.....	4,256	6,541	18,599	24,991	12,358	19,555
Norfolk.....	5,770	16,149	29,782	40,522	27,682	68,583
Jacksonville.....	1,270	32	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total.....	1,113,458	888,213	1,107,014	1,260,645	695,985	1,606,850

RESULTS FOR EARLIER YEARS.

It has been indicated further above that December 1931 is the third successive year where there has been a large shrinkage of earnings, making a cumulative loss for these three years for the month of December one of the most noteworthy in railroad history. The falling off for December 1931 was \$89,259,333 in gross and \$32,841,593 in net and it followed \$91,220,835 falling off in gross and \$25,567,928 falling off in net, in December 1930, and \$27,767,999 in gross, and \$32,186,071 in net, in December 1929. It seems proper to point out, however, that the falling off in earnings in December 1929 quite generally came after gains in gross and net. In this previous year (1928) virtually all circumstances and conditions combined to bring about favorable results, and our compilations then showed \$27,178,944 gain in gross earnings attended by a reduction in expenses of \$21,265,477, thus yielding a gain in net in the large sum of \$48,444,421, or over 54%. On the other hand, it must also be borne in mind that these gains followed a heavy loss in gross in December 1927 and, in the case of the net, losses in both 1927 and 1926. In December 1927 our compilations recorded \$59,294,705 falling off in gross and \$28,169,018 in net. In December 1926 the exhibit was a poor one, there having then been only \$2,943,972 gain in gross with \$15,267,349 loss in net. In the years prior to 1926 likewise the December showing was somewhat disappointing. In December 1925 the exhibit was quite an indifferent one, due to the strike at the anthracite mines, with the complete stoppage of the mining of hard coal involved, this having operated to pull down the earnings of the anthracite carriers, all of which suffered heavy losses in gross and net alike at that time. Stated in brief, our compilations for December 1925 showed no more than \$18,591,184 increase in gross, or 3.69%, and \$10,354,676 increase in net, or 8.34%, notwithstanding the country was then enjoying great prosperity. In the previous year, too, the improvement was rather moderate, our tables for December 1924 having shown only \$11,308,819 gain in gross, or 2.29%, though the net earnings of the roads by reasons of the growing efficiency with which they were being operated, increased \$17,998,730, or 16.90%. On the other hand, this followed losses in both gross and net in the year preceding (1923). The contraction in the gross in December 1923 (as compared with 1922) was not large, relatively speaking, being \$19,212,804, or 3.75%, but it testified to a slackening in trade, of which much had been heard in the summer and autumn of 1923. This falling off of \$19,212,804 in the gross was attended by a reduction in expenses of \$16,773,652, leaving nevertheless a small falling off in the net, viz.: \$2,439,152.

In considering this shrinkage in gross and net, however, in December 1923, the circumstance should not be overlooked that comparison then was with extremely heavy totals in the year preceding (1922)—so much so that some falling off in traffic and revenues was rendered inevitable, as a matter of course, the moment the slackening of trade made its influence felt. In reviewing the results for December of this year (1922), we noted as an interesting fact that as the country got farther away from the disturbing influence of the coal miners' strike of the previous spring and summer, and of the railway shopmen's strike of the summer; the returns of earnings were becoming better. The addition to the gross in December 1922 over December 1921 was no less than \$87,735,590, or 20.66%, and though this was attended by an augmentation in expenses in amount of \$52,530,924, there remained an increase in the net of \$35,204,666, or 45.87%.

There was, however, a qualifying consideration to take into account in connection with the big gain made in December 1922. Comparison was with a period of intense business depression in the previous year, our tabulations for December 1921 having shown \$120,615,992 falling off in the gross earnings, though accompanied by a curtailment in expenses in the huge sum of \$144,215,090, leaving, hence, a gain in net of \$23,599,098. As it happened, too, this gain in the net in December 1920 followed a moderate gain in the net in December 1920, making the December statement for 1922 the third consecutive one in which improvement in the net had been recorded.

It is proper to state that the improvement in the net in December 1920 followed entirely from the higher schedules of passenger and freight rates which had then been put into effect a short while before. In December of that year

business depression had already begun and a marked falling off in traffic had occurred. But owing to the advance in rates referred to, the falling off in traffic was obscured. Our tabulations for December 1920 showed a gain of \$96,073,439 in gross and of \$13,804,825 in the net. Moreover, this small gain in net succeeded in a whole series of losses in net in the same month of the years immediately preceding. Below we furnish the December summaries for each year back to 1906. For 1910, 1909 and 1908 we use the Interstate Commerce totals, but for the preceding years (when the Commission had not yet begun to require monthly earnings) we give the results just as registered by our own tables each year—a portion of the railroad mileage of the country being then always unrepresented in the totals, owing to the refusal of some of the roads at that time to give out monthly figures for publication. As remarked further above, owing to the heavy losses sustained in 1930 and 1929, the 1930 total of the gross is the smallest since 1917 and the 1930 total of the net the smallest since 1921.

Dec.	Gross Earnings.			Net Earnings.		
	Year Given.	Year Preceding.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).	Year Given.	Year Preceding.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1906..	135,735,226	124,733,435	+11,001,791	43,831,182	42,943,900	+887,282
1907..	132,199,762	141,312,429	-9,112,667	34,354,158	45,998,206	-11,644,048
1908..	205,777,451	194,222,311	+11,555,140	68,495,740	51,533,086	+16,962,654
1909..	222,692,092	205,971,898	+16,720,194	68,467,305	68,653,301	-185,996
1910..	236,835,304	220,870,151	+15,965,153	70,357,004	67,858,550	+2,498,454
1911..	233,614,912	232,275,177	+1,339,735	61,225,377	56,766,970	+4,458,407
1912..	263,768,603	234,087,361	+29,681,242	81,701,974	72,932,360	+8,769,614
1913..	254,218,891	266,224,678	-12,005,787	68,800,026	82,622,271	-13,822,245
1914..	232,598,369	258,285,270	-25,686,901	61,134,950	68,274,222	-7,139,272
1915..	295,202,618	232,763,070	+62,439,548	105,378,775	61,186,558	+44,692,200
1916..	262,171,169	242,064,235	+20,106,934	83,237,395	86,302,108	-3,064,713
1917..	343,875,052	317,836,386	+26,038,666	85,715,727	103,520,028	-17,004,301
1918..	438,365,327	335,607,571	+102,757,756	44,738,149	85,767,919	-41,028,870
1919..	451,991,330	440,481,121	+11,510,209	38,536,432	44,919,752	-6,383,320
1920..	539,197,615	443,124,176	+96,073,439	51,322,679	37,517,854	+13,804,825
1921..	406,864,055	527,480,047	-120,615,992	67,849,188	44,250,090	+23,599,098
1922..	512,433,733	424,698,143	+87,735,590	111,942,758	76,738,093	+35,204,666
1923..	493,099,550	512,312,354	-19,212,804	106,248,158	108,687,310	-2,439,152
1924..	504,818,559	493,509,641	+11,308,918	124,450,894	106,452,164	+17,998,730
1925..	523,041,764	504,450,450	+18,591,314	134,445,634	124,090,958	+10,354,676
1926..	525,411,572	522,467,600	+2,943,972	119,237,349	134,504,698	-15,267,349
1927..	466,526,003	525,820,708	-59,294,705	90,351,147	118,520,165	-28,169,018
1928..	495,574,455	468,395,541	+27,178,944	138,293,445	89,849,024	+48,444,421
1929..	468,182,822	495,950,821	-27,767,999	106,315,167	138,501,238	-32,186,071
1930..	377,473,702	468,694,537	-91,220,835	80,419,419	105,987,347	-25,567,928
1931..	288,239,790	377,499,123	-89,259,333	47,141,248	79,982,841	-32,841,593

Note.—In 1906 the number of roads included for the month of December was 96; in 1907, 89; in 1908 the returns were based on 232,007 miles of road; in 1909, 239,451; in 1910, 241,364; in 1911, 238,561; in 1912, 238,072; in 1913, 243,322; in 1914, 246,807; in 1915, 248,437; in 1916, 216,811; in 1917, 247,988; in 1918, 232,774; in 1919, 233,899; in 1920, 229,422; in 1921, 225,619; in 1922, 235,920; in 1923, 235,379; in 1924, 236,196; in 1925, 236,959; in 1926, 236,982; in 1927, 238,552; in 1928, 240,337; in 1929, 241,964; in 1930, 242,677; in 1931, 242,639.

Railroads Now in New Phase—With Pay Problem Adjusted, Carriers Enter Reconstruction Stage.

Charles F. Speare, in Newark "Evening News" of Feb. 3 1932.

With agreement reached on the 10% wage reduction controversy, the railroads of this country may now be said to be entering the third phase in their financial affairs produced by the depression and one likely to bring a permanent and favorable change in their credit status.

The first phase carried through the year 1930 when, in spite of a reduction of nearly 40% in their net operating income from the peak of 1929, railroads went along on the momentum of the previous three years, paying regular dividends and wages and spending at about the normal annual rate for betterments and improvements. The second phase was that obtaining in 1931, when it became clear to railroad managements that they were facing the most severe crisis in their history and when a 30% drop in net operating income compared with 1930 forced them to severe adjustments in dividends and in the employment of workers.

During 1931 no fewer than 35 carriers reduced or omitted their dividends. Of this number 13 passed dividends entirely on their common stocks. The same number were compelled to abandon dividends on both junior and senior shares. It is interesting to note that the amount involved in these dividend changes was at the annual rate of \$200,000,000, or almost exactly the sum of the saving which will be made by the 10% cut in wages just announced. There are several other railroads that are yet to reduce their dividends in spite of the advantage to operating income derived from the lower wage scale, so that eventually the cut to be taken by railroad shareholders, to say nothing of holders of bonds in default, will exceed considerably that growing out of the wage reduction.

In this third phase of the railroad situation there are other constructive factors to be considered than those directly involved in wages. For the first time in railroad history a wage adjustment on a big scale has been accomplished without a strike. It inaugurates what is believed to be

a new era in the relationships between railroad capital and railroad labor. The prolonged conferences in Chicago were marked by a dignity and a discipline on both sides unknown in previous controversies of the same sort. Without opposition, Daniel Willard of the Baltimore & Ohio has become the "elder statesman" in the councils of the railroad executives. To his courage, fairness and persistency and his understanding of and sympathy with his opponents' point of view is due an agreement finally reached without a break. It is equally true that David B. Robertson, Chairman of the Railroad Labor Executives Association, is now the outstanding man in labor councils. His diplomacy and subordination of political motives to the best settlement available for those whom he represented, accomplished what at times seemed to be the impossible.

This third phase also inaugurates a period of greater coordination among the carriers. It is safe to say that instead of the individualistic and separatist policies that have distinguished railroad controversies, there will now be a trend toward a more unified attack on those forces of competition that have been undermining the credit of the carriers for the past five years. What has been accomplished by a small group of railroad executives in obtaining relief from the former wage scale, can be duplicated in an effort toward consolidation and in the contraction of unprofitable railroad services.

The program set out in the Inter-State Commerce Commission's freight rate case offers many suggestions for the upbuilding of railroad credit. If considered wisely by the railroad executives its adoption as the platform of the carriers would do a great deal to restore their securities to public favor.

Altogether it may be argued that the railroads have entered a new day in their history and that while, under the economic changes that have taken place in recent years they are not likely to reach again the maximum of net operating income realized before the depression, they are in a fair way to re-establish their credit, to continue to be privately managed and steadily to lift the average prices of their securities from the recent receivership basis to one more nearly approximating intrinsic value. Those disciples of gloom who have been prattling for months over the destruction of railroad values and have predicted that the steam carriers had seen their day as the leading transportation agency can now look around for some other situation to worry over.

The Course of the Bond Market.

After more than a week of steadily falling prices, the bond market was galvanized into action Thursday by the announcement of proposed changes in the Federal Reserve Act which would make possible a more liberal rediscount policy and, theoretically at least, furnish comfort and strength to weaker banks. While the advance was broad and occurred in all sections of the list, largest pre-holiday gains were to be observed among the lower-rated bonds, particularly the rails. Since second-grade bonds often display a tendency to follow the movement of the stock market more closely than do the gilt-edged issues, sharper price increases were natural among the members of this class.

Industrials, utilities and railroads all remained at lower levels on Thursday night than at the preceding Friday's close, although the Thursday rise was most marked in the carrier group. Utilities and industrials, in fact, have been listless for some time. The foreign section, alone among the various classifications, failed to share widely in the price advance of Feb. 11. Japanese and Australian obligations both have exhibited continued weakness recently and have been among the most active foreign liens. The average yield on the 40 foreign bonds was 13.23% on Thursday evening, against exactly 13% last Friday and 6.89% one year ago.

Government plans for strengthening the credit structure as a bait to win back public confidence were—as might have been expected—reflected most effectively in the *Baa* classification, which in turn had experienced the largest proportional price decline over recent weeks. The price index for this group stood at 55.55 on Thursday, as compared to 55.73 last Friday. None of the groups (on the basis of quality) have a higher index than one week ago. The average for the 120 domestic issues is now 72.16, contrasted with 72.65 on Friday of last week, 95.26 a year ago and 93.55 early in February 1930.

The usual tables are given below:

MOODY'S BOND PRICES (Revised*).
(Based on Average Yields.)

1932 Daily Averages.	All 120 Domestic.	120 Domestic by Ratings.				120 Domestic by Groups.		
		Aaa.	Aa.	A.	Baa.	RR.	P. U.	Indus.
Feb. 11.....	72.16	91.67	79.80	69.77	55.55	69.31	77.11	70.62
10.....	76.67	91.39	79.91	69.49	54.37	68.31	76.78	70.24
9.....	71.77	91.53	80.03	69.68	54.43	68.67	76.67	70.33
8.....	71.87	91.67	79.91	69.86	54.61	69.13	76.67	70.24
7.....	72.26	91.81	80.37	70.05	55.11	69.59	76.89	70.52
6.....	72.65	91.81	80.49	70.62	55.73	70.15	77.44	70.71
5.....	72.95	91.96	80.72	70.62	56.32	70.62	77.88	70.81
4.....	73.05	91.96	80.72	70.90	56.45	70.90	77.77	70.90
3.....	73.15	92.10	80.84	70.81	56.64	71.19	77.77	70.90
2.....	73.05	92.25	80.60	70.62	56.45	70.81	77.77	70.90
1.....	73.05	92.25	80.60	70.62	56.45	70.81	77.77	70.90
Weekly—								
Jan. 29.....	72.95	92.25	81.07	70.52	55.99	70.71	77.66	70.81
22.....	74.36	93.40	82.99	72.06	57.17	72.06	80.14	71.48
15.....	74.77	93.70	82.87	73.15	57.30	72.16	81.54	71.19
Year Ago—								
Feb. 11 1931....	93.26	105.37	100.98	92.10	78.32	94.73	94.73	90.55
Two Years Ago—								
Feb. 8 1930....	93.55	100.98	97.94	92.53	83.97	96.08	93.11	91.39

*Note.—These prices are computed from average yields on the basis of one "ideal" bond (4 3/4% coupon, maturing in 31 years), and do not purport to show either the average level or the average movement of actual price quotations. They merely serve to illustrate in a more comprehensive way the relative levels and the relative movement of yield averages, the latter being the truer picture of the bond market.

MOODY'S BOND YIELD AVERAGES.
(Based on Individual Closing Prices.)

1932 Daily Averages.	All 120 Domestic.	120 Domestic by Ratings.				120 Domestic by Groups.			40 Foreign.
		Aaa.	Aa.	A.	Baa.	RR.	P. U.	Indus.	
Feb. 11.....	6.95	5.30	6.23	7.20	9.05	7.25	6.47	7.11	13.23
10.....	7.00	5.32	6.22	7.23	9.24	7.36	6.50	7.15	13.21
9.....	6.99	5.31	6.21	7.21	9.23	7.32	6.51	7.14	13.15
8.....	6.98	5.30	6.22	7.19	9.20	7.27	6.51	7.15	13.10
7.....	6.94	5.29	6.18	7.17	9.12	7.22	6.49	7.12	13.02
6.....	6.90	5.29	6.17	7.11	9.02	7.16	6.44	7.10	13.00
5.....	6.87	5.28	6.15	7.11	8.93	7.11	6.40	7.09	12.94
4.....	6.86	5.28	6.15	7.08	8.91	7.08	6.41	7.08	12.96
3.....	6.85	5.27	6.14	7.09	8.88	7.05	6.41	7.08	13.17
2.....	6.86	5.26	6.16	7.11	8.91	7.09	6.41	7.08	13.13
1.....	6.86	5.26	6.16	7.11	8.91	7.09	6.41	7.08	13.13
Weekly—									
Jan. 29.....	6.87	5.28	6.12	7.12	8.98	7.10	6.42	7.09	13.22
22.....	6.73	5.18	5.96	6.96	8.80	6.96	6.20	7.02	13.12
15.....	6.69	5.16	5.97	6.85	8.78	6.95	6.08	7.05	13.44
8.....	6.94	5.18	6.17	7.12	9.30	7.38	6.12	7.34	13.85
2.....	7.26	5.26	6.32	7.47	10.00	7.93	6.23	7.63	15.68
Yr. Ago—									
Feb. 11 '31....	5.19	4.43	4.69	5.27	6.36	5.09	5.09	5.38	6.89
2 Years Ago—									
Feb. 8 '30....	5.17	4.69	4.88	5.24	5.88	5.00	5.20	5.32	6.47

* Revised.

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.
Thursday Night, Feb. 11 1932.

General trade keeps within the old range of "quiet to fair" with the weather abnormally warm in many parts of the country. Two big recent events are the organization of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, with its favorable and immense potentialities for good in unfreezing frozen bank assets and now a non-partisan and more popular bill to be introduced in Congress that will add perhaps \$2,500,000,000 to the currency supply and stimulate credits in every village, town and city throughout the three million square miles of Continental United States—rather a big proposition. The rediscount authority, through changes in the Federal Reserve Bank Act, will be vastly increased. The effect on Thursday was electrical. Stocks advanced sharply in double the transactions of the day before. There was a general advance on the commodity exchanges. Not one failed to

show higher prices under the spur of the Washington inflation news and the big advance in the stock market. Wheat, corn and other grains advanced and within three days it is said the export sales of wheat have reached 3,000,000 bushels, mostly Manitoba, but including 600,000 bushels of hard winter. As already intimated, one drawback, one which has been extraordinarily persistent this winter, is the remarkably mild temperatures over great tracts of the United States. Strange as it sounds, the maximum temperatures have in some cases reached summer heat in the dead of winter. On Feb. 10 it was 82 degrees in St. Louis, and 76 in Cincinnati and Kansas City; also 64 in Cleveland and 62 in Chicago. Persons were killed on Thursday in a thunderstorm at Indianapolis. This weather certainly did not help the sale of seasonable goods, though in the far Northwest it was rather cold and it seems reasonable to suppose that such remarkably high temperatures in the

Central West and the very mild weather in the East most likely will be followed by a sharp reaction to perhaps extremely cold weather before long.

Meanwhile steel is as dull as ever and the backlog in the shape of unfilled tonnage is declared to be the smallest on record. Cotton goods have as a rule, been quiet, but in the main steady. As regards the sales from second hands, they have been at a decline of $\frac{1}{8}$ c. on print cloths and latterly, yarns have been weaker. On Thursday, Worth Street was more active. Cotton has been for the most part firm, though at times lower as the stock market sagged. But on Thursday came a sudden rise of 20 to 23 points on the news from Washington pointing to a vast extension of credits for one year, and a hasty covering of shorts and large buying by American, European and Far Eastern mills. The net rise in cotton is small, for, after all, it looks as though the reduction in the acreage this spring is likely to be woefully inadequate. But on the other hand the cotton exports are big. Spot sales are double those of a year ago and the abnormally mild weather at the South suggests the possibility of a big survival of the boll weevil unless there are very severe temperatures later. Provisions have declined and but futures ended slightly higher after a vigorous advance on Thursday. Coffee futures advanced 3 to 8 points with Brazil a steady buyer and the trading larger. Coffee acted rather short. Sugar futures were more active particularly on Thursday and prices advanced 3 to 5 points net for the week but 6 to 8 on Thursday when the total sales were reported as 59,000 tons in an evidently oversold market and on large buying attributed to Cuba, Wall Street and Europe. Spot raws, too, were firmer at 1 to 3c., the latter delivered. Strenuous efforts are being made to restrict the production of sugar and it seems now with better hopes of success, despite the recent chorus of pessimism. London prices advanced. Rubber declined 10 to 13 points with nothing definite ahead as to restriction of shipments. Evidently, however, the technical position of rubber like that of many other commodities is stronger than it was recently. Silver advanced 7 to 15 points. Silk is off 2 to 4 points and the silk trade is said to be in bad shape owing to the competition of other textiles. A conference of silk manufacturers has been called to see what can be done to remedy the situation. Cocoa rose 5 to 7 points for the week. Hides advanced 18 points. Wool has been in fair demand and steady. Lumber remained quiet. Gasoline was firmer. Lubricating oils sold more readily. Kerosene declined.

Retailers continue to hold special sales, but the results are not entirely satisfactory. The trading in shoes and women's dresses has been on a fair scale, but men's clothing remains dull. It is hoped that the trade in automobiles will soon revive now that the Ford Co., it seems, has models ready. Jewelry has been dull. It would take a robust optimist to expect anything else in these times. Everywhere throughout the ramifications of American business the tone is cautious; "better be safe than sorry" seems to be the watchword. But the feeling is not so hopeless. John D. Rockefeller, in a statement at his winter home in Florida, the other day said that there were signs of improvement in trade. He did not particularize, but there are not a few who will agree that the tendency is towards better times.

The stock market experienced a sudden transformation on Thursday. On the 6th inst., with sales only of 660,000 shares, prices showed an irregular and mostly fractional decline. Some railroad shares dropped a point or so, but on the average only $\frac{1}{8}$ c. Auburn, always volatile, declined 10 points. Bonds were dull and domestic lower though foreign were steady. Stock issues listed on the New York Stock Exchange declined \$316,188,718 in market value in January, according to the Exchange's monthly report. It was the smallest change for any month since last August, when the market value increased \$164,000,000. In December the value declined \$4,411,430,601, and in November \$3,141,381,918. Such figures on their face seem to suggest something more like stabilization, or certainly slackening of declines and possibly a gradual movement towards the turning point. Meantime it turns out that there was an increase in the short interest here in January to everybody's surprise of 758,193 shares. The New York Stock Exchange announced that the total short account on Feb. 1 was 3,600,265 shares, against 2,842,072 shares a month before.

On the 8th inst., the stock market was very much of a replica of previous days. The transactions were only about 1,150,000 shares. Liquidation and other selling caused declines, which, as a rule, were fractional. Covering acted

as a brake on the drop. Light had been thrown on the size of the short account by the authorities of the Stock Exchange. Still there was a decline, such as it was, for the fifth day in succession. United States Steel common, with a net rise of $\frac{3}{4}$ of a point, was one of the exceptions as the stock commanded a premium of $\frac{1}{4}$ point in the loan market. Some other stocks were none too easy to borrow. Amer. Tel. & Tel. was at a lending premium of $\frac{1}{8}$, and there were premiums of 1-16 to 1-64 on United States Steel pref., Allied Chemical, Western Union, Westinghouse and Eastman. Would-be shorts balk at paying premiums of $\frac{1}{8}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$. Rather than pay them they cover quickly. Lower premiums they do not mind. Bonds were dull, and in general lower, though United States Government issues and Japanese advanced.

On the 9th inst. stocks declined slightly on trading in some 1,150,000 shares. Government bonds were more active at an irregular decline as plans were broached in Washington looking to a very big issue for the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. All except the Fourth Liberty 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ s declined. This issue advanced 2-32 point. Popular domestic corporation issues were in general a fraction higher. Others of the domestic corporation list were lower. As to stocks, it was a drifting or trading affair except that Auburn, that stormy petrel of the market, broke 8 $\frac{3}{4}$. Commodities were generally but not sharply lower. In stocks the decline was $\frac{1}{4}$ to 2 points but in general the market yielded rather less readily.

On the 10th inst., stocks declined but rallied before the close. The transactions were 1,300,000 shares. It was still a trading market awaiting some distinctly effective factor, nobody dreaming that it was to come the next day. Twenty-five railroad shares advanced about $\frac{1}{2}$ net and 25 industrials $\frac{5}{8}$; the average of all stocks was a decline of a trifle over $\frac{1}{4}$ of a point so there was nothing in the day's results to increase anybody's blood pressure. It was really the traditional calm before the storm. Bonds were irregularly lower.

On Thursday stocks shot upward 2 to 16 points more generally 3 to 8, including 5 $\frac{3}{8}$ in U. S. Steel. The rise came with dramatic suddenness. It was almost literally a bolt from the blue. It was due to an announcement from Washington that the Federal Reserve Bank System will be made more elastic by a non-partisan bill to be introduced by Senator Carter Glass. It is designed to stimulate credits through a potential increase in currency of \$2,500,000,000. It has the sanction of both Republican and Democratic leaders called to a conference at the White House by President Hoover. It will greatly enlarge the rediscount authority of the Federal Reserve banks to make available billions of dollars in paper not now eligible. The bill is designed to help commerce, industry and agriculture and meet the needs of member banks in exceptional circumstances, or in other words, easing the shoe where heretofore it has pinched. It will put heart and courage into bankers heretofore forced to be extremely cautious. Not for two months has the stock market shown such snap and exhilaration as it did on Thursday and then it had something more tangible back of it. Advances of 2 to 7 points occurred in American Can, Allied Chemical, American Telephone, Atchison, Union Pacific, Consolidated Gas, du Pont and J. I. Case. Shorts were thrown into confusion. The total trading was 2,563,411 shares. It had repercussions all along the line in a rise in commodities headed by wheat and cotton. Cotton advanced \$1 a bale, wheat and corn 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., sugar 6 to 8 points on big trading; coffee 5 to 10 points, rubber and cocoa 5, hides 25 to 30, silk 4 to 6 and tin 20 to 25 with silver futures up 45 to 60 points. The Union Pacific declared the usual quarterly dividend of \$2.50. Railroad bonds in some cases were 1 to 4 points higher, while in others the rise was smaller. Everywhere the Wall Street morale was better.

Chicago wired that the consensus of opinion there is that business conditions are improving slowly but steadily with better than fair prospects for good business in the spring. Detroit reported a slight but definite upturn in retail business owing to more satisfactory weather conditions. At Lowell, Mass., the Boot Mills on the 9th inst. it was said passed the quarterly dividend. In the previous quarter \$1 was paid and six months ago \$2. Prior to that the company had been paying at the rate of \$3 a quarter. Charlotte, N. C., reported a larger margin of profit there.

Milwaukee wired Feb. 10, that orders on spring merchandise among Wisconsin textile concerns have increased so substantially that it has been necessary for many mills to petition the Wisconsin Industrial Commission to lift the

State restriction which forbids that women be allowed to work on night shifts. The clothing trade it is said is likely to make new price cuts.

Manchester cabled that a strike in the cotton mills in the Burnley area went into effect Feb. 8, but only affects 11 mills, the remainder ignoring the Union's instructions and working wholly or partially. It is estimated that 13,460 looms are idle. Meanwhile a joint committee of employers and operatives has resumed negotiations for a settlement of the more looms and wages agreement in the country. Manchester has recently had only a fair trade at best. Often it has been small.

Wage cuts averaging 9.3% and affecting 49,376 employees were reported by 275 out of 16,150 manufacturing establishments for the month ended Dec. 15, according to the Department of Labor. Of the 16,150 manufacturing plants from which data were obtained, 15,875, or 98.3%, reported no wage changes. The cotton goods industry accounted for 48 of the cuts in the month of Dec. 15, and the number of employees whose compensation was reduced totaled 20,320.

Electric output of the United States for the week ended Saturday, Feb. 6, was 1,588,853,000 kwh. against 1,588,967,000 in the preceding week and 1,679,016,000 in the same week last year, according to the National Electric Light Association. This is a decrease of 5.4% from the same week of last year, but the decrease was evidently slackening.

Despite some disturbing factors in the general situation, the February outlook in the hardware industry has shown indications of improvement over the preceding month, says the "Hardware Age." Orders are now making their way more freely toward merchant, jobber and manufacturer. Small-lot buying of staple merchandise is currently reflecting an increase and a substantial volume of spring business is anticipated.

As to the weather, on the 7th inst. it was 37 to 53 degrees here, at an average of 45 against 26 on the same day last year and 30 degrees for 46 years. On the 8th inst. it was 41 to 58 degrees here. Many wore spring overcoats. The mildness of the winter is such that Albany wired Feb. 8th that the open water on the Hudson River on that day established a new record of 90 years' navigation on the river. Not since 1843 has the river remained open so long. Chicago on the 7th inst. had 32 to 38 degrees; Cincinnati, 28 to 46; Cleveland, 34 to 40; Detroit, 26 to 32; Kansas City, 36 to 58; Milwaukee, 22 to 40; St. Paul, 8 to 32; Montreal, 14 to 18; Omaha, 30 to 44; Philadelphia, 38 to 54; Phoenix, 50 to 74; San Francisco, 50 to 56; Seattle, 40 to 42; Spokane, 28 to 36; St. Louis, 36 to 56; Winnipeg, 16 below zero to 2 below. On the 8th inst. Chicago had 24 to 26; Boston, 32 to 44.

On the 10th inst., all Great Britain and a large part of the Continent were swept by a blizzard which paralyzed road traffic for hours. British motorists had the unusual experience of having their cars dug out of snowdrifts. In London, a bitter wind drove people indoors. It had the first real snow storm of the winter. Channel traffic was delayed. In Roumania, 11 persons were frozen to death and horses also perished in snow drifts. All the members of two families were reported to have frozen in a Bessarabian village and the Danube was ice for several miles. In north-eastern France, snows interrupted shipping and train service. The lowest temperature in France was 5 degrees above zero, but there was snow as far south as Bordeaux.

On the 10th inst., temperatures were 33 to 46 in New York; 38 to 60 in Chicago; 54 to 76 in Cincinnati, the latter summer heat; 38 to 64 in Cleveland; 64 to 76 in Kansas City; 34 to 56 in Detroit; 34 to 44 in Milwaukee; 28 to 44 in Minneapolis; 38 to 48 in Seattle, and 2 to 28 in Winnipeg. On Thursday, it was 37 to 44 in New York; 64 to 76 in Cincinnati; 58 to 62 in Chicago, and 62 to 82 in St. Louis. Indianapolis wired Feb. 11, that two men were killed in a wind, electrical and heavy rain storm there. A high wind caused considerable damage. Abnormally cold weather prevailed in England on Thursday. The blizzard in Western Europe continued on the 11th, with no sign of abating. Great gales and high seas were reported in the Azores. A heavy fog in New York Harbor delayed shipping. In Buffalo, the temperature was 55 degrees at midnight, Feb. 10, and was the warmest for Feb. 10 in half a century. Lightning struck a barn at Middlebury, N. Y., and burned 300 sheep to death.

Loading of Railroad Revenue Freight Still on the Decline.

Loading of revenue freight for the week ended on Jan. 30 totaled 561,157 cars, the Car Service Division of the Ameri-

can Railway Association announced on Feb. 9. This was a decrease of 1,781 cars under the preceding week, 158,240 cars below the corresponding week in 1931 and 337,678 cars under the same period two years ago. Details follow:

Miscellaneous freight loading for the week of Jan. 30 totaled 183,818 cars, a decrease of 1,013 cars below the preceding week, 66,631 cars under the corresponding week in 1931 and 125,011 cars under the same week in 1930.

Loading of merchandise less than carload lot freight totaled 187,979 cars, a decrease of 533 cars below the preceding week, 22,960 cars below the corresponding week last year and 50,198 cars under the same week two years ago.

Grain and grain products loading for the week totaled 32,982 cars, 407 cars above the preceding week, but 9,546 cars below the corresponding week last year and 11,619 cars below the same week of 1930. In the Western Districts alone, grain and grain products loading for the week ended on Jan. 30 totaled 21,580 cars, a decrease of 7,782 cars below the same week last year.

Forest products loading totaled 18,971 cars, 584 cars below the preceding week, 17,052 cars under the same week in 1931, and 29,506 cars below the corresponding week two years ago.

Ore loading amounted to 2,816 cars, a decrease of 653 cars below the week before, 2,819 cars under the corresponding week last year, and 4,866 cars under the same week in 1930.

Coal loading amounted to 108,161 cars, an increase of 668 cars above the preceding week, but 33,543 cars below the corresponding week last year and 102,371 cars under the same week in 1930.

Coke loading amounted to 5,205 cars, 247 cars below the preceding week, 3,693 cars below the same week last year, and 7,238 cars below the same week two years ago.

Live stock loading amounted to 21,225 cars, an increase of 174 cars above the preceding week, but 1,996 cars below the same week last year and 6,869 cars below the same week two years ago. In the Western Districts alone, loading of live stock for the week ended on Jan. 30 totaled 16,965, a decrease of 1,381 cars compared with the same week last year.

All districts reported reductions in the total loading of all commodities compared with the same week in 1931 and 1930.

Loading of revenue freight in 1932 compared with the two previous years follows:

	1932.	1931.	1930.
Week ended Jan. 9	572,504	713,128	862,461
Week ended Jan. 16	573,276	*725,212	847,155
Week ended Jan. 23	562,938	715,474	862,346
Week ended Jan. 30	561,157	719,397	898,835
Total	2,269,875	2,873,211	3,470,797

* Corrected figure.

The foregoing, as noted, cover total loadings by the railroads of the United States for the week ended Jan. 30. In the table below we undertake to show also the loadings for the separate roads and systems. It should be understood, however, that in this case the figures are a week behind those of the general totals—that is, are for the week ended Jan. 23. During the latter period a total of 18 roads showed increases over the corresponding week last year, the most important of which were the Ft. Worth & Denver City Ry., St. Louis Southwestern Ry., Florida East Coast Ry., and Louisiana & Madison RR.

REVENUE FREIGHT LOADED AND RECEIVED FROM CONNECTIONS (NUMBER OF CARS)—WEEK ENDED JAN. 23.

Railroads.	Total Revenue Freight Loaded.			Total Loads Received from Connections.	
	1932.	1931.	1930.	1932.	1931.
Eastern District—					
<i>Group A—</i>					
Bangor & Aroostook	2,111	2,405	2,780	310	325
Boston & Albany	3,163	3,536	3,695	4,921	5,762
Boston & Maine	7,856	9,297	11,171	9,131	10,961
Central Vermont	534	740	798	2,141	2,575
Maine Central	2,450	3,533	4,409	2,083	3,233
N. Y. N. H. & Hartford	11,326	12,454	14,833	11,089	12,761
Rutland	618	569	699	945	1,129
Total	27,958	32,534	38,430	30,685	36,751
<i>Group B—</i>					
yBuff. Rochester & Pittsburgh	---	---	---	---	---
Delaware & Hudson	4,323	7,624	8,753	6,199	7,561
Delaware Lackawanna & West.	7,925	8,413	12,284	5,749	5,109
Erie	11,165	14,337	16,527	11,806	16,354
Lehigh & Hudson River	135	194	230	1,855	2,056
Lehigh & New England	1,294	1,611	1,989	897	1,148
Lehigh Valley	7,117	9,640	10,544	5,770	8,013
Montour	1,434	2,342	2,673	18	42
New York Central	18,656	25,203	30,627	24,159	32,248
New York Ontario & Western	1,666	1,640	1,842	1,727	2,061
Pittsburgh & Shawmut	358	467	767	17	23
Pitts. Shawmut & Northern	335	470	465	218	261
Ulster & Delaware	30	29	34	56	91
Total	54,438	71,970	86,735	58,471	74,967
<i>Group C—</i>					
Ann Arbor	547	584	576	951	1,271
Chicago Ind & Louisville	1,496	1,805	2,135	1,814	2,504
C. C. C. & St. Louis	8,175	9,400	12,919	10,093	13,139
Central Indiana	47	65	65	90	76
Detroit & Mackinac	229	274	343	90	123
Detroit & Toledo Shore Line	251	250	401	2,456	3,125
Detroit, Toledo & Ironton	1,149	1,943	2,681	1,074	1,978
Grand Trunk Western	3,013	3,643	5,034	5,821	7,693
Michigan Central	5,875	6,913	9,075	8,266	10,584
Monongahela	3,336	4,788	6,131	152	246
New York Chicago & St. Louis	4,093	4,670	6,195	7,881	10,975
Pere Marquette	3,995	4,791	6,382	3,927	4,711
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie	3,200	4,680	6,895	4,063	6,117
Pittsburgh & West Virginia	820	1,251	1,370	710	710
Wabash	5,225	6,244	7,425	6,668	9,131
Wheeling & Lake Erie	2,500	2,990	3,909	1,976	2,875
Total	43,951	54,272	71,536	56,032	75,258
Grand total Eastern District	126,347	158,776	196,701	145,138	186,976

showed lower prices. Among the commodities that advanced during the latest week were eggs, ham, flour, potatoes, apples, wheat, hogs, sheep, tin, cement, brick and burlap. Listed among the 28 commodities that declined during the latest week were lard, cotton, cottonseed oil, raw sugar, peanuts, corn, rye, cattle, copper, zinc, structural steel, lumber, coffee, rubber, hides and paper.

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

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

Per Cent Each Group Bears to the Total Index.	Groups.	Latest Week Feb. 6 1932.	Preceding Week.	Month Ago.	Year Ago.
23.2	Foods	67.3	66.7	68.3	78.8
16.0	Fuel	58.9	58.9	58.8	73.9
12.8	Grains, feeds and livestock	49.1	48.4	50.9	71.5
10.1	Textiles	49.7	49.7	49.1	65.8
8.5	Miscellaneous commodities	62.4	*63.0	66.5	71.6
6.7	Automobiles	89.1	89.1	89.1	89.2
6.6	Building materials	72.4	72.4	72.4	83.1
6.2	Metals	72.4	73.0	73.5	80.6
4.0	House furnishings	82.2	82.2	84.3	92.7
3.8	Fats and oils	45.6	47.0	50.6	60.2
1.0	Chemicals and drugs	88.8	88.8	88.9	92.4
.4	Fertilizer materials	70.2	70.2	70.3	84.3
.4	Mixed fertilizer	79.1	79.1	79.6	93.3
.3	Agricultural implements	92.7	92.7	92.7	95.6
100.0	All groups combined	63.7	*63.6	64.8	76.4

* Revised.

Otto H. Kahn's Proposal for High Economic Board—Banker Says a "General Staff" to Study and Plan Would Have Held Present Slump to Year—Body Like Supreme Court—Would Make it Permanent and Non-Political.

A proposal for a social and economic "general staff" as a means to avert depressions and to alleviate them if they come was advanced on Jan. 31 by Otto H. Kahn, international banker and philanthropist, in an address at the annual breakfast of the House of Artists and Writers, 244 West Tenth Street, this city. In amplifying his proposal in an informal interview afterward Mr. Kahn said (we quote from the New York "Times") that he had suggested the general staff plan to President Wilson in 1917, but he declined to make public the President's reactions to it. In its account of the views advanced by Mr. Kahn, the "Times" continued:

The sort of staff he had in mind would not be an executive body, he said, but an advisory group which would function in much the same way that the general staffs of the army and navy function, studying conditions, foreseeing emergencies, evolving plans for dealing with them when they arrive and "preparing for the to-be-forseen sequence of economic and social events."

"Such a body would be permanent, not merely called together when an emergency comes," said Mr. Kahn. "It ought to be free from any political slant and composed of men who would evolve gradually a tradition that would give to their findings and suggestions the highest standing and potency. They would deliberate as the Supreme Court deliberates."

A Reassurance to Public.

Mr. Kahn suggested that such a staff would be chosen in the first place by governmental appointment, but after that he was inclined to feel that it should be in part a self-perpetuating body in order to keep it out of politics. The mere public knowledge that such a body existed and was functioning, said the banker, would reassure the public and exert a highly beneficial psychological effect.

"If such a general staff had existed in 1929," said Mr. Kahn, "they could at least have softened the blow and the depression could have been dealt with within a year instead of continuing as it has."

Mr. Kahn also advocated unemployment and old age insurance. He warmly defended capitalism from the charges that the capitalistic system was in large part to blame for present conditions and declared that it was politicians, not business men, who had laid the groundwork for the disasters which have grown out of the World War.

Talks to College Women.

The group which Mr. Kahn addressed is composed of about forty recent graduates from colleges and universities who live in two tenements which were remodeled into expensive living quarters with money advanced at a low interest rate by Mr. Kahn five years ago. As their spokesman, Miss Helene Todd, who had originated the project and obtained the assistance of Mr. Kahn, invited Mr. Kahn to attend the breakfast, with little hope that he would be able to come. In her letter of invitation Miss Todd told of the plight of college graduates who find themselves unequipped to cope with the present economic situation.

"I would prefer to be born in the Stone Age with an un-mortgaged cave for a home, a stone knife and a bow and arrow, with a wild animal skin for covering, than to be a college graduate in 1932 with only youth, ability and a college education between me and the breadline," the letter said. For two years now, Mr. Kahn was told, the recent graduates have been "hired, cut and fired" by a relentless and impersonal business system that has made a diploma look like a ticket to a soup kitchen. They were disillusioned, and many of them were bitter.

Mr. Kahn's response was to attend the breakfast and speak to them intimately of the relation of their problem to the world's distress.

"It would be a grievous tragedy if this generation were to think that the present deplorable conditions justify them in permitting bitterness and disillusionment to rob them of those qualities of hope and aspiration and faith in the future which ought to be the particular characteristic of youth," he said.

Says Remedy Will be Found.

"This time we are all in the same boat, facing something which is an emergency and a temporary thing grown graver and more deep-seated and harder to bear than any depression and more prolonged than ordinary depressions of the past, but sure, in my opinion, to find its remedy and its end."

Mr. Kahn pointed out that those who had been materially successful in the past were now confronted with difficulties.

"We are under a duty," he continued, "to do all we can and as long as we can, within the limits of our means, to avoid adding to the prevailing deplorable unemployment."

Turning to the causes of the depression, he continued:

"I offer no alibi for business. I admit shortcomings and errors, but I do say that the degree of responsibility of business for the present state of affairs is pretty overrated. Business men have neither the power nor the cunning nor, let us confess, that measure of foresighted planning attributed to them. It was not business men who made the distruptive and economically incredible, shortsighted series of peace treaties that terminated the war. Business men were against then and appalled when they learned what they were to be. It was statesmen, diplomats and politicians who fastened this upon the world."

He Defends Capitalism.

"Too many people attribute existing conditions to the prevailing system of individualism, or capitalism. That, in my opinion, is an erroneous conception. It is not the principal on which the system rests which is to blame, but the faulty application of that system. It was under this system that the world went through the century preceding 1914 with only two great international wars and only one period of revolutionary activity."

"On the whole, during those 100 years, the world made steady progress. Life became richer, culture and the arts flourished, the condition of the working classes improved, the diffusion of well-being throughout this nation and other nations was enhanced."

"The trouble which now is oppressing the world is the same where Socialist governments have ruled for years as it is where dictators rule; it is the same in republics as in monarchies. Its repercussions are becoming more and more noticeable even in Russia."

"After all, if you go over the main causes which have coincided with the present deplorable situation, what do you find? It is the World War. It is the incredibly short-sighted peace treaties. It is the lack of immediate and unanimous responsiveness to the Hoover moratorium of last July simultaneously with the operation of the antiquated laws which compel wasteful and often ruinous competition—the anti-trust laws. It is the unfortunate raising on America's part of a tariff structure, followed by similar action by other countries. It is to some extent the workings of prohibition. It is wasteful expenditures on the part of governmental bodies, particularly in cities and States and the all too often previously inefficiency of governmental administration."

Brainstorm of the Boom.

"It is those things, to cite some of them, plus, I admit, the brainstorm which swept over not only business but almost every kind of activities in the days of the boom which culminated in 1929, which were primarily though not exclusively, responsible for the disaster. And all those, except the brainstorm, business opposed or warned against. It was not business which is responsible but governments and their misjudgments. It is not the business system which has failed. It is the foresighted, intelligent and disinterested application of the system which has failed."

The remedy is intelligent planning, said Mr. Kahn, and the working out of measures whereby the problem of food and shelter will no longer be the one which will loom so formidably in the lives of millions as it so long has done. Then Mr. Kahn introduced his specific plan of the general staff.

Four Per Cent Drop in New York State Factory Employment Noted in January—Wages Decreased 5%.

Employment in representative New York State factories dropped nearly 4% from December to January, Industrial Commissioner Frances Perkins stated Feb. 9. Payrolls fell even more rapidly at the rate of over 5%. These reductions lowered the index of factory employment, based upon the average 1925-27 as 100, to 65 and the index of factory payrolls to 55. Information collected each month from 1,521 firms by the Division of Statistics and Information of the New York State Department of Labor forms the basis for these statements. The factories were chosen to represent the many kinds of manufacturing located throughout the State. The collection of reports began in June, 1914. Commissioner Perkins continued as follows:

The factories generally report a loss in both forces and total wages at the turn of the year. This January the cuts were sharper than any recorded since 1914 except in 1919 and 1921. The severity of the downward movement in the past years is evident from the drop in number of workers of 14% from last January and of 29% from January two years ago. Payrolls showed much greater loss for the same period.

Widespread reductions contributed to the decline. Only the pulp and paper industry reported a small net gain in the number of workers. Employment losses in the other groups ranged from less than 1% to 13%. The metal industries moved irregularly as a whole. A number of fairly large reductions occurred in sheet metal and hardware, machinery and electrical apparatus, and instruments and appliances. The net gain in the number at work in brass, copper and aluminum firms, structural and architectural iron mills, and automobile and parts plants reflected chiefly recovery in a few firms from previous cuts. All the other metals reported a loss of workers; usually one or more large reductions led in the downward movement.

Most of the clothing industries made further reductions in the number of employees. Men's clothing shops failed to make their usual gain, due largely to two drastic cuts. A number of large employment decreases occurred in men's furnishings. A seasonal gain characterized the millinery group following a sharp drop in December. Among the shoe factories, a large replacement of forces plus other increases caused an advance. Furriers experienced the usual dullness at this time of year. The seasonal loss in knit goods was greater than usual. Makers of woolsens, carpets and felts and of cotton goods reported more workers than in December due to large replacements. Almost every sub-group in the other main industry groups showed a loss in employment.

Practically every one of the seven important industrial centers of the State reported fewer factory workers and lowered payrolls in January. The Syracuse district alone maintained the December employment level due to a large replacement of forces in one metal plant. Severe reductions in general metal and textile firms accounted chiefly for the sharp cuts in the Albany-Schenectady-Troy district and in the Utica district. A decrease among the shoe factories caused most of the decline in

Binghamton. The Buffalo district recorded large reductions in the metals, printing and chemicals. Advances in the shoe, textile and clothing industries in the Rochester district were not quite sufficient to wipe out other losses. Widespread losses occurred in New York City.

Industry.	Percentage Change Dec. 1931 to Jan. 1932.	
	Total State.	N. Y. City.
Stone, clay and glass	-13.1	-7.1
Miscellaneous stone and minerals	-1.9	-5.9
Lime, cement and plaster	-7.6	-3.1
Brick, tile and pottery	-35.1	-17.0
Glass	-5.6	-4.6
Metals and machinery	-5.4	-6.4
Silverware and jewelry	-6.6	-13.4
Brass, copper and aluminum	-10.7	+6.0
Iron and steel	-13.0	-
Structural and architectural iron	+1.7	-5.0
Sheet metal and hardware	-4.6	-6.7
Firearms, tools and cutlery	-6.	-
Cooking, heating and ventilating apparatus	-3.8	-13.1
Machinery and electrical apparatus	-2.7	-6.6
Automobiles, airplanes, &c	+4.3	-1.3
Railroad equipment and repair shops	-16.1	-1.8
Boat and ship building	-15.7	-16.0
Instruments and appliances	-3.8	-8.6
Wood manufactures	-7.3	-11.7
Saw and planing mills	-3.2	-12.4
Furniture and cabinet work	-8.5	-17.1
Pianos and other musical instruments	-9.3	-19.1
Miscellaneous wood, &c	-4.4	-6.8
Furs, leather and rubber goods	-0.2	-16.1
Leather	-0.4	-
Furs and fur goods	-22.1	-22.4
Shoes	+1.9	-21.9
Gloves, bags, canvas goods	-3.6	-10.3
Rubber and gutta percha	-2.0	-4.5
Pearl, horn, bone, &c	+1.7	-2.8
Chemicals, oils, paints, &c	-2.1	-2.8
Drugs and industrial chemicals	-6.2	-6.8
Paints and colors	-1.7	-2.6
Oil products	-0.8	-1.6
Photographic and miscellaneous chemicals	+0.1	+0.5
Pulp and paper	-2.5	-1.7
Printing and paper goods	-5.4	-7.4
Paper boxes and tubes	-0.2	+3.0
Miscellaneous paper goods	-2.5	-1.9
Printing and bookmaking	-1.8	-2.7
Textiles	-3.1	-6.2
Silk and silk goods	+4.6	-
Woolens, carpets, felts	+0.9	-
Cotton goods	-14.	+12.3
Knit goods, except silk	+1.9	-1.7
Other textiles	-3.3	-2.3
Clothing and millinery	-3.4	+4.2
Men's clothing	-4.5	-8.2
Men's furnishings	-4.2	-5.1
Women's clothing	-6.0	-5.4
Women's underwear	+9.2	+9.2
Women's headwear	-11.4	-7.4
Miscellaneous sewing	-1.4	-0.8
Laundering and cleaning	-3.2	-3.1
Food and tobacco	-0.4	-5.1
Flour, food and cereals	-7.1	+7.2
Canning and preserving	-2.0	+0.7
Sugar and other groceries	-0.6	-0.5
Meat and dairy products	-1.1	-0.7
Bakery products	-14.1	-15.8
Candy	+0.4	-2.7
Beverages	-5.1	-6.8
Tobacco	-1.2	-1.8
Water, light and power	-3.6	-4.4
Total	-3.6	-4.4

Months.	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.	1931 Under 1930.
January	7,439,888,000	8,021,749,000	7,585,334,000	6,637,064,000	7.3%
February	6,705,564,000	7,066,788,000	6,850,855,000	6,289,337,000	5.1%
March	7,381,004,000	7,580,335,000	7,380,263,000	6,632,542,000	2.6%
April	7,193,691,000	7,416,191,000	7,285,359,000	6,256,581,000	3.0%
May	7,183,841,000	7,494,807,000	7,486,635,000	6,552,375,000	4.2%
June	7,057,029,000	7,239,697,000	7,320,279,000	6,454,379,000	2.5%
July	7,222,869,000	7,363,730,000	7,484,727,000	6,570,110,000	1.9%
August	7,144,840,000	7,391,196,000	7,773,878,000	6,944,976,000	3.3%
September	7,042,783,000	7,337,106,000	7,523,395,000	6,724,148,000	4.0%
October	7,256,279,000	7,718,787,000	8,133,485,000	7,360,489,000	6.0%
November	6,913,615,000	7,270,112,000	7,681,822,000	7,174,145,000	4.9%
December	7,240,000,000	7,566,601,000	7,871,121,000	7,233,488,000	4.3%
Total year	85,700,000,000	89,467,099,000	90,277,153,000	80,829,833,000	4.2%

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

Building Trades Unions in Elmira, N. Y. Take Voluntary Wage Cuts.

Associated Press advices from Elmira, N. Y., Jan. 30, said: The building trades unions of the painters, tinner, plumbers and lathers followed that of the carpenters to-day in announcing voluntary wage cuts ranging from \$1 to \$1.50 a day. Although they have contracts with builders that do not expire until April 1, the unions agreed to make the reduction retroactive.

Hartford, Conn. Employers Cut Builders' Wages 25%—Act after Union Refuses to Agree to Voluntary Reduction.

A dispatch, Feb. 2, from Hartford, Conn. to the New York "Times" said:

Reductions in the prevailing wage scales of about 25% were to-day announced by the Master Builders of Hartford to go into effect on March 1 and to affect 10 types of skilled and unskilled laborers. The reductions were made only after the Northern Connecticut trades unions, with one exception, refused to accept voluntary cuts. The carpenters' union had agreed to a reduction to be decided upon by conference.

Masons will be cut from \$12 to \$9, carpenters from \$10 to \$7.50, tile setters from \$7 to \$5 and iron workers from \$11 to \$9 under the reduction scale.

Officials of the Master Builders said that union mechanics have been migrating to other Connecticut cities and working on non-union jobs for much lower wages than the Hartford scale and would have agreed to a substantial decrease if they had not feared being penalized by the unions.

Building Trades Council in Pittsburgh Declines to Accept 25% Reduction—Carpenters' Union to Accept Less Pay.

From Pittsburgh advices to the "Wall Street Journal" of Feb. 2 said:

The Building Trades Council has declined to accept a 25% reduction in wages, effective to-day, F. O. Reed of the Building Trades Employers Association said.

The Carpenters Union is understood to have agreed to take \$2 a day less.

Chicago Builders Fail—Receivers Appointed for Mills & Sons, Developers.

A Chicago dispatch, Feb. 8, is taken as follows from the New York "Times":

Receivers were appointed to-day by Federal Judge George A. Carpenter for Mills & Sons, promoters of Westwood and building developers. Laurence H. Mills, secretary of the company, and William W. Wheelock, an attorney, were named by the court. The application was filed by the Hydraulic Press Brick Co. of St. Louis, one of half a hundred unsecured creditors.

The Westwood development is in Elmwood Park, a suburb, and involves in the neighborhood of \$25,000,000. It comprises 250 acres and had a population of more than 6,000 in 1930. Most of the homes were financed by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. and the Western & Southern Life Insurance Co. of Cincinnati.

Minnesota Building Employers to Cut Wages 15%.

A dispatch, Feb. 6, from St. Paul to the New York "Evening Post" said:

Minnesota building employers to-day announced a general reduction in wages of 15%. This cut will apply to men employed in the building trades.

L. H. Sault, President of the Builders' Association, said the cut was decided upon as a means to stimulate private building which has dropped to a new low record volume for the last 15 years.

Building Trades Employers' Association in New York Adopt New Scale Cutting Wages 25 to 30%—Association, Embracing Thirty Groups, to Enforce Slash May 1—Unions Asked 9% Drop—Rates Called Advance Over Present "Bootleg" Wages—Rejection of Proposed Cut by Unions.

The Building Trades Employers' Association, embracing thirty trade bodies employing in excess of 115,000 workmen in the greater city and Long Island area, unanimously adopted a definite wage scale for the industry on Feb. 3, carrying reductions of 25 to 30% from the current schedules. A move toward this end was taken at the recent convention of the Association, as was indicated in our issue of Jan. 30, page 754. As to the action by the Association on Feb. 3,

Production of Electricity in the United States During the Week Ended Feb. 6 1932 Declined 5.4% as Compared With Corresponding Period in 1931.

The production of electricity by the electric light and power industry of the United States for the week ended Saturday, Feb. 6, was 1,588,853,000 kwh., according to the National Electrical Light Association. The Atlantic seaboard shows a decrease of 1.1% from the corresponding week last year, and New England, taken alone, shows a decrease 2.3%. The central industrial region, outlined by Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, St. Louis and Milwaukee, registers, as a whole, a decrease of 7.8%, while the Chicago district, alone, shows a decrease of 3.5%. The Pacific Coast shows a decline of 5.5% below last year.

Arranged in tabular form, the output in kilowatt hours of the light and power companies for recent weeks and by calendar months since the beginning of 1931, according to the National Electric Light Association, is as follows:

Weeks Ended	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.	1931 Under 1930.
Sept 5	1,635,623,000	1,630,081,000	1,674,588,000	1,484,000,000	4.1%
Sept 12	1,582,267,000	1,726,800,000	1,806,259,000	1,604,000,000	3.4%
Sept 19	1,682,660,000	1,722,059,000	1,792,131,000	1,614,000,000	3.2%
Sept 26	1,660,204,000	1,714,201,000	1,777,854,000	1,623,000,000	3.8%
Oct 3	1,545,587,000	1,711,123,000	1,819,276,000	1,637,000,000	3.2%
Oct 10	1,653,369,000	1,723,876,000	1,806,403,000	1,651,000,000	4.1%
Oct 17	1,656,051,000	1,729,377,000	1,798,633,000	1,665,000,000	4.2%
Oct 24	1,646,531,000	1,747,353,000	1,824,160,000	1,678,000,000	5.8%
Oct 31	1,651,792,000	1,741,295,000	1,815,749,000	1,688,000,000	5.1%
Nov 7	1,628,147,000	1,728,210,000	1,798,164,000	1,697,000,000	5.2%
Nov 14	1,623,151,000	1,712,727,000	1,793,584,000	1,696,000,000	5.2%
Nov 21	1,655,051,000	1,721,501,000	1,818,169,000	1,701,000,000	5.3%
Nov 28	1,599,980,000	1,671,787,000	1,718,022,000	1,619,000,000	4.3%
Dec 5	1,671,466,000	1,746,934,000	1,806,225,000	1,706,000,000	4.3%
Dec 12	1,671,717,000	1,748,109,000	1,840,863,000	1,716,000,000	4.4%
Dec 19	1,675,653,000	1,769,944,000	1,860,021,000	1,710,000,000	5.3%
Dec 26	1,564,652,000	1,617,212,000	1,637,683,000	1,527,000,000	3.3%
				1932	
				1931.	
Jan. 2	1,523,652,000	1,597,454,000	1,680,289,000	1,542,000,000	4.6%
Jan. 9	1,619,265,000	1,713,508,000	1,816,307,000	1,733,810,000	5.5%
Jan. 16	1,602,482,000	1,716,822,000	1,833,500,000	1,736,729,000	1.7%
Jan. 23	1,598,201,000	1,712,785,000	1,825,969,000	1,717,315,000	6.7%
Jan. 30	1,588,967,000	1,687,180,000	1,809,049,000	1,728,203,000	5.8%
Feb. 6	1,588,853,000	1,679,016,000	1,781,583,000	1,726,161,000	5.4%

we quote the following from the New York "Herald Tribune" of Feb. 4:

The new rates are to become effective May 1, when the present agreement between the labor organizations and the employers expires, and is to continue until Dec. 31 1933.

The builders had announced their intention of proposing such a wage cut to the labor bodies two weeks ago, declaring that representatives of the thirty trade groups in the association would vote finally on the proposal yesterday. The union leaders headed by John Halkett, President of the Building Trades Council, had suggested some time ago that a reduction of around 9% might be acceptable to the workers, a proposal which the employers rejected. It was expected that the union officials would offer another proposition as a compromise measure before the final action yesterday. This, however, failed to materialize.

Conferences Believed Likely.

There were intimations that there may be conferences between the labor leaders and the employers before May 1 to arrange some sort of contract on the wage schedule, for unless they do the scale will go into effect without any formal understanding between the two sides, a situation which both dislike.

Following the voting at the offices of the association at 2 Park Avenue, Christian G. Norman, Chairman of the Board of Governors, said the new schedule would undoubtedly give impetus to building, provide more jobs and bring stability to the industry. It was explained that the proposed schedule, while theoretically a reduction from the previous contracted scale, was in reality an increase over the current wages in the industry, for it had long been known that the so-called "bootleg" labor employed in the trade was accepting wages much below the proposed scale.

"It is our belief," said Mr. Norman, "that the wage scale unanimously adopted as fair for the building trades for the period from May 1 1932 to Dec. 31 1933, will do much to stabilize conditions and to eliminate the bootlegging that has been going on the last year under wages very much lower than this new scale. It is general knowledge that bricklayers, plasterers and carpenters, whose daily wage under the proposed new scale is around \$15, have been working for \$7 and \$8 a day during the depression.

"We trust to the co-operation of organized labor in making the wage rates effective and bringing the wages up to this scale. We have ordered all our members to pay these rates from May 1 on.

Old and New Wage Rates.

The full new scale, compared with the old rate, for an eight-hour day, unless otherwise stated, follows:

Trade—	Proposed New Rate.	Old Rate.	Trade—	Proposed New Rate.	Old Rate.
Asbestos workers and insulators.....	\$10.00	\$13.20	Mosaic and terrazzo workers.....	10.00	13.20
Asbestos apprentices.....			Mosaic and terrazzo workers' helpers.....	7.00	9.90
First year.....	3.00	*	Painters and decorators.....	10.00	13.20
Second year.....	4.00	*	Painters (priming and varnishing in shops).....	8.00	*
Third year.....	5.00	*	Painters (old and maintenance work).....	8.00	*
Fourth year.....	6.00	*	Plasterers.....	10.00	15.40
Asbestos workers and insulators' helpers.....	7.00	9.90	Plasterers' helpers.....	7.00	10.75
Bricklayers.....	12.00	15.40	Plumbers.....	10.00	13.20
Bricklayers' helpers.....	7.00	9.90	Riggers.....	10.00	*
Carpenters.....	10.00	13.20	Sheet metal workers.....	10.00	13.20
Carpenters (mill work in shops).....	8.00	*	Apprentices (wkly. rate)—		
Cement masons.....	10.00	13.20	First period.....	13.50	*
Cement & concrete workers (laborers).....	6.50	9.35	Second period.....	15.75	*
Composition roofers and waterproofers.....	9.00	12.10	Third period.....	18.00	*
Derrikmen and riggers (stone).....	9.00	12.10	Fourth period.....	20.25	*
Engineers (hoisting).....	12.00	15.40	Fifth period.....	22.50	*
Engineers (on house cars).....	11.00	14.85	Sixth period.....	24.75	*
Electricians.....	1.00	13.20	Seventh period.....	27.00	*
Elevator constructors.....	10.00	13.20	Eighth period.....	30.00	*
Elevator constructors' helpers.....	7.00	9.90	Ninth period.....	33.00	*
Glass workers, decorative (on erection work).....	10.00	13.20	Tenth period.....	36.00	*
Glass workers, decorative (in shops).....	8.00	*	Steam & hot water fitters.....	10.00	13.20
Glaziers.....	10.00	13.20	Steam & hot water fitters' helpers.....	7.00	9.90
Housesmiths (structural).....	12.00	15.40	Stone carvers.....	12.00	15.50
Housesmiths, finishers.....	10.00	13.20	Stone setters.....	12.00	15.40
Housesmiths, finishers' helpers.....	7.00	9.90	Stone cutters.....	10.00	13.50
House shorers and sheath pilers.....	8.00	13.20	Stone planners.....	9.00	12.50
House shorers' and sheath pilers' helpers.....	no rate	*	Stone bedrubbers (large side).....	8.50	11.55
Marble carvers.....	11.00	14.50	Stone bedrubbers (rear side).....	8.00	10.45
Marble helpers, etc.....	8.00	10.45	Stone circular, diamond and gang sawyers.....	7.50	9.84
Marble cutters and setters.....	10.00	13.50	Stone crane operators.....	7.00	9.46
Marble polishers, bedrubbers and sawyers.....	9.00	12.10	Stone handrubbers and helpers.....	6.50	9.13
Metallc lathers.....	10.00	13.20	Slate and tile roofers.....	11.00	14.85
Millwrights.....	10.00	13.20	Slate and tile roofers' helpers.....	5.40	*
			Tile layers.....	10.00	13.50
			Tile layers' helpers.....	7.00	1.00

* No old rate.

Work Acceleration Expected.

Mr. Norman pointed out that 50% of the cost in construction generally was labor, and that the proposed rates would accelerate public works, utility construction, monumental activities and similar enterprises. There was no intent in the revisions to reduce the standards of living, a matter which has automatically adjusted itself through general reductions in costs.

The association, Mr. Norman announced, also discussed the proposed bill for licensing contractors sponsored by the Lien Law Revision and Enforcement Association, of which Albert A. Alles Jr., Executive Secretary of the association, is the author. The proposed bill has been referred to the thirty trade bodies in the Building Trades Employers' Association for approval, and their decisions are expected before the close of this week.

The bill is scheduled to be placed before the Legislature by Assemblyman D. Mallory Stephens, Chairman of the Joint Legislative Commission investigating the lien laws, next Monday. Its provisions generally are aimed at eliminating the fly-by-night and irresponsible elements from the building industry which have caused losses of \$50,000,000 to \$10,000,000 within the last few years to investors.

The executive committee of the Building Trades Council of Greater New York, Long Island and vicinity, on behalf of about 115,000 building trades mechanics and their assistants, voted on Feb. 9 to reject "absolutely and unqualifiedly" the proposal of the Building Trades Employers' Association that the workers take a wage reduction of 25 to 30% beginning May 1. With regard to the action of the unions, the New York "Times" of Feb. 10, said:

At the office of the employers' association, 2 Park Avenue, O. G. Norman, Chairman of the Board of Governors, said he was not disturbed by the action

of the employees and that the new wage scale would go into effect on May 1. He declared the unions had had several months to consider the employers' proposal and that the time had expired last Wednesday, when his association decided to act.

Announcement of the action of the 85 unions in the Building Trades Council, as represented yesterday by more than 350 delegates at a weekly meeting held at 158 Third Avenue, was made by John Halkett, President of the employees' organization. He indicated that the unions would be ready to consider discussing restoration of the wage scale to the basis of 1929, when a 10% increase went into effect. He scoffed at the possibility of a general strike on May 1, but said the delegates yesterday had been "too angry" to give much consideration to the 25 to 30% wage reduction proposal.

"The Council absolutely and unqualifiedly rejected the proposal as conveyed to us in the public press," Mr. Halkett said after the meeting.

"The Building Trades Council was asked to co-operate with the Building Trades Employers Association in granting a wage reduction so that the building industry may be stimulated. We are ready to co-operate with that end in view, but we cannot under any condition consider such a drastic proposition.

"Our co-operation, which has extended over a period of 30 years—in fact during the entire life of the plan of arbitration that makes our contractual relations possible—will still maintain. Further reiteration on my part is not necessary to expose more positively the determination of our members to oppose any such drastic wage reduction.

"Our harmonious relations have not been disturbed by this question and none of our contracts have been interfered with. These relations will continue during the life of the existing agreement, by which time we hope that other agreements will have been made and that our friendly relations will continue."

It became known that the bricklayers, whose contract also will expire on May 1 and who are not in Mr. Halkett's organization, had asked the Mason Building Employers' Association for a six-hour day at the present scale of \$15.40 a day. The employers did not consider the proposal a serious one and made no reply to it.

Further Recession Noted in General Level of Trade and Industry in St. Louis Federal Reserve District During December.

"December was marked by a further recession in the general level of trade and industry in the Eighth (St. Louis) District," says the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, "the closing weeks of that month witnessing the lowest point reached in the present depression." The Bank, in its Jan. 30 "Monthly Review," further reviews conditions in its district as follows:

With the exception of department stores and some specialized branches of the retail distribution affected by the Christmas holiday trade, all lines of industry and merchandising investigated by this bank showed declines from November to December, and universally there were decreases as contrasted with the same period in 1930 and the average during the past several years. Similarly the record for 1931 discloses a substantial contraction in the volume of business as compared with the preceding 12 months, and the average during the past decade. The increase in volume of retail trade from November to December was somewhat greater than usual, due, however, more to the poor showing made in November than to an extraordinary demand for merchandise. As has been the case throughout the present season, the volume of distribution of a broad variety of goods was held down by the unseasonably high temperatures.

The output of manufacturers showed more than the usual seasonal contraction, particularly so in case of iron and steel, lumber, and the entire category of building materials. Distribution of automobiles decreased sharply in December as compared with November, and for the fourth consecutive month was smaller than during the corresponding period a year earlier. There was also a decrease in production of bituminous coal, lead and zinc and other mining products. Following the advance in prices of grain and other farm products of mid-October, a reaction downward took place in November, and extended through December, eliminating a considerable part of the advantage gained. The price of pig iron declined \$1 per ton, iron and steel scrap from \$1 to \$3 a ton, and there were downward revisions of greater or lesser degree in a number of other important raw and finished materials. An increase in unemployment of somewhat greater than the usual seasonal proportions took place in December. In all sections of the district the surplus of farm labor is larger than at any similar period in recent years.

Since Jan. 1 noticeable improvement has taken place in several of the most important manufacturing and wholesaling lines, among them boots and shoes, dry goods, hardware, drugs and chemicals, and groceries. While ordering is almost exclusively confined to goods for immediate or reasonably prompt delivery, the character of the buying indicates actual needs for merchandise. Manufacturers of iron and steel and other commodities of the heavier and more permanent sort report an increased volume of inquiries, and specifications on goods previously acquired are being released more freely than in December. Reports from the retail trade relative to results of special sales conducted since the holidays reflect rather spotted conditions. Failure to achieve greater success in many such sales was due partly to the incomplete assortments and the narrow variety of goods exhibited. The inventorying period developed generally small stocks in the hands of both retail and wholesale interests and manufacturers. In the immediate past there has been more evidence of a disposition to replenish and replace stocks than noted in a number of months.

As reflected in sales of department stores in the leading cities of the district, the volume of retail trade in December was 48.3% greater than in November, but 12.6% less than in December 1930. For the year, sales of these stores showed a decrease of 12.7% under the 1930 total. Combined sales of all wholesaling and jobbing firms reporting to this bank were 37% smaller in December than in November, and 19% less than in December 1930; for 1931 aggregate sales of these firms fell 16% below the total for the preceding 12 months. The value of permits issued for new buildings in the five largest cities of the district in December was more than 5½ times larger than in November, but 18% less than in December 1930; for the year the total value was approximately one-fourth smaller than in 1930, and 45% under the average during the past nine years. Construction contracts let in the Eighth District in December were about twice as large as in November and 34% less than in December 1930. The total in 1931 was 42% smaller than in 1930 and 48% less than the average during the past seven years. Debits to checking accounts in December were one-fifth smaller than in November and 13% less than in December 1930; the total for 1931 was smaller by slightly more than one-fifth than in 1930. The amount of savings accounts in selected banks decreased slightly between Dec. 2 and Jan. 6, and on the latter date were 6% less than on the corresponding date in 1931.

The steady decline in the volume of freight handled by railroads in this district, which began early in the fall, continued through December with the result that their total car loadings for the year fell sharply below those during the preceding several years. Since the first week of January a moderate increase in loadings was reported, but the volume was still considerably below that of the corresponding period a year and two years earlier. The unbroken mild weather tended to hold down the movement of seasonal commodities, particularly coal and coke. For the country as a whole loadings of revenue freight in 1931 totaled 37,272,371 cars against 45,877,974 cars in 1930 and 52,872,927 cars in 1929. The St. Louis Terminal Railway Association, which handles interchanges for 28 connecting lines, interchanged 127,313 loads in December, the smallest for any month in more than 10 years, and comparing with 132,895 loads in November and 156,424 loads in December 1930. In 1931 there were 1,976,645 loads interchanged against 2,356,983 loads in 1930 and 2,843,203 loads in 1929. During the first nine days of January the interchange amounted to 40,199 loads against 40,976 loads during the corresponding period in December and 47,502 loads during the first nine days of January 1931. Passenger traffic of the reporting roads in December decreased 38% as compared with the same month in 1930. Estimated tonnage of the Federal Barge Line between St. Louis and New Orleans in December was 166,000 tons, against \$6,348 tons in November and 107,507 tons in December 1930. Tonnage handled during 1931 totaled 1,168,296 tons against 1,149,374 tons in 1930, and 1,292,881 tons in 1929.

Reports relative to collections reflect little change from the general status which has existed during the past several months. January settlements with wholesalers in the leading distributive centers compare favorably as a whole with the corresponding period last year, though considerable irregularity exists, and actual credit losses are large as compared with the average during the past decade. In lines dealing in merchandise for ordinary consumption, collections are much better than in the case of the heavier and more permanent classifications. In the cotton, rice and tobacco areas payments are not up to the seasonal level, due to low prices of these products and a disposition on the part of farmers to hold for more favorable markets. City retailers report payments in December backward, but note some improvement since the first of this year. Answers to questionnaires addressed to representative interests in the several lines scattered through the district show the following results:

	Excellent.	Good.	Fair.	Poor.
December 1931	2.0%	21.4%	56.2%	20.4%
November 1931	18.5	67.5	14.0	
December 1930	12.7	63.5	23.8	

Commercial failures in the Eighth Federal Reserve District in December numbered 168, involving liabilities of \$4,786,681 against 117 failures in November with liabilities of \$3,357,116, and 131 defaults for a total of \$10,609,767 in December 1930. In 1931 there were 1,676 failures with liabilities of \$41,037,704 against 1,517 failures involving liabilities of \$48,948,234 in 1930 and 1,420 defaults for a total of \$25,432,558 in 1929.

Mixed Trends in Evidence in Dallas Federal Reserve District Business and Industry During December—Decreases Reported in Wholesale and Retail Trade as Compared with December 1930.

In its District summary the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas states that mixed trends in business and industry in the Eleventh (Dallas) Federal Reserve District were in evidence during the closing month of 1931. The District summary, as given in the Bank's "Monthly Business Review" dated Feb. 1, continues:

Sales of department stores in larger centers reflected a larger than usual seasonal increase between November and December, and the decrease from the corresponding month of a year ago was smaller than in the three preceding months. While a stronger consumer demand for merchandise in certain rural sections necessitated frequent reorders in some lines of wholesale trade, the desire of retailers to close the year with small inventories reduced purchases at wholesale to a minimum in the normally quiet month. Wholesale distribution reflected a substantial seasonal decline from the previous month, and continued considerably smaller than a year ago.

At the year-end there was an increase in business failures in this district. Both the number of failures and the amount of indebtedness involved showed a considerable increase as compared to the previous month, and the corresponding month of 1930.

The loans of reserve city banks reflected a steady decline during December, but their investments were increased by a substantial amount. Federal Reserve Bank loans to member banks ran off rapidly during the final two weeks of the year, but the first half of January witnessed a gradual increase in these loans, with the result that the total on Jan. 15 amounted to \$16,572,000, or only \$3,078,000 less than a month earlier. On the corresponding date last year these loans totaled \$5,021,000. The combined net demand and time deposits of member banks averaged \$677,029,000 in December, which was \$10,669,000 less than in November, and \$132,994,000 below December 1930. The latter comparison was more favorable than in the two preceding months.

The agricultural situation has been greatly improved by the widespread rains during December and early January, which placed a deep subsoil season in the ground in all sections of the district. While land preparation is behind schedule in some areas, this handicap can be overcome in a short time with the advent of dry weather. Stimulated by ample moisture and moderate temperatures, small grains have grown rapidly and are mostly in good condition. Vegetable crops have likewise made good progress. Weather and moisture conditions have been favorable for ranges and livestock, and animals are going through the winter in good condition. In most sections there is ample feed available for livestock at a low cost. Livestock prices have continued downward.

Construction activity reached a new low level in December. The valuation of permits issued at principal cities reflected a substantial decline as compared with both the previous month and the corresponding month of 1930.

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

Wholesale Trade.

A further recession occurred in the distribution of merchandise through wholesale channels in the Eleventh District during December, as evidenced by the fact that all reporting lines except hardware reflected material decreases from the previous month. As compared with December 1930, there were declines ranging from 13.1% in the case of dry goods to 80.7% in the case of farm implements. While the reduced sales volume was to a large extent seasonal, being characteristic of the year end period, other factors operated to bring about a more pronounced decrease in some lines

than is usual in December. Business was retarded by somewhat excessive rainfall, and by the evident intention of merchants to keep their inventories at the lowest practicable level. Aggregate sales during the last half of the year, as compared with the same period in 1930, reflected declines varying from 15.9% to 58.1%. In the case of all lines except hardware, the December volume of collections was seasonally smaller than that of November.

A material shrinkage, which is usual in December, was reflected in the demand for dry goods at wholesale in this district. The month's business was 45.8% under the November volume, and showed a decrease of 13.1% as compared with December 1930. Inventories at both wholesale and retail establishments were comparatively small at the year-end; thus any improvement in consumer buying will be reflected in wholesale distribution. Collections showed a seasonal decline from the previous month.

A further decrease, in part seasonal, was registered in the distribution of drugs at wholesale during December. Total sales of reporting firms during the month were 9.1% less than in November, and showed a reduction of 20.2% as compared with December 1930. Business during the last half of 1931 was on a scale 17.4% smaller than in the same period in 1930. While collections declined 8.8% as compared with November, there was a corresponding reduction in the volume of accounts outstanding.

The demand for hardware in this district during December was somewhat spotty, being fairly strong in several sections but slow in others. Sales were 0.2% higher than in November, but 24.9% below the volume of December 1930. The dollar volume of distribution during the last six months in 1931 reflected a decrease of 29.2% as compared with the same period in the previous year. December collections were 2% larger than the total in November.

Reflecting in part the disposition of retailers to maintain their stocks at a minimum until after inventory time, the business of wholesale grocery firms in December declined 18.3% from the previous month, and was 16.7% below the volume of the same month a year ago. Inventories on the last day of the year were 7.7% smaller than at the close of November, and 20% less than on Dec. 31 1930. Prices showed a further downward tendency. The amount of collections was 2.6% below that of November.

While a further decrease of 21.2%, contrary to seasonal trend, was reflected in the sales of wholesale farm implement firms during December, the comparison with the corresponding month in 1930 was slightly more favorable than in November. Business during the month of December was 80.7% less than a year ago, and for the period from July 1 to Dec. 31 reflected a reduction of 58.1% from the total of the same period in 1930. December witnessed a partly seasonal decline in collections.

CONDITION OF WHOLESALE TRADE DURING DEC. 1931.
Percentage of increase or decrease in

	Net Sales Dec. 1931 Compared With		Net Sales July 1 to Date Compared With Same Period Last Year.	Stocks Dec. 1931 Compared With		Ratio of Collections During Dec. to Accounts and Notes Outstanding on Nov. 30.
	Dec. 1930.	Nov. 1931.		Dec. 1930.	Nov. 1931.	
Groceries	-16.7	-18.3	-15.9	-2.0	-7.7	61.7
Dry goods	-13.1	-45.8	-23.1	-37.6	-11.7	28.4
Farm implements	-80.7	-21.2	-58.1	-----	-----	3.9
Hardware	-24.9	+0.2	-20.2	-14.5	-1.0	34.3
Drugs	-20.2	-9.1	-17.4	-14.7	-2.9	35.0

Retail Trade.

The volume of merchandise distribution during December at department stores in principal cities of the Eleventh District reflected a larger than usual seasonal increase over the previous month, and while a further recession was evidenced as compared with the corresponding month of 1930, the comparison was again more favorable than that a month earlier. December sales of merchandise were 52.9% above those in November, but 20.5% less than in the final month of 1930. Although the dollar volume of sales during the entire year of 1931 showed a decline of 16.7% from that in 1930, the recession in the general price level was a factor of considerable importance.

The desire of merchants to close the year with as small a carryover as possible resulted in inventories held on Dec. 31 being the lowest for that month in many years. Stocks were 23.4% less than those a month earlier, and 19.3% below a year ago. The rate of stock turnover during 1931 was 3.02, as against 3.11 in 1930.

Collections reflected a small increase during the month. The ratio of December collections to accounts receivable on Dec. 1 was 33.1%, as compared with 32% in November, and 32.8% in December 1930.

Business Conditions in Michigan at Continued Slow Pace, According to Union Guardian Trust Co. of Detroit—Output of Automobile Shows Declining Tendency.

Michigan business continues at a slow pace, pending clarification of the competitive situation in the automotive industry, according to Carl F. Behrens, Economist of the Union Guardian Trust Co., a unit of the Guardian Detroit Union Group, Inc. Automobile output in the last two weeks has shown a declining tendency, the first in evidence since late in November when weekly assemblies totaled little more than 7,000 units, says Mr. Behrens under date of Feb. 8; he continues:

The present tendency is unusual in two respects, first, because output usually shows buoyant tendencies during the early part of the year up to April or May; and, second, because sales as evidenced by the New York and Detroit automobile show totals and by Wayne County deliveries during January have been satisfactorily larger for a number of the new models.

Analysis of the returns of the Trust Company's monthly questionnaire on business conditions in various sections of Michigan still indicates unsatisfactory business conditions in general throughout the State.

For the southeastern section, centered in Detroit, the reports show that in only three cities—Flint, Mt. Clemens and Jackson—was manufacturing activity greater than it was a year ago. Employment was also greater in these three cities and retail trade was equal to or better than that of last year at this time.

With reference to the outlook for manufacturing, employment and retail trade during the next month in this section, a substantial proportion of the replies indicates a probable improvement in conditions. Reports from Jackson are particularly optimistic in this regard.

After a substantial gain in Detroit industrial output during December, evidenced by a gain in this company's index from 39% of normal in Novem-

ber to 62% of normal in December, further easing tendencies were apparent in January. Retail trade in Detroit, as indicated by department store sales, was 62% greater in December than in November, an increase which compares with the 53% increase in the same period of 1930 and with a 38% increase in 1929.

Conditions in southwestern Michigan seem to have been less satisfactory on Jan. 25, the date of our questionnaire, than they were in southeastern Michigan. Winter dullness still exists in northern Michigan business areas where farming is the main enterprise. In the upper peninsula low lumber prices and unsatisfactory levels of copper and iron ore prices have had a very depressing effect on business. Copper mines are operating only ten days a month.

Rubber Shipments Increase.

Rubber shipments by Malaya during January amounted to 42,658 tons, compared with 35,741 tons exported by that producing country during December, the Rubber Exchange of New York, Inc., was advised by cable on Feb. 1. A reduction in freight rates on rubber from Malaya to New York early in January explained the small December shipments and the subsequent increase, according to the trade.

January exports by Ceylon were smaller, being 4,568 tons, against 6,891 tons in December. Of this total 3,029 tons were exported to the United States, compared with 4,866 tons in December.

Lumber Production, as Reported by an Average of 598 Mills, Approximately 42% Below Corresponding Period Last Year—Shipments 32% Lower—Orders Show a Decline of 31%.

We give herewith data of identical mills for the four weeks ended Jan. 30 1932, as reported by the National Lumber Manufacturers Association:

An average of 598 mills reported as follows to the National Lumber Trade Barometer for the four weeks ended Jan. 30 1932:

Figures in Million Board Feet.	Production—1932.	1931.	Shipments—1932.	1931.	Orders Received—1932.	1931.
Softwoods	338,079	585,232	480,232	722,457	498,065	736,174
Hardwoods	32,979	67,700	56,472	69,015	57,462	74,648
Total	371,058	652,932	536,704	791,472	555,527	810,822

Production in the four weeks of January 1932 was 42% below corresponding weeks of 1931, as reported by these mills, and 59.5% below the record of comparable mills for the same period of 1930. 1932 softwood cut was 42% below that of the same weeks of 1931 and hardwood cut was 51% below 1931.

Shipments in the first four weeks of 1932 were 32% below those of corresponding weeks in 1931, softwoods showing 34% decline and hardwoods 18% decline.

Orders received during the four weeks of 1932 were 31% below those of corresponding weeks of 1931 and 46.2% below corresponding weeks of 1930. Softwoods showed decline of 32% in 1932 compared with 1931 and hardwoods 23% decline.

The production of the reporting mills in the four weeks ended Jan. 30 1932 was only 20% of their rated capacity and 38% of their three-year average production (1929-30-31).

On Jan. 30 1932 gross stocks as reported by 353 softwood mills were 3,813,480,000 feet, or the equivalent of 105 days' average production of the reporting mills, as compared with 4,542,184,000 feet on Jan. 31 1931, the equivalent of 125 days' average production.

On Jan. 30 1932 unfilled orders as reported by 538 mills (cutting either softwoods or hardwoods or both) were 544,367,000 feet, or the equivalent of 13 days' average production, as compared with 790,559,000 feet on Jan. 31 1931, the equivalent of 19 days' average production.

West Coast Lumbermen's Association Weekly Report.

According to the West Coast Lumbermen's Association, reports from 217 mills show that for the week ended Jan. 30 1932 a total of 58,971,996 feet of lumber, were produced, 80,564,473 feet ordered and 71,232,334 feet shipped. This compares with 58,222,428 feet produced, 71,879,577 feet ordered and 69,001,666 feet shipped in the preceding week. The Association's statement follows:

WEEKLY REPORT OF PRODUCTION, ORDERS AND SHIPMENTS.

217 mills report for week ended Jan. 30 1932.

(All mills reporting production, orders and shipments for last week.)

Production	58,971,996 (feet (100%))
Orders	80,564,473 feet (36.61% over production)
Shipments	71,232,334 feet (20.79% over production)

COMPARISON OF CURRENT AND PAST PRODUCTION AND WEEKLY OPERATING CAPACITY (324 IDENTICAL MILLS.)

(All mills reporting production for 1931 and 1932 to date.)

Actual production week ended Jan. 30 1932	67,123,519 feet
Average weekly production 4 weeks ended Jan. 30 1932	64,622,147 feet
Average weekly production during 1931	109,986,791 feet
Average weekly production last three years	162,310,329 feet
x Weekly operating capacity	290,772,000 feet
x Weekly operating capacity is based on average hourly production for the 12 last months preceding mill check and the normal number of operating hours per week.	

WEEK COMPARISON (IN FEET) FOR 217 IDENTICAL MILLS—1932.

(All mills whose reports of production, orders and shipments are complete for the last four weeks.)

Weeks Ended—	Jan. 30.	Jan. 23.	Jan. 16.	Jan. 9.
Production	58,971,996	58,222,428	56,355,148	53,825,289
Orders (100%)	80,564,473	71,879,577	68,531,901	59,646,113
Roll (28%)	22,305,569	22,893,654	18,974,640	16,939,349
Domestic cargo (42%)	34,322,477	28,253,350	24,673,364	28,503,600
Export (21%)	16,860,351	16,296,854	20,823,220	9,558,289
Local (9%)	7,076,076	4,435,219	4,055,877	4,644,875
Shipments (100%)	71,232,334	69,001,666	64,442,877	63,035,067
Roll (28%)	20,550,240	18,649,565	17,820,699	16,117,272
Domestic cargo (40%)	28,681,540	32,526,907	25,954,809	29,310,960
Export (21%)	14,924,478	13,389,975	16,611,692	12,961,960
Local (10%)	7,076,076	4,435,219	4,055,877	4,644,875
Unfilled orders (100%)	253,531,572	244,955,042	243,247,919	240,735,415
Roll (25%)	62,146,569	60,792,439	57,709,637	55,824,408
Domestic cargo (48%)	121,951,586	116,447,149	120,382,986	123,492,272
Export (27%)	69,433,417	67,715,454	64,655,296	61,418,735

204 IDENTICAL MILLS.

All mills whose reports of production, orders and shipments are complete for 1931 and 1932 to date.)

	Week Ended Jan. 30 '32.	Average 4 Weeks Ended Jan. 30 '32.	Average 4 Weeks Ended Jan. 31 '31.
Production (feet)	58,065,996	55,745,439	88,720,295
Orders (feet)	79,632,269	68,149,715	99,389,792
Shipments (feet)	70,461,723	66,423,531	97,010,239

DOMESTIC CARGO DISTRIBUTION WEEK ENDED JAN. 30 1932 (98 mills).

	Orders on Hand Beginning Week Jan. 30 '32.	Orders Received.	Cancel-lation Ad-justments.	Ship-ments.	Unfilled Orders Week Ended Jan. 30 '32.
Washington & Oregon (90 Mills)—	Feet.	Feet.	Feet.	Feet.	Feet.
California (59 mills)	29,972,244	8,806,699	457,780	6,479,969	31,841,104
Atlantic Coast (80 mills)	68,679,938	18,322,778	713,841	17,976,146	68,312,729
Miscellaneous (25 mills)	6,044,112	4,552,000	977,121	658,000	11,025,233
Total Wash. & Oregon Reporting domes. cargo only (2 mills)	104,696,294	31,681,477	194,500	25,004,115	111,179,166
Totals	1,839,410	409,000	None	1,756,425	491,985
Totals	106,535,704	32,090,477	194,500	26,760,540	111,671,141
(Brit. Col. (8 Mills)—					
California (2 mills)	1,725,000	-----	-----	-----	1,725,000
Atlantic Coast (3 mills)	8,045,445	1,707,000	-----	1,921,000	7,831,445
Miscellaneous (3 mills)	199,000	525,000	-----	-----	724,000
Totals Brit. Columbia Reporting domes. cargo only	9,969,445	2,232,000	-----	1,921,000	10,280,445
Totals	None	None	None	None	None
Totals	9,969,445	2,232,000	-----	1,921,000	10,280,445
Totals domestic cargo	116,505,149	34,322,477	194,500	28,681,540	121,951,586

December 1931 Consumption of Crude Rubber in the United States by Manufacturers Declined 6.7% as Compared With the Corresponding Month in 1930—Imports Highest for Any Month Since April 1929—Inventories Show Gain of 60.6% Over Dec. 31 1930—Consumption During the Calendar Year 1931 Below That for 1930.

Imports of crude rubber for the month of December 1931 amounted to 51,931 long tons, the highest for any one month since April 1929, according to The Rubber Manufacturers Association. December arrivals were 18.7% greater than November this year, and 48.8% above December a year ago.

The Association reports that consumption of crude rubber by manufacturers in the United States for the month of December 1931 amounted to 21,409 long tons, making a total for the year of 348,986 long tons, as compared with 375,980 long tons for 1930. The December consumption shows a decrease of 6.7% as compared with November, although the seasonal decline for the previous five years for December under November has been 8.7%.

The Association estimates total domestic stocks of crude rubber on hand Dec. 31 1931 at 322,826 long tons, an increase of 10.4% over November this year and 60.6% over Dec. 31 1930. Crude rubber afloat for the United States ports on Dec. 31 1931 is estimated at 53,940 long tons as against 77,443 long tons on Nov. 30 1931 and 56,035 long tons on Dec. 31 1930.

Membership in Cotton Co-operatives Increased 49,365 in Past Year.

An increase of 49,365 in members of the cotton co-operative associations in the last year was announced at New Orleans on Jan. 29 by the American Cotton Co-operative Association, according to Associated Press accounts from New Orleans, which likewise said:

The organization reported 206,490 cotton growers enrolled in the eleven association affiliated with it, against 157,125 in January last year.

Memberships by association groups were announced as follows:

Group—	Members.	Group—	Members.
Alabama	35,746	North Carolina	13,439
California	770	Oklahoma	39,848
Georgia	13,472	South Carolina	5,622
Louisiana	12,813	Southwestern irrigated	1,089
Mid-South	19,567	Texas	41,036
Mississippi	23,007		

The Association said cotton delivered this season had reached 1,650,745 bales.

Price Fluctuation in Cotton Blamed on Speculation—Board to Regulate Dealing in Futures Urged by Representative Cross to House Committee.

Speculation was blamed for the wide fluctuations in the price of cotton by Representative Cross (Dem.), of Waco, Tex., Jan. 29, during his testimony before the House Committee on Agriculture which has under consideration proposals designed to regulate short selling on the cotton and grain exchanges. The "United States Daily" in indicating this, further reported:

At the same hearing, Nils. A. Olsen, chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the Department of Agriculture, requested the Committee to give him authority to study trading in cotton before recommending any form of legislation regulating speculation in futures trading on cotton exchanges.

He said he would not recommend any limit on either the volume of future purchases or sales until he knew more about the nature of cotton trading. Over a long period of time, he told the Committee, the price of cotton reflects supply and demand conditions.

Asked about the possibility of regulating the exchanges so that cotton could not be sold below the cost of production, Mr. Olsen explained that because supply and demand conditions determine price, it would be difficult to follow this suggestion. Production costs are difficult to determine, he commented.

Speculation was paralleled with gambling by Mr. Cross, who told the Committee he wanted to stop short selling so as to prevent manipulation of the market.

Representative Adkins (Rep.), of Decatur, Ill., asked Mr. Cross if he was in favor of legitimate "hedging." Mr. Cross said he is in favor of such activity.

Mr. Adkins suggested the difficulty of drawing a contract to protect the public from those who have no contract behind their trades, without limiting the facilities for hedging. Mr. Cross said he wanted a board to regulate cotton trading, similar to that which now regulates wheat trading.

Curtaiment of Cotton Production Deemed Highly Desirable by A. H. Garside of New York Cotton Exchange in View of Abnormally Large Supply—Would Use Released Acreage for Cultivation of Other Products—Estimates World Cotton Supply at 40,015,000 Bales—Last Season's Consumption 22,260,000 Bales.

The Southern cotton grower should unquestionably reduce his acreage greatly this year because of the abnormally large supplies and the current low rate of consumption of cotton, but curtailment of cotton acreage is not sound as a permanent program unless it is accompanied by diversification of farm products and higher yields of cotton per acre, in the opinion of Alston H. Garside, Economist of the New York Cotton Exchange. Statistics of world supply and world distribution of cotton in the last few years are advanced by Mr. Garside to support this point of view. Under date of Feb. 6 Mr. Garside said:

"You ask me whether I believe that curtailment of production is a sound policy for the Southern cotton grower. My answer is that curtailment of cotton acreage is certainly highly desirable this year in view of the abnormally large supply, and, provided that the cotton growers used the acreage released from cotton for the production of other farm products and cultivated the acreage left in cotton more intensively and obtained higher yields per acre, it would be sound policy as a permanent program.

"Experts in Southern agriculture tell me that if the Southern cotton grower practiced rotation of crops, fertilized adequately, and cultivated efficiently, he could produce twice as much cotton per acre as at present, on an average. They tell me that the land over a large part of the cotton belt has been robbed of its fertility during the past twenty or thirty years through failure to practice crop rotation and to apply the right kinds and right quantity of fertilizer. They point out that cotton growing is a seasonal occupation which requires intensive work at certain periods of the year but does not take up the growers' time during the rest of the year, and they state that on an average the cotton grower does not work more than perhaps 40 or 45% of the year. I think that it would be generally agreed that a manufacturer whose plant produced only half as much as it was capable of producing, whose machinery was allowed to deteriorate over a quarter of a century, and whose organization worked only forty or forty-five per cent of the year, could not hope to meet competition and stay in business.

"The greatest benefactors of the South are the agricultural schools, experiment stations, and the agencies of the Federal Department of Agriculture and State Departments of Agriculture which are pointing out to the Southern cotton grower the road to sound and lasting prosperity through intensive and diversified agriculture. If the Southern cotton grower will follow that road, he will have nothing whatever to fear from the competition of cotton growers in foreign countries. On the basis of a really intensive and diversified agriculture, the Southern cotton grower could produce cotton at a price with which the rest of the world could not compete."

As emphasizing the need of sharp curtailment this year, Mr. Garside points out that the total supply of all kinds of cotton in the world this season is 40,015,000 bales, compared with a previous maximum supply of 37,289,000, while world consumption last season was only 22,260,000 bales against a previous maximum of 25,650,000. World consumption is running this season at an appreciably higher rate than last season, and it seems probable that the total consumption this season will be one or two million bales more than last season, or around 23,000,000 to 24,000,000. However, even allowing for such increase in consumption, it appears evident that there will be around 16,000,000 bales of cotton in the world at the end of this season, as compared with a normal end-season stock of 10,000,000 or 11,000,000. Mr. Garside observes:

The unsoundness of endeavoring to restore the prosperity of the Southern cotton grower by permanent reduction of acreage in expectation of permanently supporting the price of cotton at a relatively high level is shown by statistics on consumption of American and foreign cottons in the past five years. In the 1926-27 and 1927-28 seasons American cotton was cheap in comparison with foreign cottons and in those two years the world used about 31,400,000 bales of American cotton against only 19,700,000 bales of foreign cotton, but in 1929-30 and 1930-31 American cotton was dear relative to foreign cottons and in those years the world used only 24,200,000 bales of American cotton compared with 22,900,000 bales of foreign cottons.

These figures are advanced by Mr. Garside to show that the spinners of the world can substitute American cotton for foreign cottons or vice versa to a tremendous extent and consequently the price of American cotton cannot be controlled

independently of the price of foreign cottons. He further observes:

At the present time, American cotton is selling much below normal relationships with most foreign cottons and this relative cheapness of the domestic staple is causing spinners to swing back again to American cotton from foreign growths to the extent of many hundreds of thousands of bales. Meanwhile, foreign production of cotton is very much reduced. The total crop of foreign cotton this season is estimated at only 9,346,000 bales compared with 11,881,000 two seasons ago, a reduction of about 2,500,000 bales.

These two factors in the world cotton situation are, in the opinion of Mr. Garside, of major importance as pointing toward a liquidation of the present excessive supplies of the American staple. If the great reduction in the growth of cotton abroad is followed by a heavy reduction in this country he says, great progress will be made toward rectifying the supply and demand balance in the world cotton trade and prices will be restored to reasonable levels sooner than might have seemed possible.

Continuing Demand Reported for American Cotton in Japan.

Associated Press advices from Washington, Feb. 6, said:

A continuing demand in Japan for American cotton was reported to-day in a Department of Agriculture survey of foreign markets.

Howard Donovan, United States Consul at Kobe, said there was a general opinion among importers that Japan might purchase 1,500,000 bales of American cotton if the price situation continued favorable.

Along with the increase in Japanese buying went a corresponding gain in Chinese purchases. The department in its survey said that during the six months ended December 1931, exports to the two countries amounted to 1,718,000 bales or 40% of total cotton exports from the United States.

The staple is used in the manufacture of munitions.

From Aug. 1 to Jan. 15, the department said, shipments of American cotton to Japan reached 1,097,000 bales, against 562,000 bales for the same period in the preceding cotton year.

China bought 672,000 bales in the period from July 1931, to the end of December, a heavy increase over the corresponding period the year before.

Consumption of Cotton, Wool, Silk and Rayon Consumed in the United States Increased in 1931.

A total of 3,562,000,000 pounds of cotton, wool, silk and rayon were consumed in the United States in 1931, in meeting the requirements of our domestic and export markets, according to the February issue of the "Textile Organon," published by the Tubize Chatillon Corp. This total compares with consumption of 4,554,000,000 pounds in the peak year of 1927, and with consumption of 3,401,000,000 pounds in 1930. In 1931 cotton consumption equalled 75.9% of the total; wool 17.7%; silk 2.2%, and rayon 4.2%. A comparative table follows:

CONSUMPTION OF COTTON, WOOL, SILK AND RAYON.
(Units are millions of pounds.)

Years—	Cotton.	Wool.	Silk.	Rayon.	Total.
1921.....	2703	650	42.8	18.3	3414
1922.....	3044	798	48.8	26.0	3917
1923.....	3261	788	47.4	37.5	4134
1924.....	2761	660	48.7	38.2	3508
1925.....	3216	646	66.9	54.8	3984
1926.....	3342	625	66.9	66.2	4100
1927.....	3703	677	73.5	100.4	4554
1928.....	3276	661	76.1	104.5	4118
1929.....	3525	720	82.5	132.2	4460
1930.....	2690	523	77.5	105.3	3401
1931.....	2702	631	79.3	150.1	3562

Total Stock of Indian Cotton on Dec. 31 1931, 3,923,000 Bales Compared With 3,543,000 Bales Year Before and 5,966,000 Bales in 1929.

The total stock of Indian cotton in all hands in India on Dec. 31 was only 3,923,000 bales, compared with 5,343,000 on the corresponding date last season and 5,966,000 two seasons ago, according to the New York Cotton Exchange Service. The small stock this year, it states, is due principally to the fact that the Indian crop is very short. It is tentatively estimated at 4,100,000 bales, compared with 5,731,000 last year and 6,222,000 two years ago. The Exchange Service, Feb. 9, also said:

Consumption by Indian mills is running at practically a record high rate, but exports by India are running much lower than in the past three seasons. The high rate of consumption by India reflects the tendency of that country, as expressed in political agitation and its tariff, to use Indian-made rather than foreign-made goods. The low rate of exports reflects the fact that Indian cotton is selling high relative to American cotton in European and Oriental markets and hence foreign spinners are reverting to American cotton from Indian on a large scale.

1931 Rayon Production and Consumption Breaks All Records—Inventories 5,000,000 Pounds Less Than End of Last Year.

Both production and consumption of rayon in the United States during 1931 broke all previous annual records, according to figures contained in a special issue of the "Textile Organon," published by Tubize Chatillon Corp. Consumption last year exceeded production, and including the

import excess, stocks of rayon at the close of last year were approximately 5,000,000 pounds less than the amount carried into 1931. With one exception, that of 1930, production has shown a steady annual increase from the output of 15,000,000 pounds reported in 1921. The "Textile Organon" further reports:

Rayon production last year, based upon figures covering 96% of the country's capacity, aggregated 143,900,000 pounds, an increase of 31% over 1930. Of the 1931 production, 87.8% was viscose and 12.2% was made by other processes. Consumption last year aggregated 150,100,000 pounds, an increase of 43% over 1930.

Stocks at the end of 1931 were in a sound position, amounting to about seven weeks' supply, an amount equal to the position which prevailed at the close of 1929. The ratio of stocks to production in 1931 showed a decline of 35% from that ratio in 1930.

Practically the entire increase in rayon consumption during 1931 was centered in the weaving field. This growth was not at the expense of knitting business, however, but represents a pure increment. Whereas the knitting trades used approximately 65,500,000 pounds during 1930 (62% of 105,300,000 pounds), this division took 71,000,000 pounds in 1931, or 47% of the year's output.

PRODUCTION, CONSUMPTION, PRODUCTION PLUS THE IMPORT BALANCE, AND THE ESTIMATED CHANGE IN DOMESTIC STOCKS AT THE CLOSE OF EACH YEAR—1921 TO 1931.
(In Thousands of Pounds.)

Years—	Production.	Consumption.	Produc. Plus Net Imports.	Change in Stocks.
1931.....	143,900	150,100	145,100	- 5,000
1930.....	110,000	105,300	115,304	+10,000
1929.....	119,500	132,250	135,227	+ 3,000
1928.....	97,900	104,500	110,538	+ 6,000
1927.....	75,555	100,500	91,391	- 9,000
1926.....	63,600	66,250	73,263	+ 7,000
1925.....	51,902	54,750	58,753	+ 4,000
1924.....	38,500	38,250	40,212	+ 2,000
1923.....	36,000	37,500	39,029	+ 1,500
1922.....	24,400	26,000	26,516	+ 500
1921.....	15,000	18,205	18,276	-----

Polish Coal Wages Cut 8%—Strike Averted as Miners Agree to Ballot on Arbitration Award—Savings to Go for Subsidy.

An 8% reduction of wages in the Polish coal industry came into force on Feb. 2, and a strike of the miners was called off pending the results of a ballot to be taken by the union the present week, the foregoing was reported in a Warsaw cablegram (Feb. 2) to the New York "Times" which said:

The reduction was decreed by the Government Arbitration Court, which rejected the coal mine owners' plea for a 21% cut. Neither the owners nor the miners were satisfied with this ruling, but a stoppage was averted.

The competitive power of Polish coal will be increased in the North European markets by the savings from the reduction in wages and from economic administration, to be pooled in a special fund to subsidize coal exports to Scandinavian countries, which lately have run at a loss, owing to the cheapness of British coal following the fall of sterling.

The government has subsidized the export of coal to the extent of 28 cents a ton since the beginning of October 1931. This government subsidy will be repaid.

Coal is one of the most important items of Polish export trade. Thirty-six per cent of the entire output goes abroad, and two-thirds of this has been sold in markets where the prices have recently dropped beneath the cost of production.

The Polish Government has many reasons to maintain coal exports, on which the prosperity of the new port of Gdynia largely depends. The Upper Silesia-Gdynia Railroad, built with a French loan, would be doomed to failure if it was unable to carry heavy loads of coal to the Baltic. In addition, about 40,000 miners would be thrown out of work.

It is believed improbable that the miners will reject the Arbitration Court's findings.

Strike Settled at Grace Line Pier—Longshoremen Return to Work When Company Restores Regular Pay Rate—No Agreement Signed—Union Altered Working Conditions Prior to Walkout.

An 11-day strike of union longshoremen at the Grace Line pier, in Brooklyn, was settled on Feb. 8 at a conference of steamship officials and the International Longshoremen's Assn. at the offices of the line, 10 Hanover Square. The strikers returned to the pier at 1 p. m. to load freight aboard the liner Santa Olivia, which sailed at 7 a. m. Feb. 9, nearly three days late, and to unload the liner Santa Barbara, which arrived Feb. 8 from Valparaiso and West Coast ports of South America with a cargo which consisted largely of perishable fruit. This information is taken from the New York "Times" of Feb. 9 which likewise said:

The longshoremen resumed work under the terms that prevailed on Jan. 27 when they quit work rather than accept a wage reduction of 15 cents per hour. The Grace Line refused to sign the agreement which the association holds with 104 ship operators but agreed to pay 85 cents per hour for a 44-hour week and \$1.20 per hour for overtime, as specified by the agreement. At the conference yesterday the union spokesmen refused to grant any concessions that were not held by other lines.

When word reached the pier that the strike was ended a squad of special policemen who had remained in the neighborhood to avert a clash between the strikers and men who were imported to unload incoming ships were withdrawn. The return of the men to their work was marked by no confusion and early in the afternoon they were moving the freight that had piled up during the strike. The liners Santa Ana and Santa Maria had left the pier without cargo while the men were away, it was said, and freight which was originally destined for their holds was loaded onto the Santa Olivia for delivery at Colon, Balboa, Canal Zone and Cristobal.

The Santa Olivia was to have sailed on Saturday and her departure was postponed to Sunday and then to yesterday. When the strikers went to the pier she was only partly loaded. It was decided again to postpone her sailing while a squad of about 100 longshoremen loaded her, continuing at the task throughout the night.

Joseph P. Ryan, President of the International Longshoremen's Assn., denied last night that the strike was halted on condition that the Grace Line be permitted to take its case to a committee of steamship men headed by Frederick Toppin, Vice-President of the International Mercantile Marine Co. Mr. Ryan said that the only condition was that the Grace Line grant the men the working conditions that are specified in the general agreement. He said the association was willing to discuss the case before the steamship committee and added that the Grace Line could have obtained such a hearing without a strike.

Mr. Ryan also announced that the association had altered its working agreement with the ship lines prior to the strike. At a conference on Jan. 18 Mr. Toppin asked Mr. Ryan to lower the compensation rate which the lines pay to longshoremen who are injured at work and to lower the minimum work which the lines must guarantee men who are employed at night. The Association subsequently agreed to reduce the compensation rate from \$20 to \$17.50 per week and reduce the minimum overtime from four to two hours. The ship lines and the union agreed in 1927 to fix a compensation rate rather than carry each case of injury into court. The minimum hour agreement was based on the fact that some men have a long distance to travel to the piers and often made the trip to find work for an hour or less.

A previous item regarding the strike appeared in our issue of Jan. 30, page 755.

Java to Reduce Sugar Output to 1,496,351 Tons—Cuban Producers Object to Cuts.

From the Hague, Holland, Feb. 10, Associated Press advices to the New York "Herald Tribune" said:

The Union of Java Sugar Producers informed the International Sugar Council to-day that production in 1933 will be reduced from 2,981,047 to 1,496,351 tons.

Some producers were considering more drastic restriction, and consequently production, it was said, would probably not exceed 1,400,000 tons.

The same paper carried the following (Associated Press) from Havana, Feb. 9:

The rift between Cuban and Eurasian sugar producers widened sharply to-day and it appeared that the Chadbourne plan of restriction was threatened with failure.

Java, backed up by other nations' delegates to the International Sugar Council, told the island that the 3,061,000-ton figure for her 1932 crop, set by the National Sugar Institute, was too high.

Meeting in extraordinary session, the Institute cabled a curt answer, in which the other signatories were told the figure of 2,369,000 tons advanced by them could not be considered.

"We protest," the cable said, "the criterion tending against Cuba that you sustain and we protest also your action in meeting and adopting resolutions in other than official sessions of the council and without the attendance of the Cuban delegates, since it is contrary to Article 4 of the international agreement."

New Low Levels Established on New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange in Week of Feb. 5—Lowest Quotation Registered for Sugar.

Weakness in the sugar market in the week ended Feb. 5 culminated in a sharp break on Feb. 5 in which new all-time record low levels were established. The Exchange says:

Net losses for futures for the week ending Feb. 5th were 11 to 13 points. It was one of the most active trading weeks in many months. March sugar sold on Friday at .91 cent a pound, the lowest quotation in sugar history. Raw sugar sold as low as .95 cent a pound in the spot market.

Observers believe that the differences between Cuba and Java, the two most important members of the Chadbourne Plan, make the underlying influence for the recent weakness in sugar. The inability of these two countries to come to an agreement over production quotas has caused heavy selling for more than a week. As a result the Chadbourne Plan, which depends for success on harmony between signatory members, appears to be in serious jeopardy. The latest report from Cuba is that mills will grind 3,261,000 tons for the current year, which is far in excess of the requirements of the United States, which is Cuba's principal market.

Golden Jubilee of New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange to Be Celebrated With Dinner at Waldorf Astoria Hotel March 7.

The Golden Jubilee Committee of the New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange announces that the 50th Anniversary of the opening of trading will be celebrated with a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on the evening of March 7 1932. Guest speakers have not yet been announced. The dinner will be for members of the Exchange and their guests. An international aspect will be given to the affair inasmuch as members of the Exchange are located in many foreign lands and throughout Latin-America.

The last official anniversary celebration of the Exchange was in 1907. At that time the Exchange was known as the Coffee Exchange of the City of New York. Members celebrated the 25th anniversary with a dinner at the old Hotel Knickerbocker. The scope of trading was enlarged to include sugar futures in 1914. The name was changed to the present title of "The New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange" on Aug. 28 1916.

The Golden Jubilee Committee which is directing the 50th Anniversary celebration includes: C. C. Riggs, Chairman; Eugene A. Canalizo, William H. English, Jr., Leslie Jager,

Jerome Lewine, M. R. Mayer and H. H. Pike, Jr., President of the Exchange and Frank Russell, Vice-President, as ex-officio members of the Committee.

Petroleum and Its Products—Federal Court Upholds Validity of Texas Conservation Law—Crude Runs to Stills Showing Effects of Lowered Output—Prices Steady Throughout Producing Areas.

In an important decision rendered on Wednesday of this week, a three-judge Federal Court sitting at Austin, Tex., upheld the validity of all the provisions of the oil and gas conservation law enacted at the last session of the Texas Legislature. The decision was given in the case of F. C. Henderson, Inc., against the Railroad Commission. The plaintiffs sought to restrain the Railroad Commission from interfering with their oil and gas operations.

The State, in a cross-action against Henderson, sought to restrain this organization from wasting oil and gas. The Court granted an injunction in compliance with the State's request, but further held that there was no statute which would make a succession of violations individual offenses. The State had sought to hold Henderson responsible for a number of violations as great as the number of days on which their orders were ignored.

With this decision in back of them, the Railroad Commission will undoubtedly be well prepared to step in and reassume full control of the east Texas field if martial law should be held illegal. This question is pending in a Federal Court in Texas, and a decision is expected momentarily. Governor Sterling had requested the Commission to prepare to take over control of east Texas if the military forces of the State were forced to withdraw because of an adverse decision.

A survey of refineries in greater Mid-Continent, which also includes Missouri, revealed that on Feb. 1 they were running 410,500 barrels as compared with 466,300 barrels on Feb. 1 of last year. It is also indicated that further cuts are to be made.

Crude prices are holding steady throughout all producing areas, and there seems to be little doubt that they will remain so until the start of the spring season, when they will, under normal conditions, be adjusted upward.

It is reported that high Administration officials are opposing imposition of an import tax on petroleum and petroleum products, holding that to do so would only serve to stop the importation and encourage domestic producers to further expansion, and would therefore serve no real good insofar as aiding domestic prices are concerned.

Prices of Typical Crudes 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 .....	.63
Illinois .....	.60	Salt Creek, Wyo., 40 and over .....	.85
Western Kentucky .....	.60	Dart Creek .....	.60
Mid-Continent, Okla., 40 and above .....	.85	Sunburst, Mont.	1.05
Hutchinson, Texas, 40 and over .....	.66	Santa Fe Springs, Calif., 40 and over .....	.75
Spindletop, Texas, 40 and over .....	.66	Huntington, Calif., 26 .....	.72
Winkler, Texas .....	.71	Petrolia, Canada	1.75
Smackover, Ark., 24 and over .....	.55		

REFINED PRODUCTS—LUBRICATING OILS SHOW IMPROVED POSITION—GASOLINE SALES MODERATE WITH PRICES UNCHANGED — KEROSENE WEAK — AVIATION FUEL REDUCED.

The only feature of an otherwise quiet week in refined products was the firming up displayed by Pennsylvania lubricants. This has been due to the fact that a rising demand has come just when stocks are light, through reduced refinery operations. The increased business has been from domestic sources, although more foreign inquiries have been noted.

Gasoline sales continue active, but not in large volume. Prices remain unchanged notably, but it was reported during the week that several sales of carload lots had been made below the posted figures, which range from 6c. to 6½c. for above 65 octane, tank car at local refineries. The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey on Monday announced a reduction of ¼c. per gallon in aviation fuel, and is now quoting 11½c. for its "Stanavo" grade aviation gasoline, tank car.

Although gasoline stocks are said to be increasing in this territory, leading distributors do not regard this as an ill omen, but hold to the opinion that prices will not see any further downward movement before the spring season is here, and the normal advances are made. Several of the refiners are reported to have ceased their practice of selling for future delivery at prices slightly under those prevailing currently. Gasoline below 65 octane was available in certain sections at 5½c. earlier this week, but the general market is now held pretty firmly at the posted price, 5¾c.

Kerosene has not come out of the slump which forced prices down from the 6c. level to a range of from 5¼c. to 5½c. Demand is quiet, and hand to mouth buying has become the policy. Buyers are apparently afraid of stocking heavily with this product, due to the vagaries of the weather, which thus far this winter has upset all pre-conceived plans for distribution and estimated consumption. Export buying is also unusually light.

Domestic heating oils move in a routine manner with prices unchanged. Grade C bunker fuel oil is in moderate demand, with the price unchanged at 60c. per barrel, in bulk at refinery; Diesel oil is quiet and unchanged at \$1.30 per barrel, same basis.

Price changes follow:
Feb. 8.—Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey announces ¼c. per gallon reduction in "Stanavo" aviation gasoline, tank car. New price is 11½c. per gallon.

Gasoline, Service Station, Tax Included.

New York	\$.143	Cincinnati	\$.15	Kansas City	\$.149
Atlanta .....	.135	Cleveland .....	.16	Minneapolis .....	.162
Baltimore .....	.159	Denver .....	.19	New Orleans .....	.118
Boston .....	.17	Detroit .....	.131	Philadelphia .....	.11
Buffalo .....	.143	Houston .....	.12	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) 80½-05½	Chicago	\$.02½-.03½	New Orleans, ex.	\$.03
North Texas	Los Ang., ex. ....	.04½-.06	Tulsa .....	.04½-.03½

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

N. Y. (Bayonne) — California 27 plus D	Gulf Coast "C"	\$.55-.65
Bunker "C"	Chicago 18-22 D .....	.42½-.50
Diesel 28-30 D	New Orleans "C" .....	.55

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

N. Y. (Bayonne) — Chicago	Tulsa	32-36 D Ind.	\$.01½-.02
28 D plus	32-36 D Ind.	32-36 D Ind.	\$.01½-.02

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

N. Y. (Bayonne) — New York	New Orleans, ex.	\$.05-.05½
Stand. Oil, N. J.	Arkansas .....	.04-.04½
Stand. Oil, N. Y.	California .....	.05-.07
Tide Water Oil Co.	Los Angeles, ex. ....	.04½-.07
Richfield Oil (Cal)	Gulf Ports .....	.05-.05½
Warner-Quin. Co.	Tulsa .....	.04½-.05
Pan-Am. Pet. Co.	Republ. Oil	*.05½
She 1 Eastern Pet.	Chicago	\$.03½-.04
* Below 65 octane.	z "Texaco" is .07.	

T. S. Hose, Consultant of the Petroleum Exchange, Sees Petroleum Production Under Efficient Control, But Points, However, to Vast Imports While Our Own Oil Runs Are Drastically Reduced.

Problem of over-production of petroleum has been efficiently controlled in the opinion of T. S. Hose, Consultant of the Petroleum Exchange, who declares production to-day is down in line with demand and that operators have shown their willingness to co-operate with State Departments in holding it there. Mr. Hose goes on to say:

The fact is, the oil operator in this country has gone further and sacrificed more money to put his house in order than the representatives of any other industry and has received the least co-operation.

Some of our representatives in Congress contend that if we put a tariff on oil it will mean that foreign countries will cease buying our production. Had some of these gentlemen traveled in as many foreign countries as I have they would realize that American products, whether manufactured or raw, are purchased when they can be supplied from no other country.

Stockholders of our major oil companies are seeing their dividends cut, thus eliminating a spending power which would help out more people to work. Yet in a recent week an average of 181,286 barrels of petroleum products were imported into this country while our own runs were cut down in excess of 40,000 barrels per day for the co-operation of our own operators.

It is time that Congress faced facts and recognized that our natural resources are the most important wealth our country possesses and when the day comes that they are exhausted and we have to ask assistance from the same nations that we are to-day allowing to import oil free, it is going to be an entirely different story.

Crude Petroleum Output Increased During December 1931—Inventories Higher Than a Month Previous, But Showed a Decrease of 43,513,000 Barrels as Compared With Dec. 31 1930.

According to reports received by the Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, the production of crude petroleum in the United States during December 1931, amounted to 73,174,000 barrels, or practically the same as the output in October. The December production represents a daily average of 2,360,000 barrels, a decrease from November of 68,000 barrels. This decline was due largely to the introduction of Sunday shutdowns late in the month. Practically the entire decrease in daily average output in December was recorded in Texas, where every major producing district showed a lower output. The largest decline was recorded in the East Texas field, where the daily average output dropped from 401,000 barrels in November to 358,000 barrels in December. In Oklahoma the daily output at Oklahoma City and Seminole declined in December, but this was more than compensated by gains in the older fields. Daily average production in California continued steady at around the 500,000-barrel mark. The Bureau further adds:

The upward trend in crude stocks, which began in November, was continued in December. Stocks of crude in California showed comparatively little change but stocks in the Mid-Continent field increased nearly 3,000,000 barrels as the decline in demand by refiners exceeded the reduction in output. Stocks of Pennsylvania Grade crude also increased in December,

resourceful to lack pretexts for carrying out their corrupt scheme; but such pretexts usually are fabricated as the occasions arise. Such devices need not be provided for in detail, years in advance.

"We know of no rule of law which requires the details of a conspiracy to be completely worked out in advance, in order to bring given facts within the scope of the general plan.

"When Fall and Doheny entered into what the Supreme Court has denominated 'a conspiracy,' they poisoned the spring of fair dealing between the Government, which Fall purported to represent, and the Pan-American Co., which was admittedly dominated by Doheny at the time the transaction took place.

"The whole course of dealing reeked with wrong. Quite aside from the question of fraud, however, it may be noted in passing that these three leases were executed for illegal purposes: i.e., the E. and I. leases, for relief against high royalties in other leases, and the G. lease to compromise a mining claim.

Intention of Congress Mandate.

"The appellee concedes that these purposes were in the minds of the lessees when the lands were secured by them, but contends that 'the purpose of the Government officials' in granting these leases was protection against drainage.

"Regarding a plea of the oil company that Congress did not intend to question the present leases in its mandate for an investigation, the Court declares:

"Is it not reasonable to assume that Congress, becoming aware that the nation's oil reserves were being raided, commanded immediate executive action as to certain transactions which were even then very questionable?"

"This does not mean that Congress intended that there should be no future executive action taken as other frauds were unearthed and when worthier men occupied public office.

"We think that the lower Court should have entered a decree in favor of the appellant (the United States). We therefore reverse the case, with instructions to the Court below to enter a decree in accordance with the prayer of the bill of complaint that the leases be canceled."

Imports of Petroleum at Principal United States Ports Fell Off During January.

According to figures collected by the American Petroleum Institute, imports of petroleum (crude and refined oils) at the principal ports for the month of January 1932 totaled 6,391,000 barrels, a daily average of 206,161 barrels, compared with 7,238,000 barrels, a daily average of 233,484 barrels for the month of December 1931. The Institute's statement further shows:

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

Month—	Jan. 1932.	Dec. 1931.	Nov. 1931.	Oct. 1931.
<i>At Atlantic Coast Ports—</i>				
Baltimore	594,000	628,000	619,000	1,665,000
Boston	253,000	521,000	223,000	449,000
New York	3,226,000	a3,859,000	2,604,000	3,124,000
Philadelphia	750,000	981,000	668,000	829,000
Others	1,082,000	a1,057,000	939,000	1,260,000
Total	5,905,000	7,046,000	5,053,000	7,327,000
Daily average	190,484	227,290	168,433	236,355
<i>At Gulf Coast Ports—</i>				
Galveston District	151,000	61,000	118,000	189,000
New Orleans & Baton Rouge	224,000	a131,000	225,000	213,000
Port Arthur & Sabine district	65,000	-----	91,000	65,000
Tampa	46,000	-----	41,000	57,000
Total	486,000	a192,000	575,000	524,000
Daily average	15,677	a6,194	19,167	16,903
<i>At all United States Ports—</i>				
Total	6,391,000	a7,238,000	5,628,000	7,851,000
Daily average	206,161	a233,484	187,600	253,253

a Revised.

DISTRIBUTION OF TOTAL IMPORTS. (Barrels of 42 gallons)

Month—	Jan. 1932.	Dec. 1931.	Nov. 1931.	Oct. 1931.
Crude	3,099,000	a4,244,000	3,232,000	4,215,000
Gasoline	1,187,000	794,000	530,000	1,045,000
Gas oil	107,000	164,000	92,000	63,000
Fuel oil	1,998,000	2,036,000	1,774,000	2,528,000
Total	6,391,000	7,238,000	5,628,000	7,851,000

a Revised.

Non-Ferrous Metals Slow—Copper Down to New All-Time Low.

Non-ferrous metals were no exception to the general line of commodities in the week just closing. They did not do so well, says "Metal and Mineral Markets." Copper sold down to 6 cents per pound, delivered Connecticut basis, a new all-time low. The possibility of a British tariff and the continued slow movement of copper into consumptive channels brought out renewed selling pressure. Zinc closed the week unchanged, though prices steadied a little immediately after publication of the January statistics. Lead was almost neglected, but the price held both here and in the Middle West. Tin prices went off a fraction of a cent. Silver was quiet and fluctuated within narrow limits. Antimony prices eased off on lack of consumer buying, though the outlook in China remains obscure. Quicksilver appeared to be firmer on support from some of the more important holders of the metal. The paper goes on to say:

Though the official export price was maintained at 6.875 cents, c.i.f. basis, copper was offered yesterday under the special sales rule at 6.375 cents, same terms. Export sales yesterday on the reduced basis amounted to 700 long tons. Total export sales for the month to date have been small, amounting to about 6,500 long tons.

In the event of a copper tariff abroad a strong fight will be launched for protection to copper in the domestic market. This is expected to embrace copper products to prevent competition in manufactured goods. The

export sales agreement contains a provision to the effect that a tariff will necessitate a revision of the rules of Copper Exporters, Inc. Officials of Katanga sailed from Belgium for the United States and will arrive here in about a week. Copper producers will then again review the entire situation, according to trade authorities. In more than one quarter it is held that a complete suspension of operations will be necessary to restore confidence in the market.

Stocks of refined copper in the hands of North and South American producers are believed to approximate 570,000 tons.

Domestic Copper Price Cut to 6 Cents—New Low Figure—Export Price Reduced to 6½ Cents.

Burdened with an ever-growing surplus of copper, custom smelters, on Feb. 10, slashed prices for both the domestic and foreign trade to new all-time low levels, says the New York "Evening Post" of Feb. 10. It further states:

The domestic price was reduced to 6 cents a pound, Connecticut Valley basis, and the export quotation to 6½ cents, c.i.f. European ports. The prices, had been 6½ and 6¾ cents, respectively.

These levels, however, snap back automatically when custom smelter stocks are reduced, but even at these prices buying to-day was reported as small. The custom smelters, in making the reductions, took advantage of the new rules of Copper Importers, Inc., for the second time in the last few weeks.

Under these revised rules, custom smelters may sell their surplus abroad under the regular export price, which now is 6½ cents.

January Output of Slab Zinc Continues Below Rate a Year Ago—Shipments Also Decline—Inventories Show Slight Increase.

According to the American Zinc Institute, Inc., a total of 22,516 short tons of slab zinc were produced during the month of January 1932 as compared with 32,522 tons in the corresponding period in 1931 and 52,010 tons in January 1930. The monthly average production during 1931 amounted to 25,089 tons as against a monthly average of 42,039 tons in 1930.

Shipments during January 1932 totaled 22,455 short tons as compared with 31,064 tons in the same month last year and 40,704 tons in January 1930. The monthly average shipments during 1931 were 26,239 tons as against 36,356 during 1930.

Inventories at the end of January 1932 amounted to 129,886 short tons, as compared with 129,825 tons at Dec. 31 1931 and 145,076 tons at Jan. 31 1931. The Institute's statement follows:

SLAB ZINC STATISTICS (ALL GRADES), 1930, 1931 AND 1932 (Tons of 2,000 Lbs.)

Month.	Produced During Month.	Shipped During Month.	Stock at End of Month.	xShipped for Export.	Retorts Operat'g. End of Month.	Unfilled Orders, End of Month.	Daily Aver. Prod.
1930.							
January	52,010	40,704	86,736	20	59,457	39,017	1,678
February	44,628	41,296	90,068	6	57,929	32,962	1,594
March	48,119	41,820	96,397	17	51,300	29,330	1,552
April	44,435	40,597	100,205	28	50,038	29,203	1,481
May	44,556	38,681	106,080	31	52,072	30,515	1,437
June	43,458	36,448	113,090	37	52,428	28,979	1,449
July	40,023	35,389	117,724	31	46,030	34,135	1,291
August	41,012	31,901	126,835	17	48,004	28,972	1,323
September	40,470	32,470	134,835	11	42,574	27,108	1,349
October	40,922	32,430	143,327	0	38,604	29,510	1,321
November	32,097	30,285	145,139	0	35,092	24,481	1,067
December	32,733	34,254	143,618	0	31,240	26,651	1,054
Total for year	504,463	436,275		196			
Monthly aver.	42,039	36,356		16	47,064	30,072	1,355
1931.							
January	32,522	31,064	145,076	1	33,235	30,251	1,049
February	29,562	30,249	144,389	0	33,118	33,453	1,056
March	32,328	35,224	141,493	0	31,821	31,216	1,043
April	29,137	27,418	143,212	0	26,672	36,150	971
May	25,688	25,851	143,049	20	20,624	31,146	829
June	23,483	27,604	138,928	0	19,022	33,086	783
July	21,365	28,460	131,833	20	19,266	24,815	689
August	21,467	23,599	129,701	0	19,305	20,403	692
September	21,356	20,902	130,155	0	20,417	15,388	712
October	21,674	21,163	130,666	0	21,374	18,365	699
November	20,526	20,327	130,865	0	19,428	21,355	684
December	21,965	23,005	129,825	0	19,875	18,273	709
Total for year	301,073	314,866		41			
Monthly aver.	25,089	26,239		3	23,680	26,166	825
1932.							
January	22,516	22,455	129,886	31	22,044	24,232	723

x Export shipments are included in total shipments.

Month of January— 1932. 1931. 1930. Average retorts operating 21,001 32,737 61,612

Note.—Figures for retorts operating have been revised in accordance with corrected data supplied by producers. These figures relate to horizontal retorts only. The total production of zinc as reported includes also the metal produced by continuously operating vertical retorts and by the electrolytic method.

Steel Ingot Production at Higher Level.

Steel ingot output in January of all companies, according to the calculations of the American Iron & Steel Institute, aggregated 1,461,290 tons, which is an increase of 158,891 tons over December. During the latter month only 1,302,399 tons were produced, being the smallest turnout in any month since August 1921, while in January 1931 production aggregated 2,458,689 tons. The average production per day for the 26 working days in January 1932 was 56,203 tons and for the same number of working days in December

1931 was 50,092 tons. In January 1931, which contained 27 working days, the approximate daily output was as high as 91,063 tons. Below we publish the statement as given out by the Institute for the months since January 1931:

MONTHLY PRODUCTION OF STEEL INGOTS, JANUARY 1931 TO JANUARY 1932—GROSS TONS.

Reported by companies which made 95.21% of the open-hearth and Bessemer steel ingot production in 1930.

Months.	Open-Hearth.	Bessemer.	Monthly Output Companies Reporting.	Calculated Monthly Output All Companies.	No. of Working Days.	Approx. Daily Output All Cos.	Per Cent. Operation.
1931.							
Jan.	2,044,298	296,620	2,340,918	2,458,689	27	91,063	42.86
Feb.	2,085,529	296,974	2,382,503	2,502,366	24	104,265	49.08
March	2,504,060	346,137	2,850,197	2,993,590	26	115,138	54.20
April	2,275,404	316,668	2,592,072	2,722,479	26	104,711	49.29
May	2,083,833	301,639	2,385,472	2,505,485	26	96,365	45.36
June	1,730,109	246,365	1,976,474	2,075,910	26	79,843	37.58
July	1,570,776	225,030	1,795,806	1,886,153	26	72,544	34.15
August	1,462,720	174,380	1,637,100	1,719,462	26	66,133	31.13
Sept.	1,274,321	199,151	1,473,472	1,547,602	26	59,523	28.02
Oct.	1,320,158	195,943	1,516,101	1,592,376	27	58,977	27.76
Nov.	1,276,906	240,441	1,517,347	1,593,634	25	63,747	30.01
Dec.	1,069,468	170,546	1,240,014	1,302,399	26	50,092	23.58
Total	20,697,582	3,009,894	23,707,476	24,900,195	311	80,065	37.69
1932.							
Jan.	1,230,661	160,633	1,391,294	1,461,290	26	56,203	26.54

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

Unfilled Steel Orders at Record Low.

The United States Steel Corp. reports unfilled tonnage on the books of its subsidiaries as of Jan. 31 at 2,648,150, a decrease of 87,203 tons since the end of 1931 and the lowest level for any month since the organization of the Steel Corporation. [The figures prior to Dec. 31 1907, however, included orders received from sources within the company's own organization. Had these orders been excluded, the backlog on at least one occasion in the period would have been smaller than the present figure.]

On Dec. 31 1931 the orders on hand amounted to 2,735,353 tons, while on Jan. 31 1931 the tonnage was 4,132,351 tons. Below we show the figures back to Jan. 1927. For earlier dates see "Chronicle" of April 16 1927, page 2215.

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

End of Month.	1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.
January ..	2,648,150	4,132,351	4,468,710	4,109,487	4,275,947	3,800,177
February ..	-----	3,965,194	4,479,748	4,144,341	4,398,189	3,597,119
March ..	-----	3,995,330	4,570,653	4,410,718	4,335,206	3,553,140
April ..	-----	3,897,729	4,354,220	4,427,763	3,872,133	3,456,132
May ..	-----	3,620,452	4,059,227	4,304,167	3,416,822	3,050,941
June ..	-----	3,479,323	3,968,064	4,256,910	3,637,009	3,053,246
July ..	-----	3,404,816	4,022,055	4,088,177	3,570,927	3,142,104
August ..	-----	3,169,457	3,580,204	3,658,211	3,624,043	3,196,037
September ..	-----	3,144,833	3,424,338	3,902,581	3,695,368	3,148,113
October ..	-----	3,119,432	3,481,763	4,086,562	3,751,030	3,341,040
November ..	-----	2,933,891	3,639,636	4,125,345	3,643,000	3,454,444
December ..	-----	2,735,353	3,943,596	4,417,193	3,976,712	3,972,874

Steel Business Falls Off—Operations Unchanged at 28% of Capacity—Price of Pig Iron Lowest Since September 1915—Steel Scrap Price Declines to New All-Time Low Record.

The minor improvement in steel business in January, which resulted in a gain in ingot output for that month of 12.2% over December, is not being maintained, there having been a sharp decline in volume of orders for some products, notably those going to the automobile industry, the "Iron Age" of Feb. 11 reports. Ingot production is not visibly affected, the current rate being 28% of capacity, the same as last week. Expectations of an increase this month rely largely on prospective railroad purchases, particularly rails. The "Age" adds:

A very definite factor in business curtailment is the slowing down of schedules by the motor car manufacturers, caused by lagging sales and the desire to move slowly until Ford's plans are fully revealed. Curtailment is especially in evidence among units of General Motors, whose January sales both to dealers and car users were below those of December, going against the usual trend. It is now doubtful whether February output of cars will equal that of January.

The entire picture of the steel industry is one of inability to make progress against conditions which restrict the purchase of materials on almost every hand. In building there is virtually no private work, while lettings of fabricated structural steel and reinforcing bars for public projects are unfavorably affected by State and municipal budget reductions. Bookings of fabricated structural steel this week are only 5,250 tons, the smallest for any week since the "Iron Age" has been compiling this record, and new projects call for only 7,000 tons. A sharp drop has occurred in steel releases by the farm implement industry, which probably will curtail manufacturing schedules.

Although the railroads seem to offer the best immediate prospect for increased steel buying, they are moving slowly. The only rail order of size is 20,000 tons for the Southern Pacific, but distribution of 17,000 tons by Nickel Plate may come soon. Meanwhile, the Colorado rail mill has been able to resume production, but a Chicago mill, scheduled to start this week, has been obliged to postpone operations until next week. Resumption of work in some railroad shops has had no noteworthy effect on steel orders.

Tin plate, which is counted upon at this time of year to aid mill schedules, is not gaining in volume of orders or operations, owing to the uncertainty of some of the large can makers as to this year's prospects, and the tin plate market is disturbed by competition from Welsh mills, which have

sold several lots in this country at about \$3 per base box, or \$1.75 under the domestic official price. Foreign competition is also becoming more severe in other steel products and in pig iron.

The Far Eastern situation has had no important influence on steel markets, though some Japanese orders have been placed in Europe, and a few small orders for munitions steel of undisclosed origin have been distributed in this country.

An important step toward rallying a weak price situation is being taken by manufacturers of sheets and strips. Efforts to advance some prices and prevent further declines in others are likely to extend beyond the flat-rolled branch of the industry. Announcements by a few mills name prices on sheets from \$2 to \$4 a ton above those recently in effect. Although a time of subnormal demands is not considered favorable for an advance in prices, the sheet trade accomplished such a move last July under similar conditions, and prices remained fairly stable during the third quarter and part of the fourth. Declines in many grades, amounting to \$5 a ton or more, have occurred mostly since Dec. 1.

No further downward revisions of importance on steel products have occurred during the week, but pig iron has declined 50c. a ton in the Valleys and at Pittsburgh and steel scrap is lower in the Chicago district and in eastern Pennsylvania. The "Iron Age" composite prices for these products have declined to \$14.48 for pig iron, the lowest since September 1915, and \$8.23 for steel scrap, a new all-time low record. Finished steel is unchanged at 2.037c. a pound.

Although ingot output gained 12.2% in January, comparing favorably with an average gain of 13% for that month in the 10 preceding years, the December base was so low that the rise loses significance. December output was only 41% of the average for that month during the preceding decade, and the slightly higher January total was also only 41% of the average for that month in the preceding 10 years. Bessemer steel lost ground in January, making the gain for open-hearth 15%.

A comparative table showing composite price averages is given below:

Finished Steel.		Pig Iron.	
Feb. 9 1932, 2.037c. a Lb.	Based on steel bars, beams, tank plates, wire, rails, black pipe and sheets. These products make 87% of the United States output.	Feb. 2 1932, \$14.48 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.....		One week ago.....	
One month ago.....		One month ago.....	
One year ago.....	One year ago.....	One year ago.....	One year ago.....

Steel Scrap.		Steel Scrap.	
Feb. 9 1932, \$8.23 a Gross Ton.	Based on heavy melting steel quotations at Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Chicago.	Feb. 9 1932, \$8.23 a Gross Ton.	Based on heavy melting steel quotations at Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Chicago.
One week ago.....		One week ago.....	
One month ago.....		One month ago.....	
One year ago.....	One year ago.....	One year ago.....	One year ago.....

"Steel" of Cleveland, in its summary of the iron and steel markets, Feb. 8, stated:

Steel producers have practically exhausted the momentum generated by the post-holiday rise and have reached a stalemate requiring heavier demands from the automotive industry and seasonal track requirements of the railroads to break.

Railroad buying appears a certainty, though in lesser degree than a year ago, so soon as adjustments following the wage reduction are made. The continued absence of Ford is a drag not only to the steel markets but also to other low-priced automobile manufactures.

In the two weeks ended Feb. 6 the average rate of steel production was 28½%. Last week Pittsburgh and Youngstown mills curtailed, but a substantial rise at Chicago and Buffalo proved an offset. This week Cleveland and Chicago mills may taper off but a further rise at Buffalo is expected to maintain the average.

Sentiment continues moderately strong. January output of steel ingots, on a daily basis, was 56,203 tons, compared with 50,092 tons in December, making January a 26.55% month, or 3 points higher than December.

Even in pig iron, where the daily rate declined in January, favorable factors are in the ascendency. For the first time in 10 months there was a gain in the number of stacks active, indicating improvement in February. The January daily iron rate was 31,336 tons, 0.9% below December.

Constructive forces are at work on the price situation. Weakness is manifest in finished steel as well as raw materials, but a pretentious effort to stabilize may be undertaken shortly. Due to a reduction of \$1 a ton in sheet bars at Cleveland and Youngstown; \$2 a ton in cast iron pipe at Chicago, and 50 cents in malleable iron at Youngstown and Pittsburgh. Steel's iron and steel composite is off 8 cents to \$29.84.

By saving \$210,000 through wage reductions, and increasing their revenue \$100,000,000 from previous rate advances the railroads will acquire a sum about equal to their 1930 iron and steel expenditures, though financial rather than physical rehabilitation evidently will be their first objective. Several western roads expect to spend their wage savings in track maintenance work. Loans from the Reconstruction Finance Corp. will be asked by the Pennsylvania to carry on a high construction program. Southern Pacific railroad is in the market for 20,000 tons of rails, but rail orders in volume are not expected to materialize for several months.

Structural shape awards at 14,386 tons are up moderately from the preceding week; the total for this year to date is little more than half that in the comparable period last year. Bridge and government work is providing 10,000 tons on inquiry at Chicago; bids are being taken on 5,000 tons for the Franklin memorial building at Philadelphia. Favoring a more active construction market, hourly wage rates in more than 30 building trades in 21 leading cities show an average reduction of 25 cents this year.

Apparently the only reverberation from the Sino-Japanese clash felt so far in the American steel industry is suspension of a few steel shipments to Shanghai, due to uncertainty in delivery. No war orders have been placed, though Japan's importation of 16,348 tons of lead, 82% of this country's exports in 11 months last year, now is regarded as significant. In 1931 China took 47,700 tons of iron and steel, and Japan, 99,045 tons, combined representing 15% of this country's exports.

A fractional increase is shown in the steel ingot production for the week ended Feb. 8, according to a compilation by Dow, Jones & Co., Inc. The average for the industry is estimated at approximately 27%, compared with 26½% in the preceding week and better than 28% two weeks ago.

The U. S. Steel Corp. is credited with a rate of 27½%, against a little under 27% in the week before, and 28½% two weeks ago. Leading independent steel companies are placed at a fraction over 26½%, contrasted with approximately 26% in the week previous and 28% two weeks ago.

At this time last year the industry operated at between 49% and 50%, with U. S. Steel at 53% and independents around 48%. In the corresponding 1930 week, the average was in excess of 79%, U. S. Steel being at 83% and independents at 76%. For the like period of 1929 the industry was at 86%, with U. S. Steel at 89% and independents around 84%, and in the like 1928 week the average was nearly 85%, with U. S. Steel at 90% and independents better than 80%.

Production of Bituminous Coal and Anthracite Declined Sharply During 1931.

According to the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, preliminary figures show that production of bituminous coal amounted to 378,110,000 net tons during the calendar year 1931, as compared with 467,526,000 tons in the preceding year, or a decline of 89,416,000 tons. Anthracite output during 1931 totaled 59,531,000 net tons as against 69,385,000 tons during 1930, or a decrease of 9,854,000 tons. A comparative table shows:

MONTHLY PRODUCTION OF COAL AND BEEHIVE COKE, 1931 AND 1930.

Month.	1931.a			1930.		
	Total Production (Net Tons)	No. of Working Days	Average per Working Day (Net Tons)	Total Production (Net Tons)	No. of Working Days	Average per Working Day (Net Tons)
Bituminous Coal—						
January	38,542,000	26.3	1,465,000	50,414,000	26.4	1,910,000
February	31,408,000	23.9	1,314,000	40,060,000	23.9	1,676,000
March	33,870,000	26	1,303,000	36,230,000	26	1,393,000
April	28,478,000	25.8	1,140,000	36,318,000	25.8	1,408,000
May	28,314,000	25.4	1,115,000	36,413,000	26.4	1,379,000
June	29,185,000	26	1,123,000	34,145,000	25	1,366,000
July	29,790,000	26	1,146,000	35,158,000	26	1,352,000
August	30,534,000	26	1,174,000	36,117,000	26	1,389,000
September	31,919,000	25.3	1,262,000	39,126,000	25.3	1,546,000
October	35,700,000	27	1,322,000	44,714,000	27	1,656,000
November	30,110,000	23.6	1,276,000	38,609,000	23.3	1,657,000
December	30,260,000	26	1,164,000	40,222,000	26	1,547,000
Total	378,110,000	307.3	1,230,000	467,526,000	307.1	1,522,000
Anthracite—						
January	6,157,000	26	236,800	6,996,000	26	269,100
February	5,391,000	23.5	229,400	6,120,000	23.5	260,400
March	4,745,000	26	182,500	4,524,000	26	174,000
April	5,700,000	25	228,000	4,887,000	25	195,500
May	5,005,000	25	200,200	5,911,000	26	227,300
June	4,544,000	26	174,800	5,152,000	25	206,100
July	3,954,000	26	152,100	5,624,000	26	216,300
August	4,314,000	26	165,900	6,153,000	26	236,700
September	4,358,000	25	174,300	5,261,000	25	210,400
October	6,551,000	26	252,000	7,531,000	26	289,700
November	4,141,000	23	180,000	5,176,000	23	225,000
December	4,671,000	26	179,700	6,050,000	26	232,700
Total	59,531,000	303.5	196,100	69,385,000	303.5	228,600

a Figures for 1931 are subject to revision.

Production of Bituminous Coal and Anthracite Declined During January 1932.

According to the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, preliminary estimates show that a total of 27,860,000 net tons of bituminous coal and 3,897,000 tons of anthracite were produced during the month of January 1932. This compares with 38,542,000 tons of bituminous coal and 6,157,000 tons of anthracite produced in the corresponding period last year and 30,260,000 tons of bituminous coal and 4,671,000 tons of anthracite in December 1931.

The average daily rate of production of bituminous coal during January 1932 amounted to 1,101,000 tons as against 1,164,000 tons in the preceding month and 1,465,000 tons in January 1931. The Bureau's statement follows:

	Total for Month (Net Tons)	Number of Working Days	Average per Working Day (Net Tons)
January 1932 (Preliminary) a—			
Bituminous coal	27,860,000	25.3	1,101,000
Anthracite	3,897,000	25	155,900
Beehive coke	87,900	26	3,381
December 1931—			
Bituminous coal	30,260,000	26	1,164,000
Anthracite	4,671,000	26	179,700
Beehive coke	82,000	26	3,154
January 1931—			
Bituminous coal	38,542,000	26.3	1,465,000
Anthracite	6,157,000	26	236,800
Beehive coke	163,000	27	6,037

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

Mastick Commission Proposes Higher Income Taxes in New York State Together With Other New Taxation to Relieve Real Estate—Would Cut Income Tax Exemptions and Impose Levy on Earnings Above \$500—Double Yield from Gas—Ends Assessment on Personal Property—Proposals Go Over for Year.

The New York State Commission for the Revision of the Tax Laws, of which Senator Seabury C. Mastick, Republican, of Westchester County, is Chairman, submitted to the Legislature at Albany, on Feb. 1, a comprehensive tax plan of more than 25,000 words, designed to lift from real estate \$128,370,000 in taxes for the fiscal year 1932-33, and \$158,921,000 in normal years. Albany advices to the New York "Herald Tribune," from which the foregoing is taken, also had the following to say regarding the proposals:

This amounts to a 30% reduction in real estate taxes in low assessment counties and a 10% reduction in relatively high assessment counties such as New York City.

The proposed taxes, the Commission gave assurance, would serve the double purpose of equalizing the tax burden and increasing the State's revenues sufficiently to meet its obligations under the present depressed condition of business and industry. Imposition of all the taxes described in the report, the Commission estimated, would yield to the State additional revenue of \$203,700,000 in the fiscal year 1932-33 and \$243,500,000 in normal years.

Bills to be Submitted Later.

Only the first part of the Commission's report, containing the findings and recommendations, was presented to the lawmakers to-night. Three other sections, dealing with the factual study and technical memoranda upon which the recommendations are based, and the bills recommended to carry out the proposals will be submitted later.

The Commission listed its proposed tax revisions under four headings: Class A, those unanimously approved by the entire Commission; Class B, those approved by all the Commissioners, but with the approval of two of the members conditioned upon the Legislature's judgment concerning the adequacy of the Class A proposals; Class C, to which two of the Commissioners dissented, and Class D, on which the Commission was unable to agree.

The Commission was created by the Legislature in 1930 and consists of the following: Senator Mastick, Chairman; Charles R. White, Vice-Chairman and President of the State Farm Bureau Federation; Albert G. Preston, Secretary and Budget Director of Buffalo; G. William Magly, former head of the New York State Association of Real Estate Boards; Assemblyman Walter L. Pratt, Harlan W. Rippey, of Rochester; Professor Edwin R. A. Seligman, formerly of Columbia University; Jesse Isidor Straus, of New York, President of R. H. Macy & Co., and J. Frank Zoller, tax expert for the General Electric Co.

The following summary of the new taxation proposed by the Commission is from the New York "Journal of Commerce":

Return of 50% of the gasoline tax, whose increase from 2c. to 4c. a gallon is recommended to cities, towns and counties, is proposed to reduce the local real estate tax burden.

The Commission recommends lowering of the income tax exemptions and the requiring of all persons with an annual income of \$500 or more to file a report. A filing fee of \$2 would be required. Filing fees alone would amount to \$13,000,000, the Committee estimates.

New Tax Schedule.

The proposed new income tax schedule follows: Exemption up to \$1,500 for a single person and \$3,500 for the head of a family, with \$200 each for dependents.

The rate on incomes up to \$5,000, 1%; from \$5,000 to \$10,000, 2%; from \$10,101 to \$20,000, 3%; from \$20,001 to \$30,000, 4%; from \$30,001 to \$50,000, 5%; \$50,000 upward, 6%.

Changes in taxes are:

Increases in license fees on heavy trucks, motor buses and taxicabs, estimated to yield \$11,200,000.

Gasoline tax increase estimated to yield additional \$36,000,000.

Repeal of remaining vestiges of personal property tax and levying of 3.5% tax on incomes of unincorporated business, estimated to yield \$5,700,000 the next fiscal year and \$9,700,000 in normal times over the loss of present personal property tax return.

Tax on billboards to yield \$300,000 a year.

Franchise tax of 4½% on entire profits of title and mortgage insurance companies, yield \$400,000 coming year and \$700,000 in a normal year.

Estate Tax Increase.

Increase in taxes on estates above \$500,000, 5% being the maximum amount of increase; yield in a normal year, \$5,500,000, coming year \$1,000,000.

Tax of six-tenths of 1% on savings and loan associations, yield \$100,000 annually.

Repeal of mortgage recording tax, loss, \$12,000,000 year in normal times.

Increase in levy for life insurance companies from 1 to 1.75%, and for fire and casualty companies an increase of from 1 to 2%; increase in yield, \$5,100,000.

Increase in stock transfer tax from 2c. to 3c., additional yield \$18,000,000 in normal years, \$12,000,000 coming years.

Stamp taxes on notes and other similar documents, yield \$8,000,000 a year.

Change in the corporation franchise tax by imposing as an additional alternate a rate of ¾% to 1% on gross sales of corporations and unincorporated businesses, the corporations to pay either the gross rate or the 4½% franchise rate on net profits, whichever is the greater. This change is estimated to increase the revenue in a normal year of \$74,900,000 a year.

The Commission points out, without recommendation as other possible sources of additional revenue, taxes on transfers of bonds, tobacco products, admissions, soft drinks, cosmetics, perfumes, patent and proprietary medicines and chewing gum. These taxes would bring in additional revenue in a normal year of \$7,900,000 and in the coming fiscal year \$74,200,000, the Commission estimates.

In an Albany dispatch, Feb. 3, to the New York "Times," it was stated that Republican leaders in the Legislature have virtually decided to postpone consideration of the revolutionary changes in the State tax program recommended by

the Mastick Commission until next year. The dispatch added:

An agreement has been reached to continue the life of the Commission for another year with an additional appropriation of \$25,000 to enable it to continue its survey of taxation.

The decision was reached after a conference among Senator Fearon, Speaker McGinnies and the Chairmen of the Fiscal Committees of the two

houses. The conclusion was reached that with the Governor's budget recommendations for emergency taxes conflicting in many respects with the Mastick Commission's proposals, which are designed for permanent application, deliberation on both in the closing weeks of what is intended to be one of the shortest legislative sessions on record might bring about confusion, endless delay and possibly endanger both programs. The Mastick Commission urged that its recommendations must be enacted as a whole to be practicable.

Current Events and Discussions

The Week With the Federal Reserve Banks.

The daily average volume of Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding during the week ended Feb. 10, as reported by the Federal Reserve banks, was \$1,807,000,000, a decrease of \$23,000,000 compared with the preceding week and an increase of \$859,000,000 compared with the corresponding week in 1931. After noting these facts the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

On Feb. 10 total Reserve bank credit amounted to \$1,779,000,000, a decrease of \$31,000,000 for the week. This decrease corresponds with decreases of \$32,000,000 in member bank reserve balances, \$5,000,000 in money in circulation and \$18,000,000 in unexpended capital funds, non-member deposits, &c., offset in part by decreases of \$3,000,000 in monetary gold stock and \$22,000,000 in Treasury currency, adjusted.

Holdings of discounted bills declined \$19,000,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, \$8,000,000 at Chicago and \$36,000,000 at all Federal Reserve banks. The System's holdings of bills bought in open market increased \$13,000,000 and of United States Treasury notes \$7,000,000, while holdings of Treasury certificates and bills declined \$14,000,000.

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 stocks 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 Feb. 10, in comparison with the preceding week and with the corresponding date last year, will be found on subsequent pages, namely, pages 1159 and 1160.

Changes in the amount of Reserve bank credit outstanding and in related items during the week and the year ended Feb. 10 1932 were as follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-)		
	Feb. 10 1932.	Feb. 3 1932.	Since Feb. 11 1931.
Bills discounted.....	\$ 819,000,000	\$ -36,000,000	\$ +597,000,000
Bills bought.....	169,000,000	+13,000,000	+81,000,000
United States securities.....	741,000,000	-8,000,000	+131,000,000
Other Reserve bank credit.....	48,000,000	-1,000,000	+39,000,000
TOTAL RESERVE BANK CREDIT.....	1,779,000,000	-31,000,000	+830,000,000
Monetary gold stock.....	4,403,000,000	-3,000,000	-248,000,000
Treasury currency adjusted.....	1,764,000,000	-22,000,000	-18,000,000
Money in circulation.....	5,626,000,000	-5,000,000	+1,032,000,000
Member bank reserve balances.....	1,905,000,000	-32,000,000	-460,000,000
Unexpended capital funds, non-member deposits, &c.....	415,000,000	-18,000,000	+12,000,000

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

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

Below is the statement for the New York member banks and that for the Chicago member banks for the current week, as thus issued in advance of the full statement of the member banks, which latter will not be available until the coming Monday. The New York statement, of course, also includes the brokers' loans of reporting member banks. The grand aggregate of brokers' loans the present week records a decrease of \$19,000,000, the amount of these loans on Feb. 10 1932 standing at \$486,000,000. The present week's decrease of \$19,000,000 follows a decrease of \$8,000,000 last week and a decrease of \$850,000,000 in the 20 preceding weeks. Loans "for own account" decreased during the week from \$432,000,000 to \$401,000,000, but loans "for account of out-of-town banks" increased from \$66,000,000 to \$76,000,000, while loans "for account of others" remain unchanged at \$7,000,000. The amount of these loans "for account of

others" has been reduced the past 13 weeks due to the action of the New York Clearing House Association on Nov. 5 1931 in restricting member banks on and after November 16 1931 from placing for corporations and others than banks loans secured by stocks, bonds and acceptances. The present week's total of \$486,000,000 is the lowest since Jan. 25 1918, when the amount was \$473,438,000.

CONDITION OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN CENTRAL RESERVE CITIES.

	New York.		
	Feb. 10 1932.	Feb. 3 1932.	Feb. 11 1931.
Loans and Investments—total.....	\$ 6,638,000,000	\$ 6,794,000,000	\$ 7,962,000,000
Loans—total.....	4,292,000,000	4,359,000,000	5,513,000,000
On securities.....	2,124,000,000	2,178,000,000	3,050,000,000
All other.....	2,168,000,000	2,181,000,000	2,463,000,000
Investments—total.....	2,346,000,000	2,435,000,000	2,449,000,000
U. S. Government securities.....	1,520,000,000	1,593,000,000	1,348,000,000
Other securities.....	826,000,000	842,000,000	1,101,000,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	646,000,000	654,000,000	798,000,000
Cash in vault.....	50,000,000	43,000,000	54,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	4,744,000,000	4,809,000,000	5,833,000,000
Time deposits.....	757,000,000	758,000,000	1,225,000,000
Government deposits.....	219,000,000	249,000,000	14,000,000
Due from banks.....	99,000,000	105,000,000	79,000,000
Due to banks.....	819,000,000	836,000,000	1,328,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank.....	15,000,000	35,000,000	10,000,000
Loans on secur. to brokers & dealers:			
For own account.....	401,000,000	432,000,000	1,147,000,000
For account of out-of-town banks.....	78,000,000	66,000,000	315,000,000
For account of others.....	7,000,000	7,000,000	287,000,000
Total.....	486,000,000	505,000,000	1,749,000,000
On demand.....	369,000,000	383,000,000	1,335,000,000
On time.....	117,000,000	122,000,000	414,000,000

	Chicago.		
	Feb. 10 1932.	Feb. 3 1932.	Feb. 11 1931.
Loans and Investments—total.....	\$ 1,499,000,000	\$ 1,512,000,000	\$ 1,989,000,000
Loans—total.....	1,036,000,000	1,048,000,000	1,409,000,000
On securities.....	595,000,000	604,000,000	829,000,000
All other.....	441,000,000	444,000,000	580,000,000
Investments—total.....	463,000,000	464,000,000	580,000,000
U. S. Government securities.....	250,000,000	250,000,000	282,000,000
Other securities.....	213,000,000	214,000,000	298,000,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	144,000,000	145,000,000	182,000,000
Cash in vault.....	17,000,000	17,000,000	14,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	979,000,000	977,000,000	1,260,000,000
Time deposits.....	390,000,000	397,000,000	623,000,000
Government deposits.....	9,000,000	11,000,000	10,000,000
Due from banks.....	89,000,000	93,000,000	169,000,000
Due to banks.....	234,000,000	239,000,000	371,000,000
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 Feb. 3.

The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of weekly reporting member banks in leading cities on Feb. 3 shows decreases for the week of \$13,000,000 in loans and investments, \$287,000,000 in net demand deposits and \$25,000,000 in time deposits, and an increase of \$215,000,000 in Government deposits and of \$25,000,000 in borrowings from Federal Reserve banks.

Loans on securities declined \$19,000,000 at reporting banks in the New York district and \$22,000,000 at all reporting banks. "All other" loans increased \$12,000,000 in the Boston district and \$ 000,000 in the New York district, and declined \$6,000,000 in the San Francisco district and \$3,000,000 at all reporting banks.

Holdings of United States Government securities increased \$48,000,000 in the New York district, \$13,000,000 in the Boston district, \$7,000,000 in the Dallas district, \$6,000,000 in the Philadelphia district and \$84,000,000 at all reporting banks. Holdings of other securities declined \$65,000,000 in the New York district and \$72,000,000 at all reporting banks.

Borrowings of weekly reporting member banks from Federal Reserve banks aggregated \$492,000,000 on Feb. 3, the principal changes for the week being an increase of \$18,000,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and of \$14,000,000 at San Francisco.

A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of weekly reporting member banks, together with changes during the week and the year ended Feb. 3 1932, follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-)		
	Feb. 3 1932.	Jan. 27 1932.	Feb. 4 1931.
	\$	\$	\$
Loans and Investments—total.....	19,979,000,000	+13,000,000	-2,703,000,000
Loans—total.....	12,830,000,000	+25,000,000	-2,838,000,000
On securities.....	5,574,000,000	-22,000,000	-1,729,000,000
All other.....	7,256,000,000	+3,000,000	-1,109,000,000
Investments—total.....	7,149,000,000	+12,000,000	+135,000,000
U. S. Government securities.....	3,925,000,000	+84,000,000	+569,000,000
Other securities.....	3,224,000,000	-72,000,000	-434,000,000
Reserves with F. R. banks.....	1,460,000,000	-22,000,000	-325,000,000
Cash in vault.....	220,000,000	-14,000,000	+3,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	11,166,000,000	-287,000,000	-2,483,000,000
Time deposits.....	5,746,000,000	-25,000,000	-1,414,000,000
Government deposits.....	453,000,000	+215,000,000	+360,000,000
Due from banks.....	920,000,000	+59,000,000	-816,000,000
Due to banks.....	2,355,000,000	+44,000,000	-1,424,000,000
Borrowings from F. R. banks.....	492,000,000	+25,000,000	+427,000,000

* Jan. 27 figures revised (Richmond district).

Statement of Bank for International Settlements for Jan. 31—Assets Below Those for Dec. 31—Central Bank Deposits Offset Most of Decrease in Its Government Accounts.

The Basle (Switzerland) correspondent of the New York "Times" had the following to say under date of Feb. 4 with reference to the Jan. 31 balance sheet of the Bank for International Settlements:

The decline in the funds of the Bank for International Settlements that has been going on since the Hoover plan suspended the reparations account appears now to be almost stopped. The monthly statement issued to-night shows the World Bank's resources on Jan. 31 totaled about \$207,000,000, or only \$700,000 less than at the end of December.

Bank officials are particularly pleased, as the statement reveals that central bank deposits, which had been dropping heavily, actually increased more than \$2,000,000 in January, a continued decrease in governmental deposits accounting for the net loss. They also stress that liquidity is 7% higher than at the end of December. Various credits to the Reichsbank and the Austrian and Hungarian national banks are not included as liquid assets.

Because of the absence in New York of Gate W. McGarrah, the bank's President, the statement is signed by his alternate, Leon Fraser, who also will preside at the monthly meeting of the bank governors here on Sunday. Dr. Melchior, as Vice-Chairman of the board, will preside at its meeting on Monday, which probably will be devoted mostly to routine affairs.

The Jan. 31 statement as contained in Associated Press accounts from Basle Feb. 4 follow:

Following is the balance statement of the Bank for International Settlements, giving its condition as of Jan. 31, as made public here to-day. Figures are in Swiss gold francs at par, 19.3 cents:

ASSETS.			
	January 1932.	December 1931.	
I. Cash on hand and on current account with banks.....	17,322,718.79	15,398,887.47	
II. Funds employed at sight.....	157,968,344.22	143,081,501.41	
III. Rediscountable bills and acceptances at cost—			
(1) Commercial bills and bankers' acceptances.....	406,517,528.70	356,350,162.16	
(2) Treasury bills.....	100,361,023.28	95,950,084.52	
Total.....	506,878,551.98	452,300,246.68	
IV. Time funds at interest—			
(1) Not exceeding three months.....	233,458,295.21	240,849,015.01	
(2) Between three and six months.....	—	—	
Total.....	233,458,295.21	240,849,015.01	
V. Investments at cost—			
(1) Maturing within six months.....	—	164,327,741.18	
(2) Maturing between six months and one year.....	110,179,925.14	12,246,042.49	
(3) Maturing in over one year.....	832,309.26	833,044.08	
Total.....	111,012,234.40	177,406,828.65	
VI. Other assets.....	10,419,992.91	11,794,348.97	
Total assets.....	1,036,060,137.51	1,040,830,828.19	
LIABILITIES.			
I. Paid-up capital.....	108,500,000.00	108,500,000.00	
II. Reserves—			
(1) Legal reserve fund.....	559,326.10	559,326.10	
(2) Dividend reserve fund.....	1,094,189.17	1,094,189.17	
(3) General reserve fund.....	2,188,378.35	2,188,378.35	
Total.....	3,841,893.62	3,841,893.62	
III. Long-term deposits—			
(1) Annuity trust account.....	153,768,617.50	153,768,617.50	
(2) German Government deposit.....	76,884,308.75	76,843,308.75	
(3) French Government guarantee fund.....	68,648,520.43	68,648,520.43	
Total.....	299,301,446.68	299,301,446.68	
IV. Short-term and sight deposits—			
(1) Central banks for own account—			
(a) Between three and six months.....	159,419,140.80	166,180,014.48	
(b) Not exceeding three months.....	315,530,035.79	297,365,679.96	
(c) Slight.....	—	—	
Total.....	474,949,176.59	463,545,694.44	
(2) Central banks for account of others—			
(a) Between three and six months.....	—	—	
(b) Not exceeding three months.....	35,515,286.59	34,167,806.18	
(c) Slight.....	77,694,202.07	101,378,187.97	
Total.....	113,209,488.66	135,546,994.15	
(3) Other depositors—			
(a) Not exceeding three months.....	—	—	
(b) Slight.....	5,927,574.26	3,385,986.71	
Total.....	5,927,574.26	3,385,986.71	
V. Profits for distribution—			
(1) Dividend.....	—	—	
(2) Participation of long-term depositors.....	—	—	
Total.....	—	—	
VI. Miscellaneous items.....	30,330,557.70	26,708,812.59	
Total liabilities.....	1,36,060,137.51	1,040,830,828.19	

Payment of 6% Dividend by Bank for International Settlements Looked for—Losses Suffered Through Drop of Japanese Yen.

Associated Press advices from Basle, Switzerland, Feb. 2, said:

The drop of the Japanese yen in the wake of Far Eastern events caused the only losses sustained by the Bank for International Settlements for the fiscal year ending March 31 1932, its annual report will show.

These losses were covered by other gains and a dividend of 6% was assured, it was announced, since the February and March financial figures will not change the situation materially.

Total business of the bank for the fiscal year shows an increase from 11,500,000 Swiss francs to 13,000,000. Transactions in pounds show a profit of 11,000,000 Swiss francs.

Bimetallism Urged as Aid to Farmers—Farm Witnesses Tell Senate Committee That Death of Money Revives Barter—Bankers Criticized—Control of the "Money Crop" by a "Handful" of International Financiers Assailed—Hearing on Sen. Wheeler's Bill.

Adoption of bimetallism as a means of taking "from the international bankers control of the value and volume of money" was urged on Feb. 6 by John A. Simpson, President of the National Farmers' Union, in testifying before the Senate Finance Committee in favor of Senator Wheeler's bill to establish a double system of currency. A Washington dispatch to the New York "Times," Feb. 6, further reported:

He was followed by William Lemke, of Fargo, N. D., an attorney for the Union, who contended that under the present system, because of insufficiency of money in circulation, Westerners were being forced to resort to barter and trade.

Mr. Lemke asserted that if money was being hoarded it was being done by rich persons.

Saying that millions of people were going to bed hungry each night, he added: "What is a Republican world depression? That is Herbert Clark Hoover sitting solemnly astride a dead horse and trying to win the race."

"Under the National Bank and Federal Reserve Acts," Mr. Simpson said, "the power to control the money crop has been transferred to a handful of international bankers. Bimetallism will make it much more difficult for the international bankers to control the money crop."

He declared that international bankers had been trying to get the little banks to invest in foreign instead of domestic securities.

"They pawed off on their unsuspecting friends millions of dollars of these securities," he added. "The very gold standard we are on is interfering with our trade in foreign countries."

He estimated that bimetallism, as provided for in the Wheeler Bill, would increase the money in circulation by at least \$2,000,000,000.

Mr. Lemke said that horses were being traded for vegetables in the Northwest, and that Eastern North Dakota wheat was being paid to Kansas ministers for marrying couples, and that the farmers were receiving but 15c. a bushel for potatoes after paying 9c. for a sack to contain them and 3c. to have them dug.

C. H. Hyde, of Alva, Okla.; Joe P. Lummer, of Akron, Colo., and Senator Wheeler also supported the bill. Mr. Wheeler said that the measure would "not only increase the price of farm products in this country but would double or triple the purchasing power of other nations."

Ban on Exportation of Gold Coins Opposed—Movement of Metal From United States Held Aid to Return of Economic Health.

The following by Dr. Arthur M. Wolkiser, Consulting Economist is from the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Feb. 9:

The bank on export of gold coins for hoarding purposes from the United States agreed upon formally by the New York Clearing House banks should not be considered as a valuable addition to the United States' recent monetary policy.

True, the Clearing House banks are private institutions which do not by any means prejudice the attitude of the Federal Reserve Banks. Nevertheless, the New York Clearing House banks are the almost exclusive instruments through which monetary influences from the United States toward abroad and vice versa exert themselves. Any action they take may be and will be considered as being in agreement with the policy of the Federal Reserve System, no matter what the legal situation is.

It is well known that private hoarding is being considered by banking circles in the United States and abroad as one of the major stumbling-blocks on the way to economic recovery. While, in the United States, hoarding characteristically has taken the form of largely hoarding Federal Reserve notes, in Europe hoarding is going on through the medium of gold due to the fact that the European nations have either legally or practically abandoned the gold standard. The Federal Reserve banks are the only "central banks" which freely hand out gold coin on demand. The Bank of France which probably more than any other central bank in Europe approaches the ideal of free monetary gold exchange, is legally on the gold bullion standard, which does not permit paying out gold coins upon demand, while the smallest amount of gold metal available to the population upon demand is a gold bar in the value of about \$8,000. The hoarding medium, used by the poor and middle class Frenchman, is the United States gold coin, which is exported from this country, and which has lately been selling at a small premium, in France, over the French paper franc, which explains why it has been possible to export such gold coins when the franc, in the United States, has been below the gold export point.

Bankers' Viewpoint Questioned.

The American banks have entered their agreement to ban the export of gold coins when they have knowledge that the metal will be used for hoarding, under two assumptions. First, that they are able to arrive at such a conclusion. Second, that hoarding of gold coins is a "racket" and, as such, legitimate.

It seems very doubtful that the New York banks are able to discriminate between "legitimate" and "illegitimate" demand for gold coins from abroad. Since American gold coins are not used in Europe as part of the National currency, except possibly in times of extreme inflation, every shipment of

gold]coins to Europe could be considered as "illegitimate." But is the demand for gold coin really illegitimate?

That part of monetary theory which has to do with hoarding is one of the weakest parts of economic theory. The school which adheres to the banking principle used to believe in hoarding as the necessary reservoir for currency in case and in time of oversupply of currency. Our present age, which adores the fetish of purchasing power, condemns hoarding as the cause of a decrease in the demand for goods.

In reality, hoarding is a proof that the hoarder is valuing "money" higher than goods, and such a valuation is entirely legitimate. Lack of confidence in the economic situation and the monetary system of his country is the underlying cause for this unfortunate valuation. Every attempt to interfere with the natural valuations of people as to the desirability of "money" or goods will defeat itself in the long run.

Cites Historical Examples.

History is full of examples of the correctness of this statement. It has been shown time and again that blocking the wheels of economic developments only turns bad things to worse. On the other hand, the hoarding of gold coins in Europe may be a valuable hint to the European Governments that all is not well in their monetary systems.

For instance, French peasants being unable to hoard gold bars, and therefore hoarding gold coins, may be afraid of currency inflation, which many people believe to be already under progress in France. In 1924, the German Government might have continued its inflationary policy far beyond the equivalent of one gold mark to one thousand billion paper marks, if the substitution of the inflated currency by gold currency or gold value in contracts and in the daily turnover of trade had not convinced it of the inescapable necessity of erecting a new and sound monetary system. The relatively unimportant export of gold coins from the United States may be termed an American contribution to the world's return to economic health.

The refusal of the New York Clearing House banks to permit the free operation of economic forces is another hopeless attempt at changing economic trends by working upon their symptoms.

Reference to the action of the New York banks to stem the hoarding of gold abroad was referred to in our issue of Feb. 6 page 954.

Proposal by French Minister Tardieu at Geneva Disarmament Conference for Creation of International Police Force to Prevent War—Would Place Troops, Planes and Ships at Disposal of League of Nations To Maintain Peace—Delegates Virtually All Agree Proposals Are Impracticable—Plan Covers Heavy Arms—Non-League Members Would Be Under International Authority.

A proposal for the creation of an international police force to prevent war was made at the Geneva disarmament conference on Feb. 5 by Andre Tardieu, French Minister of War and head of the French delegation. The proposals, said a Geneva cablegram to the New York "Times," include the placing at the disposal of the League of Nations under certain conditions of all heavy bombing planes, all heavy artillery, all vessels carrying guns of more than eight-inch calibre and of more than 10,000 tons and all submarines over a certain tonnage to be fixed. The cablegram went on to say:

In general, the French proposals develop and complete the French thesis as first propounded by Leon Bourgeois when the League was in embryo and as used by French logicians ever since. They offer the disarmament conference and the world "a definite choice between a League disposing of an executive authority and a League paralyzed by the intransigency of national sovereignty."

Conference Amazed.

So sweeping and sensational are the proposals that they have left most of the delegations here gasping with surprise. Some call them epoch-making, some Utopian, some ingenious and astute and some cynical, according to the way their sympathies lie.

Almost all agree that the proposals as they stand are utterly impracticable at present and that even as a theoretical statement of position they go much further than can possibly be practically helpful to the present conference.

For the United States the proposals are certainly completely unacceptable, for they give those teeth to the League which would make it in effect a super-State.

They place every member of the League in the position of a participant in an international police force to prevent war, and under obligation to contribute to the first contingent of punitive troops to repress a war and come to the aid of any State which is a victim of aggression. These troops would be under League command.

The situation of those countries which are not members of the League is dismissed in a footnote which reads that their aircraft, land and naval forces would be "at the disposal of some international authority which would be constituted to insure their co-operation."

A Double Surprise.

M. Tardieu sprang a surprise on the conference not only with his proposals but by his manner of presenting them. A full meeting had been called for the afternoon for formal business and the election of the fourteen vice-presidents. As the meeting was gathering, it was whispered that the French delegate had asked the President's permission to lay a proposal before the conference.

When the formal business had been concluded, Arthur Henderson called M. Tardieu by name. From the tribune the latter made, the announcement that France, desiring to reply to the appeal of the President to give the conference concrete proposals to work on, had decided to hand in her proposals at once.

Before he took this step, M. Tardieu had called into consultation France's allies of the Little Entente and the principal delegates of Poland and Belgium, to whom he had explained the contents of the French proposal. . . .

The French program, on analysis, will be found to be an ingenious amalgam of just those proposals which were propounded at the Trocadero peace meeting some months ago, when Edouard Herriot, Viscount Cecil of Chelwood, Alanson B. Houghton and others were howled down by a riotous mob of young French Nationalists. It is entirely a program of the Left with the scheme of Henri de Jouvenel for an international air force included.

Examine Proposals.

All the delegations are busily examining the proposals to-night. For Hugh S. Gibson and his colleagues there is only one obvious course, and that course—complete benevolent neutrality—will certainly be followed. It is obviously impossible for the American delegation to take part in the discussion of a scheme for handing over United States battleships, airplanes, submarines and heavy artillery to the disposal of the League of Nations without previous consultation with the Senate.

Senator Swanson, while very non-committal regarding his own views, hazarded the remark that at least the French had shown themselves true to their own doctrine.

The British delegation, while also non-committal, seemed to think that their countrymen would scarcely accept that proposal which reads that subjects of the signatory States will only be allowed to construct and use freely airplanes of non-military value and of a tonnage below the figure to be fixed by the Convention.

Machines above this figure, according to the French proposal, would be confined to continental, intercontinental and intercolonial organizations and placed under the control of the League, which would have permanent right of requisition over them.

Even less are the English considered likely to accept the internationalization of their fleet.

Stress Guarantees.

In the full text of the French proposals will be noted their insistence that all their proposals, first, for the internationalization of civil air transport under a regime to be organized by the League; second, the placing of certain material, land and naval forces at the disposal of the League, and third, the creation of an international force, would be "ineffective and even unthinkable without compulsory arbitration, definition of an aggressor and guarantees as to the rapidity of the decision of the authority controlling the international force."

With regard to these matters, the French delegation has reserved the right to make concrete proposals.

It would, therefore, appear that the French delegation itself regards the scheme submitted to-day as more of theoretical and philosophical than of practical value to the discussions of this conference, and it is to be regarded as a maximum statement.

One Frenchman even went so far as to characterize it as "pure Jules Verne" and its use is expected to be more for tactical purposes at home and abroad than as a platform for discussion here.

The Main Argument.

In reality what is perhaps of most significance in the whole document is this sentence:

"The Government of the Republic assumes that on the basis of the Draft Convention of 1930 action will be taken with the least possible delay."

It is on that that the main argument, especially between France and Germany, will be conducted and one the result of that argument that the success of this Conference will depend.

France has made certain in either event that whatever happens she will be able to face the world as the first country ready in the interests of peace to abdicate her rights of National sovereignty and put her armed forces at the disposal of an international authority.

Only France and Italy obtained a unanimous vote of 54 nations for the positions of Vice-President of the Conference at to-day's election. Great Britain came third with 53 votes and the United States fourth with 52 in the secret ballot. Germany took fifth place with 50 votes, while Japan obtained a place with 47 and Soviet Russia with 36.

The following is the text of the French proposals laid before the disarmament conference as given in the Geneva account to the New York "Times":

The Proposal of the French Delegation.

The Government of the Republic, conscious of the gravity of the problem to be solved, is convinced that in accordance with the previous work of the League of Nations the conference should deal with this problem as part of a general policy. This is all the more important since it meets at a time of economic and moral tension and at a time of general disturbance and uneasiness, when events emphasize the absolute necessity of better organization in a tormented world.

The Government of the Republic is anxious to honor the promise contained in the memorandum of July 15 1931, and to reply to the repeated appeals made by the League, notably in the resolution of the Assembly of 1927. It intends thus to fulfill a double duty.

It assumes that on the basis of the draft convention of 1930 action will be taken with the least possible delay. Further, it presents herewith proposals for placing civil aviation and bombing aircraft and also certain material, land and naval forces at the disposal of the League of Nations for the creation of a preventive and punitive international force for the political conditions upon which such measures depend, and lastly for new rules providing for the protection of the civil population.

Note.—In the case of the accession of States non-members of the League of which several have taken part in the work of the preparatory commission, at the disposal of the international authority which would be constituted to insure their co-operation.

Proposals to Place Civil Aviation and Bombing Aircraft at the Disposal of the League.

The Government of the Republic proposes in the first place to the conference a series of measures dealing with the newest arm of war now increasing immoderately in size and technique, with the consequent disorganization of prices and international competition; this war arm, whose character is most specifically offensive and most threatening to civilians. Bombing machines capable of carrying great loads and having a wide radius of action, which enables them to conduct operations far within the territory of belligerent countries offer an aggressor a particularly cruel weapon for use against non-combatants. It is to such machines that the following provisions refer:

PART I.

Internationalization of Civil Air Transport Under a Regime to Be Organized by the League.

This internationalization, already studied by certain governments for economic and financial reasons, would include:

A.—An undertaking by the high contracting parties to permit their nationals to construct (with the exception of orders placed in accordance with the conditions fixed in Paragraphs B, C and D, hereafter), or to employ machines capable of military use. The maximum unladen tonnage of authorized airplanes will be, to this end and in accordance with the advice of their experts, limited by the high contracting parties to X tons for 100 airplanes, X¹ for seaplanes and X² cubic meters for dirigibles.

B.—The creation of an international civil air transport service, entrusted to continental, intercontinental or intercolonial organizations, to operate air transport under the auspices of the League, which alone will have the

right to build and use machines of greater tonnage than indicated in the preceding paragraph.

C.—The right to create lines between the home country and the colonial territories presenting particular interest for one or more of the high contracting parties, provided always that they undertake to bear the costs, if requested to do so by the League, and that they submit to the League for its approval, the number, type and unladen tonnage of the machines to be used.

D. Fair distribution according to their capacity between the aviation industries of the different countries of orders for material for the international civil aviation in accordance with conditions to be fixed in the annexed convention.

E.—The exclusive, permanent and inalienable right for the League to requisition all machines for the international air transport service.

F.—A guarantee of the high contracting parties not to place an embargo on machines belonging to the International Civil Air Service and not to sequester them but to facilitate the League's right of requisition by all means in their power.

This internationalization of civil aviation is a necessary condition of the proposals which follow.

PART II.

Limitation of Bombing Aircraft.

The problem to be solved has two aspects of equal importance. On the one hand, it is necessary that in order to carry out its preventive and, if need be, punitive action against war the League of Nations should dispose of superiority in air strength. On the other hand, it would be inadmissible for a State victim of an air bombardment in violation of the rules laid down in Chapter V below not to retain full use of all its air strength in order to reply to this flagrant act of aggression. In order to reconcile these two necessities the Government of the Republic proposes:

A.—The high contracting parties undertake not to retain or not to build in future for their military air forces machines having an unladen tonnage exceeding a limit to be fixed by the high contracting parties in consultation with experts at Y tons for airplanes, Y¹ tons for seaplanes and Y² cubic meters for dirigibles.

Machines of a tonnage above this limit will be set aside for the constitution of an international military air force. Consequently, they will be transferred by those high contracting parties who own them, when the convention comes into force, to the League of Nations, which will decide where they will have to be stationed and will organize command of the international force.

B.—In the military air forces of the different States two categories must be distinguished:

1. Machines which will be left in all circumstances at the disposal of the military air forces and unladen tonnage which will be decided by the high contracting parties after consultation with their experts and will not exceed Z tons for airplanes, Z¹ tons for seaplanes and Z² cubic meters for dirigibles.

2. Machines of unladen tonnage which come within the limits of Y and Z and which will conform with the rules of Paragraph C below.

C.—The inclusion of airplanes of unladen tonnage which comes between Z and Y tons in the air forces they are entitled to possess is only authorized to those high contracting parties who undertake to place them at the disposal of the League in the eventuality of the application of Article XVI of the Covenant and of common action by the League. These machines will be permanently under the inspection of the League.

D.—Any high contracting power a victim of air bombardment in violation of Chapter B below, on the sole condition that it notifies the League, will be entitled immediately to use all its air forces, including those machines earmarked to be at the disposal of the League. The high contracting party will also ipso facto be freed from its own obligations vis-a-vis the aggressor.

The above provisions, while insuring to the League its superiority in air strength, will result in limiting bombing aircraft as regards number, power and use.

Proposals to Place Certain Material, Land and Naval Forces at the Disposal of the League.

The same problem arises in the case of certain land and naval material as arises in the case of bombing aircraft. The French delegation offers a similar solution, namely:

Only those powers which undertake to place them at the disposal of the League in the eventuality of application of Article XVI of the Covenant and of common action by the League shall have the right to dispose of all such means of defense.

- Material coming under the present section includes:
 - First, batteries of heavy long-range artillery.
 - Second, capital ships carrying guns exceeding eight inches or of tonnage exceeding 10,000 tons.
 - Third, submarines with tonnage exceeding X tons.

PART III.

Creation of the International Force.

The object of the third French proposal is to set up on behalf of the League and apart from the measures provided in Chapters I and 2:

- First, an international police force to prevent war.
 - Second, the first contingent of punitive forces to repress war and bring immediate assistance to any State victim of an aggression.
- The police force will be permanently available, with complete freedom of passage to occupy, in times of emergency, areas where the threat of war has arisen and to assist the action of the commissioners of the League of Nations and also contribute to all conservatory measures within the scope of the convention to improve the means of preventing war and Article XI of the League covenant.

This police force will be made up of a contingent furnished by each of the high contracting parties in proportions to be determined. France is prepared to contribute a mixed brigade, a light naval division and a mixed group of reconnaissance and fighter aircraft.

The League of Nations will arrange for the command of the international police force and will be entitled to inspect its component elements.

The first contingent of punitive forces would, in conformity with undertakings to be taken by the high contracting parties, be made up of elements of strength varying according to the regions concerned. These undertakings entered into by the States toward the League would oblige them to come to the help of any State victim of aggression with forces of definite strength and constantly available. The high contracting parties would have the option of increasing this contribution on recommendation of the Council of the League [Paragraph 2 of Article XVI of the covenant] or in the event of an aggression with a view to applying regional conventions of mutual assistance coming within the scope of the covenant.

The undertakings of the various States would differ according to the place of conflict—a conflict concerning another continent from that to which a State belongs; a conflict concerning the continent to which a State belongs; a conflict in which the aggressor has a common frontier with the contracting State.

France is prepared to undertake the following contributions:

First, in the case of a conflict outside Europe: A mixed brigade, a light naval division, a mixed group of aircraft, material for land warfare, without personnel, and munitions.

Second, for a conflict in Europe: A division of all arms, a naval division, a mixed group of aircraft, material for land warfare, with personnel and munitions.

Third, for a conflict in Europe in which the aggressor has a common frontier with France, beyond the contingent provided for in the preceding paragraph—forces the strength of which would be decided in each case in agreement with the League.

As far as material for land warfare is concerned, the high contracting parties which possess tanks, or similar armored implements, as well as heavy field artillery, undertake to contribute from them forces which will be placed at the disposal of the League under the conditions mentioned above.

In these various eventualities the undertakings of each State would only become operative if the forces thus placed at any moment at the disposal of the League reached the minimum total to be determined and if there were an equitable proportion between the contributions of the principal States.

PART IV.

Protection of Civilian Populations.

In addition to the preceding provisions, the Government of the Republic proposes the adoption of the following rules, which can be adopted unconditionally:

The use by airplanes and by land or naval artillery projectiles which are specifically incendiary or which contain poison gases or bacteria is forbidden, whatever the objective.

B.—Any bombardment, either from the air or by artillery, is forbidden at a distance of more than X kilometers from the front line in land warfare. The only exceptions admitted to this rule concern the bombardment of air bases used by belligerents or of emplacements of long-range artillery.

C.—Along the coast, air bombardment is forbidden behind a zone of the depth of X kilometers, except on air bases and on batteries of artillery. In this zone of X kilometers, air bombardment is not permitted except under the conditions laid down by Convention IX of The Hague for naval artillery, acting with or without preliminary warning, according to the cases mentioned in Article II of said Convention.

D-1.—The use of naval artillery will continue to be governed by the provisions of Convention IX of The Hague.

E-1.—Any flagrant violation of one of the rules stated in the present chapter will be regarded as prima facie evidence that the State guilty thereof has resorted to war within the meaning of Article XVI of the covenant of the League of Nations.

PART V.

Conditions for Organization of Peace.

The Government of the Republic is fully aware that the above proposals entail political measures which alone permit and guarantee their successful operation.

It affirms once more that no substantial reduction in armaments can be brought about by empirical and technical means. Who desires this end—and the end is essential—should also desire the means. There must be a change of method in the future. We must seek in common action that security which each nation has hitherto endeavored to obtain from its own force alone.

This is the very spirit of the covenant. We must give vitality to its stipulations, which, ever since we began to discuss their application, have been constantly interpreted along the line of least resistance. The present conference offers the best opportunity which ever occurred to make a definite choice between a League of Nations possessing executive authority and a League of Nations paralyzed by the intransigencies of national sovereignty.

France has made her choice. She suggests that the others should make theirs.

The measures without which the above proposals would be ineffective and even unthinkable include, among others, compulsory arbitration; a definition of "aggressor," guarantees as to rapidity of decision of the authority controlling the international force; the bringing of this action into conformity with international law, which is still insufficiently precise but permanent and binding the elements which result from international treaties and pacts; and international control and execution of all agreements concerning armaments. The League has always recognized this thesis.

These provisions, in regard to which the French delegation reserves the right to make concrete proposals, are an integral part of inquiries carried out by the League during the last 12 years. All elements of the necessary solution are brought together. Such a solution would be not only an important step toward general and contractual limitation of armaments and toward their reduction but also a great advance in the organization of peace.

As the proposed organization would have to be general, the execution of undertakings which the various powers would declare themselves ready to accept will be held in suspense until ratification of the final convention by all high contracting parties.

The Government of the Republic furnished in its memorandum of July 15 1931 and in annexes to this memorandum, precise details of modification of its armaments and reductions which it has already brought about of its own accord under Article VIII of the League covenant since it came into force and since the conclusion of the Locarno agreements.

These reductions, which political conditions based on the existing order of things, has rendered possible to France, are a pledge of her determination not only to fix them by treaty but also, once co-operation has taken the place of isolation, to endeavor to achieve further reductions on lines of present proposals and of fundamental guarantees to peace which these proposals contain.

America Offers Nine-point Plan at Geneva to Reduce Arms—Further Cuts in Navies and Abolition of Submarines and Chemical Warfare Proposed—Would Limit Forces to Defensive Basis—Nations of Western World Prepared for International Life, Ambassador Gibson Tells Conference.

A nine-point program for the limitation of armament was proposed to the General Disarmament Conference at Geneva Feb. 9 by the acting chief of the American Delegation, Hugh S. Gibson, American Ambassador to Belgium. According to the "United States Daily," a copy of Ambassador Gibson's address was cabled to the Department of State

and made public in full text. The "Daily" of Feb. 10 continued:

American Program Outlined.

The nine points of the American disarmament program are as follows:

- 1.—Consideration of the draft convention for disarmament, which was prepared by the Preparatory Commission for Disarmament, as the basis of a disarmament treaty.
- 2.—Prolongation of the London and Washington naval treaties.
- 3.—A proportional reduction of the naval figures agreed upon in the London and Washington naval treaties.
- 4.—The total abolition of submarines.
- 5.—The protection of civilians from aerial bombing.
- 6.—Abolition of lethal gases and bacteriological warfare.
- 7.—The measurement of armed forces on the basis of maintenance of internal order plus some suitable contingent for defense.
- 8.—A special restriction for tanks and heavy mobile guns which are for a peculiarly offensive character.
- 9.—Limitation of expenditure on material as a complementary method to direct militation.

Western Nations Declared Peaceful.

Ambassador Gibson also informed the Disarmament Conference that the nations of the Western Hemisphere "have long since prepared themselves for an international life," and that "not a single American nation possesses an army which brings fear to its neighbors."

The nine points which Ambassador Gibson proposed is not a hard and fast program, according to an oral statement made on behalf of the American Government. In other words, the United States does not ask the acceptance of every point in it or nothing, as was asked of the French program put forward at Geneva. The American proposals are merely some ideas which the United States believes will contribute to practical limitation of armament, it was explained.

Naval Conference in 1935.

The reason for proposing an extension of the Washington and London Naval treaties, it was stated orally, is because a naval conference was scheduled to be held in 1935 and it is believed that this would be too soon after the Geneva Conference. How soon another conference should be called is uncertain, it was stated, but the League has a provision that there shall be a reconsideration of arms not to exceed 10 years apart.

The American opposition to bacteriological warfare means opposition to warfare by the spreading of germs which was started toward the ending of the World War when attempts were made to spread disease among cattle, it was stated on behalf of the American Government.

Ambassador Gibson's statement to the Conference follows in full text: The United States enters the first World Conference on the limitation and reduction of armaments with the determination to leave nothing undone to achieve substantial progress. It assumes that the same will predominate among all the nations represented in this conference. Nothing is contributed to our deliberations, indeed our efforts are only clouded with insincerity and pretense, if we fail to acknowledge the difficulties which just now surround the project before us. The part of statecraft is, however, neither to gloss over difficulties and thereby contribute to defeat, nor to invite despair by overemphasis on the difficulties in the foreground.

Determination to Achieve Substantial Progress Cited.

The situation demands calm consideration of the facts as they exist and courageous efforts to obtain a substantial solution. The impediments are familiar to the most elementary observer of international affairs of this kind. We meet with the necessity of co-ordinating motives and maturing agreement in a congress of nations larger than has ever before assembled. We meet under the strain of economic distresses, international uncertainties and popular emotions which might easily engulf anything smaller in stature than the cause presented here.

Our conference must not be diverted from achieving success on the vital questions by minor differences of a technical nature. The task before the nations of the world is not to minimize these problems but, fully mindful of them, to gather strength and determination from the conviction that the demand for a regime of international confidence, co-operation and peace will in the end have its way that the men and nations of our own day who contribute to it will be counted in the end as enrolled in a victorious cause, and that in the long perspective of history those who are to-day reluctant and pre-occupied with smaller interests will stand only as temporary impediments to a worldwide and inevitable movement.

The people of the United States have, during the past generation, played a useful and leading part in the movement for the limitation and reduction of arms. The Washington Conference of 1922 made the first concrete contribution in voluntary limitation. It met the then existing problem of armament at its most acute, its most threatening and its most conspicuous point, and by a restriction of naval armament among the Powers who found themselves setting an unhappy example, made a long and decisive stride in the direction demanded by world opinion. Our people at that conference sacrificed, it not a real predominance, at least a potential predominance in weight and strength for warfare. The American people have been proud of the contribution which they made to that pact of temperate conduct and common sense.

Principles Established at London Conference.

In the London naval conference of 1930 the principle of limitation established for capital ships at the Washington meeting was enlarged to cover the whole field of equipment for warfare at sea by the three most heavily armed of the nations, and some progress was made toward including the two other Powers most concerned. We enter the conference to-day with the practicability of the limitation upon arms established, with the demand for it augmented by general pride and satisfaction in the achievement already made, and with the United States again willing to play its appropriate part in further progress.

The American delegation is prepared to consider any form of military limitation and reduction which promises real progress toward the feeling of international security, protection against surprise and restraint on the use of arms for purposes of aggression.

The burden and dangers of the gigantic machinery of warfare which are now being maintained in times of peace have reached a point where they threaten civilization itself. For two years past the people of every race have been confronted with an economic crisis from which no nation has been free. All the governments of the world have faced reduction of income, unsettled budgets and dangers to the very stability of government itself.

The United States, while seriously affected by these difficulties, has suffered somewhat less severely than many of the other nations. It is to-day able to maintain the burden of armament as readily as any of the nations, but it views that burden as unnecessary and inexcusable. No one will doubt the political instability of the world of which these arms are not along the effect but also the cause.

No one will doubt that they not only contribute to the economic debacle but that they threaten the peace of the world. Our American people look upon the statesmanship which permits the continuance of existing conditions as nothing less than failure. The time has gone by when the peoples of the world will long permit the continuance of this failure.

Factors Influencing Convictions on Armaments.

There is a feeling sometimes expressed that the convictions of the United States in this field, the faith of our people in an orderly and stable regime among the nations, and our conviction that the very existence of armaments unbalances the equilibrium, are a product of our geographical isolation and of our lack of experience of and exposure to the rivalries and strains of the European continent.

In answer, the American people point to the fact that the system of competitive armament, of alliances and cross alliances which has existed for centuries in Europe has failed to maintain peace and seems indeed to have been provocative of war, the results of which are such that victors and vanquished are victims alike.

Furthermore, the altered conditions of international relationships, the development of communication and transport within the last generation to a point where the whole world is knit together by strands of commerce, finance and intimate contact, have today produced new international relationships which are utterly inconsistent with the older methods and formulas. America is convinced that the world should not go on to new movements and new tasks hampered by the garments of an older regime, and that the problem is only how promptly and smoothly mankind will cast aside the weapons and traditions of the old.

In the past every nation has justified its level of armament, however high, by the claim such levels were necessary for its national defense. Let us not forget, however, that new international commitments of binding force have introduced a new conception of what is needed by a nation for the purpose of defense. Such treaties and commitments bear upon practically all the nations here represented. In view of this new situation, calling for new methods and new formulas, the lessons of the old strategy must be unlearned in order that we may advance.

The new conception of national armaments has never been put into words in any of our commitments, but it is so implicit in their terms that it can be reduced almost to a formula. Every nation has not only the right but the obligation to its own people to maintain internal order. This obviously calls for an adequate military force for internal police work.

Beyond and above this there is the obligation of each government to its people to maintain a sufficient increment of military strength to defend the national territory against aggression and invasion. We, therefore, have this formula dividing our military forces into two parts. Beyond this reasonable supplement to the police force we have taken an implicit obligation to restrict ourselves.

Our problem is, therefore, to establish by honest scrutiny and agreement the margin that now exists beyond what is essential for the maintenance of internal order and defense of our territories. Controlled by prudence, but not by fear, let us then proceed in a practical way to reduce armaments to the level to which we are all committed.

The American delegation has listened with interest to the speeches of Sir John Simon and M. Tardieu and has been interested to note that each of them has begun this general discussion by concrete proposals, setting forth at the very beginning of the conference the contributions which their governments can make to the cause for which we are assembled.

These proposals and any others which may be put before the conference will be examined with an open mind by my Government and we feel that the best road to success lies in a similar statement from every delegation that has something positive to lay before us so that we may set out upon our labors with the benefit of all the practical proposals which it is possible to bring forward at the outset.

Definite Program Not Formulated.

The American delegation has not attempted to formulate and submit any comprehensive plan for overcoming all of the obstacles that exist in the way of achieving a general limitation and reduction in armaments. In the first place, we do not desire to raise new questions which will increase the points of difference and thus delay taking the forward steps which could otherwise be taken. In the second place, we do not believe the human mind is capable of so projecting itself into the future as to devise a plan which will adequately provide for all future developments and contingencies.

Since practically all the nations of the world have now pledged themselves not to wage aggressive war, we believe this conference should and can successfully devote itself to the abolition of weapons which are devoted primarily to aggressive war and we are prepared to give earnest and sympathetic consideration to any plans or proposals which seem to furnish a practicable and sound basis upon which we may effect a general limitation and reduction of armaments and establish a more healthy and peaceful state of affairs. It is my purpose to-day to lay before you certain points which the American delegation advocates. Let me say that this list is not exclusive and contains merely some of the thoughts which we feel will carry on some of the purposes of the conference.

1. The American Government advocates consideration of the draft convention as containing the outlines for a convenient basis for discussion, while expressing its entire willingness to give full consideration to any supplementary proposals calculated to advance the end we all seek.

2. We suggest the possibility of prolonging the existing naval agreements concluded at Washington and London, and we advocate completing the latter as soon as possible by the adherence of France and Italy.

Methods Advocated by the Government.

3. We advocate proportional reduction from the figures laid down in the Washington and London agreements on naval tonnage as soon as all parties to the Washington agreement have entered this frame work.

4. We advocate, as we long have done, the total abolition of submarines.

5. We will join in formulating the most effective measures to protect civilian population against aerial bombing.

6. We advocate the total abolition of lethal gases and bacteriological warfare.

7. We advocate, as I have already stated, the computation of the number of armed forces on the basis of the effectiveness necessary for the maintenance of internal order plus some suitable contingent for defense. The former are obviously impossible of reduction; the latter is a question of relativity.

8. We agree in advocating special restrictions for tanks and heavy mobile guns, in other words, for those arms of a peculiarly offensive character.

9. We are prepared to consider a limitation of expenditure on material as a complementary method to direct limitation, feeling that it may prove useful to prevent a qualitative race, if and when quantitative limitation has been effected.

I have already said these nine points are in no sense exclusive, but I mention them merely in order to focus attention upon the methods in which we have the greatest hope of early practical realization.

Preparation for Pacific Settlement of Disputes

The nations of the Western Hemisphere have long since prepared themselves for an international life in which the solution of difficulties will be sought by pacific means only. The problem of armaments is not of the Western Hemisphere. Of the five principal navies of the world only one belongs to an American Nation and to this navy the principle of proportionate limitation and reduction has been comprehensively applied. Not a single American Nation possesses an army which brings fear to its neighbors. For half a century no international war has occurred between the nations of our hemisphere. There is no surer evidence that self-restraint from over-armament safeguards peace.

There is more security to be had in friendly co-operation between nations than in reliance on force. The best defense a nation can have is the good will of its neighbors. Nevertheless, and in spite of the fact that we ourselves have reduced the personnel of our land forces to a figure below the proportion reached by any great European power, we are here to co-operate to the utmost of our ability. We are prepared to discuss and to extend to other fields the principles of limitation and reduction of armaments already established and to examine and accept new principles if they contribute genuinely to the end defined.

We join our sister nations with the deep conviction that the cause at issue must not be diverted by lack of frank discussion, by preoccupation with the difficulties in the foreground or by a weak surrender to the obvious impediments to progress. The delegation of the United States is representing not only a Government, but a people, and the mandate from both is in the same unmistakable terms, that decrease in arms is an essential not alone to economic recovery of the world, but also the preservation of the whole fabric of peace.

Washington Cool to French Proposal for International Police Force to Prevent War—Proposal Called Definitely Related to Security Pact Already Barred in United States—Sen. Frazier Introduces Resolution Proposing Universal and Complete Disarmament.

The French proposal at Geneva for establishment of an international police force to guarantee the security of the nations of the world was viewed coolly in Washington but without formal comment, said a Washington dispatch Feb. 5 to the New York "Herald Tribune," which likewise said:

The proposal, it was observed, quite definitely is related to the security pact idea long emphasized by France and consistently rejected by the United States. Before the American delegates left for Geneva, it was made clear here that they would maintain this government's rejection of that idea.

As interpreted in Washington, the latest French proposal is presumably more objectionable, from the American viewpoint, than a security pact would be. Whereas a security pact would commit the United States and other signatories to use military force in opposing a threat to France, the new program would provide virtually for constant military participation in the world's international disputes.

Senate Objections Cited.

It also was recalled that the most powerful objection raised against American membership in the League of Nations while it was under consideration in the Senate was the article embodying the international police idea.

Senator Frazier's Resolution.

Immediate total disarmament as the goal of the Geneva conference was urged in the Senate to-day by Senator Lynn J. Frazier, insurgent Republican, of North Dakota. He introduced a resolution calling on the American delegates to negotiate a multilateral treaty providing for immediate, universal and complete disarmament.

Senator Frazier announced that the resolution had the indorsement of the Women's Peace Union of the United States; the Pennsylvania Committee for Total Disarmament; the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, United States Section, and the total Disarmament Committee, with headquarters in Geneva.

Senator Borah Condemns World Police Plan—Says Latest Proposal by France is "Inherently Objectionable."

Senator William E. Borah of Idaho, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, asserted on Feb. 7 that the latest suggestion from Paris for an international police force to enforce peace was "inherently objectionable." His statement was made when he was asked to comment on a report crediting France with willingness to consider the creation of such an organization, wholly outside the League of Nations, in an effort to win over the United States, and citing as a ground for French hopes the support of Republicans, led by former President Taft in 1915 and 1916, for the League to Enforce Peace. The advices from Washington Feb. 7 to the New York "Times," from which we quote, continued:

"The fact," said Senator Borah, "that this proposed scheme for an international police force, composed of armies and navies, is to be outside the League does not help it in the least.

"It is inherently objectionable, regardless of its parentage. "The League to Enforce Peace never had any considerable support in this country. I cannot imagine any form of despotism more objectionable than an international police force. After all, there is something dearer than peace, and that is liberty and justice."

The League to Enforce Peace was organized at a conference held in Independence Hall, Philadelphia, on June 17 1915, under a call issued a month before by a committee of 100, headed by ex-President Taft. Born at a time when half the world was engaged in the World War, this League proposed, among other things, the abolition of warfare through the enforcement of peace by the armed forces of the nations that might sign the proposed treaty. Mr. Taft presided at the Philadelphia meeting, which adopted a resolution that provided:

"1.—All justifiable questions arising between the signatory powers not settled by negotiations shall, subject to the limitations of treaties, be submitted to a judicial tribunal for hearing and judgment, both upon the merits and upon any issue as to its jurisdiction of the question.

"2.—All other questions arising between the signatories and not settled by negotiation shall be submitted to a Council of Conciliation for hearing, consideration and recommendation.

"3.—The signatory powers shall jointly use forthwith both their economic and military forces against any one of their number that goes to war or commits acts of hostility against another of the signatories before any question arising shall be submitted as provided in the foregoing.

"4.—Conferences between the signatory powers shall be held from time to time to formulate and codify rules of international law, which, unless some signatory shall signify its dissent within a stated period, shall thereafter govern the decision of the judicial tribunal mentioned in Article 1."

Comparative Figures of Condition of Canadian Banks.

In the following we compare the condition of the Canadian banks for Dec. 31 1931 with the figures for Nov. 30 1931 and Dec. 31 1930:

STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF THE BANKS OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

Assets.	Dec. 31 1931.	Nov. 30 1931.	Dec. 31 1930.
Current gold and subsidiary coin—			
In Canada.....	\$ 45,961,129	\$ 47,471,339	\$ 47,402,608
Elsewhere.....	19,855,656	40,139,457	30,635,999
Total.....	65,816,786	87,610,799	84,038,609
Dominion notes—			
In Canada.....	128,850,465	153,636,112	126,857,429
Elsewhere.....	10,080	11,566	31,297
Total.....	128,860,547	153,647,679	126,888,728
Notes of other banks.....	11,936,403	14,331,688	15,011,396
United States & other foreign currencies.....	14,736,182	19,115,744	22,211,153
Cheques on other banks.....	102,117,849	114,188,694	127,217,584
Loans to other banks in Canada, secured, including bills rediscounted.....			
Deposits made with and balance due from other banks in Canada.....	4,082,630	3,226,313	4,637,285
Due from banks and banking correspondents in the United Kingdom.....	4,974,482	4,505,990	9,049,146
Due from banks and banking correspondents elsewhere than in Canada and the United Kingdom.....	104,707,909	90,133,470	80,755,486
Dominion Government and Provincial Government securities.....	477,912,303	507,763,726	408,589,260
Canadian municipal securities and British, foreign and colonial public securities other than Canadian.....	154,109,577	155,122,880	128,070,741
Railway and other bonds, debts, & stocks Call and short (not exceeding 30 days) loans in Canada on stocks, debentures, bonds and other securities of a sufficient marketable value to cover.....	134,730,957	156,896,490	204,781,345
Elsewhere than in Canada.....	83,124,317	112,746,901	145,904,776
Other current loans & discts. in Canada.....	1,082,097,360	1,102,493,179	1,149,175,118
Elsewhere.....	188,357,012	183,745,752	213,965,402
Loans to the Government of Canada.....			
Loans to Provincial Governments.....	45,557,589	42,049,351	29,680,467
Loans to cities, towns, municipalities and school districts.....	125,689,588	118,132,172	96,182,688
Non-current loans, estimated loss provided for.....	10,327,706	10,893,742	7,428,476
Real estate other than bank premises.....	6,567,341	6,421,626	5,831,913
Mortgages on real estate sold by bank.....	6,252,704	6,218,383	7,035,637
Bank premises at not more than cost, less amounts (if any) written off.....	79,785,470	79,852,150	78,559,505
Liabilities of customers under letters of credit as per contra.....	55,473,413	58,942,809	78,359,018
Deposits with the Minister of Finance for the security of note circulation.....	6,823,978	6,814,809	6,799,788
Deposit in the central gold reserves.....	25,731,732	25,380,866	32,580,866
Shares of and loans to controlled cos.....	14,311,291	14,378,759	11,968,601
Other assets not included under the foregoing heads.....	1,576,775	1,723,346	1,584,041
Total assets.....	2,977,672,792	3,133,030,468	3,143,756,013
Liabilities.			
Notes in circulation.....	141,013,382	145,533,231	148,017,056
Balance due to Dominion Govt. after deducting adv. for credits, pay-lists, &c. Advances under the Finance Act.....	111,098,699	113,113,060	26,901,871
Balance due to Provincial Governments.....	19,787,120	18,081,259	20,631,434
Deposits by the public, payable on demand in Canada.....	566,584,565	617,038,655	641,694,317
Deposits by the public payable after notice or on a fixed day in Canada.....	1,360,042,129	1,395,829,124	1,425,845,166
Deposits elsewhere than in Canada.....	310,086,314	320,208,199	372,275,709
Loans from other banks in Canada, secured, including bills rediscounted.....			
Deposits made by and balances due to other banks in Canada.....	11,384,920	10,056,036	12,807,469
Due to banks and banking correspondents in the United Kingdom.....	4,849,181	5,741,705	5,757,024
Elsewhere than in Canada and the United Kingdom.....	42,323,072	55,365,871	59,289,286
Bills payable.....	3,214,559	3,596,118	5,293,321
Letters of credit outstanding.....	55,473,413	58,942,809	78,359,018
Liabilities not incl. under foregoing heads.....	2,977,466	3,127,415	3,831,757
Dividends declared and unpaid.....	782,807	3,516,055	872,672
Rest or reserve fund.....	162,000,000	162,000,000	162,225,000
Capital paid up.....	144,500,000	144,500,000	145,024,560
Total liabilities.....	2,982,617,664	3,122,649,577	3,129,325,708

Note.—Owing to the omission of the cents in the official reports, the footings in the above do not exactly agree with the totals given.

International Police Plan is Criticized in New York—S. K. Ratcliffe, English Journalist, Tells Foreign Policy Group It Is "Impressive Red Herring"—"Fantastic," Says F. J. Libby—Pierre Denoyer, French Journalist, Holds His Country's Proposal to the League is Premature.

The French proposal for an international police force to safeguard the security of the world, presented Friday to the World Disarmament Conference by Andre Tardieu, was the subject of consideration criticism by the four speakers who addressed the Foreign Policy Association at that organization's semi-monthly luncheon meeting at the Astor on Feb. 6, said the New York "Times," which further observed in part:

During a discussion of disarmament, which was broadcast over a national chain of radio stations, S. K. Radcliffe, English journalist, characterized

the French proposal as "an impressive red herring;" Frederick J. Libby, Executive Secretary of the National Council for Prevention of War, termed it "fantastic;" William T. Stone, author and a director of the Foreign Policy Association, called it "seriously defective" and Pierre Denoyer, French journalist, least critical of his country's move, thought the proposal for a police force "premature."

France Would Consider Police Body Outside the League to Win United States and Soviet Over to Plan.

From Paris Feb. 7 a wireless message to the New York "Times" said:

In offering her plan at Geneva for an international force to insure peace, France intended very seriously to make it possible for the United States to join, it was said to-day in official quarters.

With that in view, it was stated that, if it were necessary in order to win over the United States, Russia and other countries not members of the League of Nations to the new proposition, France would be willing to consider a new world organization outside the League to enforce peace.

The French realize quite well that objections are now being made in the United States against the plan as an attempt to drag that country into the mesh of European politics. They knew in advance what Senator Borah and others were likely to say, but they felt that their plan had advantages which should appeal to the New World.

Suppose, they ask, there were a branch of such an organization in North, South or Central America, would it not be useful in the present disordered state of many countries in the Western Hemisphere? Moreover, there are Frenchmen who recall the time in 1915 and 1916 when Republicans led by former President Taft came out strongly in favor of such an organization, which they then called "a league to enforce peace."

"That is just what we are offering now," the French are saying in effect. "We admit that the League is not functioning as well as it might, and if the United States would join us and the rest of the world in a new organization which would start afresh we would be the first to welcome them."

Canadian Minister Blames United States Tariff for Adverse Balance.

Canada's adverse balance of trade, from which the country emerged a few months ago, "was alone caused by the tariff policy of the United States," Harry H. Stevens, Minister of Trade and Commerce, said on Jan. 29, according to Canadian Press advices from Ottawa Jan. 29, from which we also quote the following:

He gave export figures showing the extent to which Canadian trade had suffered by the increase in the United States tariff, adding that "exports of products of Canadian farms to the United States have fallen to only about 1-19th of what they were 10 years ago."

During the nine months of the present fiscal year, Canada's adverse balance of trade has been wiped out, Mr. Stevens said. In 1930, it was \$103,019,000. In the calendar year 1931 this figure was reduced to \$10,855,000. Since last April Canada has improved its trade position to such an extent that a favorable balance of \$19,109,300 is reported up to date.

Mr. Stevens said that in the six months ended Dec. 31 1930, Canada shipped to the United States 31% of its exported farm products and 69% to Great Britain and other countries. In the same period of 1931 shipments to the United States were 5% of the total and to Great Britain and other countries about 95%.

A decade ago Canada sold to the United States in six months farm products and commodities manufactured from farm products to the value of \$119,733,100. In the same period in 1930, the corresponding figure was \$16,483,900, and in the half year of 1931 ended last month, \$6,479,900.

Statement by Japanese Government Regarding Its Policy at Shanghai.

The Japanese Embassy at Washington made public on Feb. 6 a statement issued by the Japanese Government respecting its policy toward China, in which, in referring to its decision "to order the necessary militia forces to Shanghai," it said:

This dispatch of military force carries no more significance than the dispatch of marines in accordance with the practice on several previous occasions, and . . . the Japanese Government are prompted by no other motive than that of discharging their international duty and of safeguarding the large number of Japanese nationals and Japanese property worth many hundreds of millions involved in the affair.

The statement follows in full:

1. It is the immutable policy of the Japanese Government to insure by all means in their power tranquility in the Far East and to contribute to the peaceful progress of the world. Unfortunately, in late years the internal discord and unsettled political conditions prevailing in China, coupled with rampant anti-foreign agitation, have given cause for serious concern to all other Powers, especially Japan, which, because of her geographical proximity and vast interests there which are involved, has been made to suffer in far greater degree than any other.

While the Japanese Government in their solicitude for neighborly amity and international good understanding have exerted every effort to maintain a conciliatory attitude, China, taking advantage of our moderation, has resorted to frequent infringements of our rights and interests, to various acts of violence toward Japanese residents, and to intensifying the vicious anti-Japanese movement, which is without parallel elsewhere, as it is under the direct or indirect guidance of the Nationalist party, which is identified with the Nationalist Government itself.

2. It is under these circumstances that the Shanghai incident has broken out. It is similar to numerous outrages and insults that had previously been perpetrated at Tsingtao, Foochow, Canton, Amoy and elsewhere in that they are all characterized by Chinese contempt for Japan and Japanese and by acts of physical violence. The Shanghai incident only happened to be a most flagrant case.

On the 9th of January last the vernacular journal "Minkuo Daily News" published an article insulting the honor of our Imperial house. Shortly afterward, on the 18th, a party of Japanese priests and their companions, five persons in all, were the subjects of an unprovoked attack by Chinese desperadoes. As a result, three of the victims were severely wounded and one was killed.

The shock of these events was sufficient to explode the long pent-up indignation felt by the Japanese resident in Shanghai who had suffered for many years past and had exercised utmost restraint in the face of increasing Chinese atrocities and affronts.

3. Noting the extreme gravity of the situation, the Japanese Consul General, under instructions of the Government and in order to do all that was possible to prevent, by local solution, any aggravation of the case, presented the Mayor of Shanghai on Jan. 21 a set of four demands, including one for the dissolution of anti-Japanese societies. At three o'clock on the afternoon of Jan. 28 the Mayor's reply, acceding to the above demands, was received.

The Japanese authorities, hoping that the tension might then relax, decided to wait and watch the performance of their promise on the part of the Chinese. However, soldiers belonging to the Nineteenth Army, then concentrated in the vicinity of Shanghai, began, for reasons connected with internal politics to display signs of recalcitrance toward the Nanking authorities and appeared to be making hostile preparations in spite of the Mayor's acceptance of our terms, thus creating a new source of danger.

In the meantime, Chinese soldiers in civilian costume and various lawless elements had stolen into the International Settlement, creating a source of danger to the quarter in the vicinity of the municipal offices. Many alarming rumors were in circulation and residents were plunged into an agony of terror, the police of the Chapei district having taken flight.

Thereupon, on the 28th at 4 o'clock the authorities of the Settlement proclaimed a state of siege, and armed forces of the Powers were ordered out to duty in accordance with a plan that had been previously agreed upon. It was when Japanese marines were proceeding to their assigned sector in Chapei that the Chinese opened fire upon them, precipitating a conflict between the Chinese and Japanese armed forces, of which the present situation is the outcome.

4. As is clear from what has been said, the incident of the Chinese assault upon Japanese priests and the incident of the armed Sino-Japanese conflict were entirely separate affairs. With regard to the armed collision, as it was entirely contrary to every intention of ours and as the British and American Consuls-General offered the tender of their good offices, the Japanese authorities sought to effect a cessation of hostilities, and, in fact, succeeded on the 29th in arriving at an agreement for a truce. But on the following day the Chinese, in contravention of their pledge, opened fire once more.

At a conference summoned on the 31st it was agreed that the opposing forces should cease from all hostile action during the progress of negotiations for the establishment of a neutral zone. However, the Chinese, resuming their offensive, are continuing concentration of their troops in the neighborhood of Shanghai.

So far, the Japanese Navy, desiring, in view of the international character of Shanghai, not to aggravate the situation, has refrained from taking any drastic action while the Chinese, spreading news of Japanese defeats, are manifesting even greater vehemence in their actions.

5. In the existing state of affairs China is uncontrolled, and in view of historical precedents in such cases we can have no assurance as to the possible behavior of vast armies congregated in the Shanghai area, should unscrupulous politicians care to incite them. Our marines opposed to the Chinese forces, outnumbering them by more than ten to one, are being wearied to exhaustion, while the predicament of the Japanese residents, facing imminent danger as they do, is beyond description.

In order to meet the absolute necessity of at once dispatching adequate military reinforcements (as there are obvious limitations to naval units which can be landed) so as to put an end to the menace of the Chinese armies, to restore Shanghai to normal conditions, and to relieve the inhabitants of all nationalities from the strain of fear and disquiet, decision was taken to order the necessary military forces to Shanghai.

6. It should be stated that this dispatch of military force carries no more significance than the dispatch of marines in accordance with the practice on several previous occasions, and that the Japanese Government are prompted by no other motive than that of discharging their international duty and of safeguarding the large number of Japanese nationals and Japanese property, worth many hundreds of millions, involved in the affair.

The expeditionary force has been therefore limited to the strength absolutely required for the above purposes and its action will be guided solely by a policy of protecting the common interests of all the Powers. Unless the Chinese, by continuing hostilities or by obstructing our army in attaining the above ends, compel it to take necessary action, there is, of course, no intention whatever that it should enter upon an aggressive campaign.

The Japanese Government have already declared that they cherish no political ambitions in the region of Shanghai nor any thought of encroaching there upon the rights and interests of any other Powers.

What they desire is to promote the safety and prosperity of that region by co-operation with the other Powers, and mutual assistance, and so to contribute to the peace and well-being of the Far East.

Chinese Banks Reopen for New Year's Settlements— Estimates of Business Losses from Conflict Up to Present Set at \$12,500,000.

Chinese banks reopened over the week-end to relieve the pressure for funds for Chinese New Year settlements and because of the present emergency, according to a cablegram to the Department of Commerce from Commercial Attache Julean Arnold, Shanghai. The Department of Commerce, in making this known, Feb. 6 added:

Damages to the business community arising from hostilities thus far has been estimated at approximately 50,000,000 Chinese dollars (about \$12,500,000), the report stated.

The losses accruing to the Commercial Press, the largest and most up-to-date printing house in China, which was completely destroyed, was estimated at 15,000,000 Chinese dollars (about \$3,250,000), including large stocks of text and scientific books, stationery, scientific and laboratory apparatus, printing presses, lithographic, engraving and type-casting machinery, and an invaluable Oriental library. About 3,500 employees were affected. The Commercial Press probably supplied about 75% of equipment for schools throughout China. Reconstruction of the plant is contemplated when conditions permit, provided Chinese and foreign financial assistance is secured. The company had operated in China for 35 years and had paid dividends regularly.

Customs returns of foreign trade in 1931 gave the total imports as 1,427,000,000 Haikwan taels (about \$493,720,000), and exports at 887,000,000 Haikwan taels (about \$319,320,000).

The closing and later re-opening of the Chinese banks was noted in our issue of Feb. 6, page 949.

Japanese Sugar Mills in Osaka Closed from Lack of Chinese Demand—Renewal by Japanese Government of Yen 40,000,000 5% Bonds Due March 15.

Sugar mills in Osaka, one of Japan's leading industrial centres, have closed down because of the lack of demand from Chinese sources, according to a cablegram to the Department of Commerce from Commercial Attache H. A. Butts, Tokyo. The Department on Feb. 6 further reported:

Trade with China proper shows no improvement, the report stated. The machinery and coal industries in Japan are least affected by the present situation, however, while activity in the iron and steel industries has continued with increased prices following the renewal of the gold embargo.

As is well known, the Silk Exchange was closed two days after a drastic speculative bear movement.

The Government is renewing its yen 40,000,000 5% bonds which are due March 15, and a new issue of 6.3% five-year bonds is anticipated, it was stated. The Industrial Bank of Japan is issuing yen 15,000,000 6% debentures at 98 for 3½ years, also yen 15,000,000 6½% debentures at 99 for five-year redemption. Banks generally are restricting commercial drafts on Shanghai shipments.

Increased shipments to Dairen of such commodities as machinery and general construction materials would seem to indicate serious consideration of additional capital being invested in Japanese industry in Manchuria.

Shanghai Business Demoralized, Except Shipping—Depleted Silver Stocks.

General business in Shanghai is, of course, demoralized, says a cablegram to the Department of Commerce from Commercial Attache Julian Arnold, Shanghai. The Department further reports under date of Feb. 4:

The only exception is that of shipping, according to Mr. Arnold, as passenger vessels are leaving Shanghai packed to more than capacity. Hotels also in certain areas are extremely crowded.

Chinese refugees by the tens of thousands are moving in all directions. Mr. Arnold stated, while Chinese shops and banks closed last Friday for three days in protest of Japanese troops operating through a portion of the International Settlement, and since that time they have continued partly closed.

The Chinese banks themselves are solicitous of depletion of silver stocks according to Mr. Arnold, owing to an unprecedented demand for silver dollars, but they are paying out in a limited way to depositors and customers.

The usual New Year's settlements have been advanced from Feb. 6 to the end of the month, it was stated. Silver dollar rates in taels and United States gold continue to advance in harmony with ordinary demands.

Chinese Censorship Attempt in Shanghai Again Indicated.

The following Shanghai cablegram Feb. 5 is from the New York "Times":

What appears to have been an attempt by Chinese authorities to reintroduce censorship into Shanghai, whence the censors fled on Jan. 28, two hours before the Japanese ultimatum expired, has just been uncovered. The Chinese yesterday threatened to resume censorships of all foreign cables, but the authorities objected and insisted that since a state of emergency had been declared in the international area, the matter must be referred to a joint conference of the defense commanders. Thereupon the Chinese countered with this veiled threat:

"We have not yet told the 19th Route Army where the cables land."

Wang Says China Will Never Yield—Will Not Sign Any Treaty Impairing Administrative or Territorial Sovereignty.

According to Associated Press accounts from Shanghai Feb. 5, Wang Ching-wei, President of the Executive Yuan of the Chinese National Government and Chairman of the Central Political Council of the National Party, issued a statement from the new capital at Loyang on that day in which he declared China would never sign treaties prejudicial to her territorial and administrative sovereignty and would continue to resist Japanese aggression. As given in the New York "Times," the cablegram quotes him as follows:

"Four months have elapsed," the statement said, "since the Japanese occupied Manchuria by an armed force, and to this day there has been no solution of the problem.

"The Chinese public, therefore, is intensely agitated and discouraged. The reason for the long delay in solving the problem is China's determination not to sign a treaty prejudicial to her territorial and administrative sovereignty. If the Government were willing to sign, as Yuan Shih-kai signed the notorious 21 demands, the whole affair would have been settled long ago.

"The result of signing such a treaty would be the loss of China's sovereign rights, the degradation of her national character and the degeneration of her racial qualities. Because we refused to sign such a treaty, Japan attacked Mukden, Tsitsihar, Chinchow, Harbin and Jehol, entirely with the purpose of forcing China to surrender her sovereign rights under armed pressure. Because the Chinese Government has continued to refuse, Japan decided to take further steps at Shanghai."

American Council of Institute of Pacific Relations Backs League Inquiry in Manchurian Issue—Sees Way to Solve Difficulties.

Approval of the League of Nations Commissions of Inquiry into conditions in Manchuria as a method of solving the difficulties underlying the present conflict was expressed on Feb. 5 in a statement made public by the American

Council of the Institute of Pacific Relations. The New York "Times" reports:

The council held its annual meeting during the afternoon and evening, at which the Sino-Japanese conflict was discussed, and at its conclusion it was decided to send the statement to the entire American membership.

The complete statement follows:

"The American Council of the Institute of Pacific Relations: "Believing that the fundamental difficulties which underlie the relations between the nations of the Pacific area can be solved by policies based upon the method of inquiry and research, which it has employed fruitfully in the past.

"Welcomes the application of this method by the League of Nations Commission of Inquiry into conditions in Manchuria to which both Japan and China have agreed.

"And expresses the hope that the machinery of exploring the ground for a pacific settlement of the present conflict may be strengthened and supported by American sympathy and interest."

"The American Council," a further statement said, "is more than ever convinced in the light of what has happened in the Far East in the last months, that the problems with which the institute has been engaged since its inception underlie any permanent solution of international conflict in the Pacific area."

Listed among these questions which it was asserted are not likely to be answered by means of the present disturbance were, land utilization, foreign investments in China, the status of aliens, tariffs and migration.

Max Winkler of Bertron, Griscom & Co Says Foreign Debtor Nations Can Discharge Obligations to the United States Only Through Sale of Goods—Discussion of "Gold Standard in Relation to American Foreign Policy."

According to Max Winkler, of Bertron, Griscom & Co., "it is only through the sale of goods that America's debtor nations can discharge their contractual obligations which are scheduled to be paid to us in gold. As a result of our insistence upon payment in gold," he says, "we have already been responsible for the default on the part of many of our debtors, and unless something is done about it speedily, the number of defaulting countries is bound to increase."

Mr. Winkler's remarks, as thus quoted, were contained in an address on "The Gold Standard in Relation to American Foreign Policy," delivered by him before the Buffalo, N. Y., branch of the Foreign Policy Association at a luncheon meeting on Feb. 6. Mr. Winkler also had the following to say:

"Payment in the form of services has, of course, always played an important part in the settlement of international financial transactions. At the present time, however, the income from such sources has been drastically reduced, largely because of the economic uncertainty existing in creditor countries.

"Borrowing abroad for the purpose of meeting outstanding obligations is obviously out of the question so long as bonds which are already in existence are quoted at or materially below prices which are indicative of hopeless insolvency.

"With the major portion of America's so-called portfolio investments abroad, amounting at the beginning of 1932 to \$9,500,000,000 of a total of close to \$18,000,000,000 scheduled to be paid in gold of the weight and fineness obtaining at the time of issue, the United States is confronted with a rather serious problem. Payment is demanded and is naively expected to be made of sums aggregating substantially more than the stock of gold at the disposal of America's debtors. If one adds the so-called political debts due the United States at their par value, the total payable in gold is equivalent to almost twice the total available supply of the yellow metal both here and abroad. America permits no other form of payment. We have refused to learn and profit from the experiences of other creditor nations, notably Great Britain, the international banker *par excellence*.

"Insistence on our part that debts be discharged through a means which is simply not available, has been and continues to be the cause of serious disturbances in the economic structure of the United States. Regardless of whether or not we should have permitted ourselves to invest such huge sums abroad, we are confronted now with a condition, and not with a theory. In other words, there has been taken from our debtors the instrument which, and which alone, can be used for the discharging of debts due us. We have already begun to feel the effects of our policy. We have already been called upon to forego interest payments on about a billion and a half of foreign loans held by American investors and institutions. Assuming an average rate of only 6%—many of the bonds in default bear 7 and 8% coupons—the existing default represents a loss to the American public of \$90,000,000 per annum, a sum which we are hardly in a position to lose at this time.

"If we are at all in earnest about bringing back to this country and to the rest of the world the prosperity to which we are all entitled, by virtue of the available resources and the industry and energy of nations, we must abandon the idea of receiving payments in strict accordance with the terms stipulated in original loan contracts, regardless of theoretical possibilities."

Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt Before New York State Grange Expresses Opposition to Participation of United States in League of Nations—Also Opposed to Cancellation of War Debts—Declares Against Tariff.

Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York, addressing the New York State Grange at Albany, N. Y., on Feb. 2 took occasion to declare his views in opposition of the tariff, the cancellation of debts owed by foreign nations to the United States, and to the participation of this country in the League of Nations. The Governor declared that our "tariff fence increased the cost to the farmer of manufactured articles used by him on his farm and in his household, while at the same time it did not prevent foreign competition with him in many lines of agricultural products." He also noted

that "when our Smoot-Hawley tariff law went into effect three years ago, over the protest of thousands of our own business men and farmers, the foreign nations, by way of retaliation, raised high tariff fences of their own." "I have good reason to believe," he added, "that many nations, who, like us, are suffering from stoppage of industry, will meet us half-way and put all the cards on the table for the purpose of breaking an actual deadlock which has paralyzed world trade and thrown millions here and abroad out of useful work."

In his reference to the League of Nations, the Governor admitted that "in common with millions of my fellow-countrymen, I worked and spoke, in 1920, in behalf of American participation in a League of Nations, conceived in the highest spirit of world friendship for the great object of preventing a return of world war. For that course I have no apology to make." "But," he went on to say, "the League of Nations to-day is not the League conceived by Woodrow Wilson." "The League," he added, "has not developed through these years along the course contemplated by its founder." For this and other reasons cited by him, Governor Roosevelt expressed the view that "American participation in the League would not serve the highest purpose of the prevention of war and a settlement of international difficulties in accordance with fundamental American ideals. Because of these facts, therefore, I do not favor American participation."

In what he had to say regarding war debts owed to the United States by European nations, Governor Roosevelt said in part:

Europe owes us. We do not owe her. Therefore, we should call a meeting of our debtors here and not in Europe, and demand an understanding. If it were considered advisable in the present condition to postpone the payment of debts for a while, we should nevertheless insist upon an accord as to when payments should begin and end and in what amount.

In full Governor Roosevelt's speech follows:

Worthy Master and Members of the New York State Grange:

I am here to-night to extend as Governor of the State a friendly greeting to the farmer citizenship represented in the New York State Grange. But I do more than to extend a formal greeting. I welcome the opportunity to discuss with you the attitude that we ought to take toward matters that are vital to our welfare and our honor as farmers, as citizens of the greatest State in the Union, as citizens of the United States of America, and as dwellers in a world in which economic and political conditions that affect one nation affect many nations.

I speak with freedom on these matters to an audience of farmers because I have found in many previous contacts with you that you take seriously and deal thoughtfully with the problems that democratic self-government imposes on all citizens.

It is peculiarly true to-day that your problems are not yours alone, but are the common problems of all the people in our great Republic—problems that are world-wide in their scope.

If you consider, for instance, your own economic situation—your status as a farmer trying to support his family worthily on the soil of the State of New York—you find quickly that it is many-sided; that you are directly and vitally affected in your efforts to earn a living by the activities of local government, by those of the State government and by those of the Federal Government. And you will find, too, a fourth element that affects your own personal and family problems of finance, of markets, of taxes and of living—the relationships between this Nation and other nations.

In your consideration of local government, you find that the major part, the overwhelming part of your tax burden is that which goes, not to the support of State government, but to the support of strictly local government. If you want to save any considerable part of your expenses for government, you have got to reduce your local government costs. It is true that the State can help you in many ways—by improving market conditions, by giving you better roads, by improving your schools, by supervising your accounting systems, by protecting you against crime and by searching out and passing on to you information that is of practical value. The Federal Government also can contribute to your welfare by its information service, by its regulation of inter-State commerce and by working out a sound policy to guide the movement of population so as to bring about a more stable distribution both of population and industry.

But I wish to speak to-night about a more general problem, to discuss particularly means by which the products of American industry and of American farms can find a better outlet than they have now. The question of markets is to-day our most vital question. Without adequate markets, industry is stifled and when industry is stifled the demand for farm products and the prices of farm products sink to levels that mean privation, hunger and dispossession. Without such markets, an era of low prices and an army of unemployed will long be with us.

There are two outlets for our products: The first, an increase of home consumption, and the second the sale of more of our industrial and agricultural products to other nations throughout the world.

Tariff Fences.

You, in the State of New York, whether you live on the farm or work in the factory, are personally and deeply interested in the problem, not only of finding home markets, but of finding foreign markets. Volumes of technical phrases have been written and uttered but it all comes down to this plain truth:

The nations of Europe, South America and the Far East are not buying our products of factory and farm for the very good reason that they have not the means to do the buying. International cash is gold or its equivalent, and they have not got the gold.

For 10 years, between 1920 and 1930, we Americans helped these other nations to buy our goods by lending them our own money to do the buying. We have stopped doing that now for good and obvious reasons.

There was and is only one other way by which other nations could buy our goods—and that was by using the old-fashioned method of bartering or exchanging their goods for ours. Unfortunately, that is an impossibility for them because our Government, in its wisdom, put up a

tariff fence so high that they could not use this old-fashioned method of exchange of goods. Furthermore, when our Smoot-Hawley tariff law went into effect three years ago, over the protest of thousands of our own business men and farmers, the foreign nations, by way of retaliation, raised high tariff fences of their own.

By way of parenthesis, I might add that our own tariff fence increased the cost to the farmer of manufactured articles used by him on his farm and in his household, while at the same time it did not prevent foreign competition with him in many lines of agricultural products. It is a simple fact that the farmers of America have been buying in a protected market and selling in a market open to the competition of the whole world.

It is time for this nation to use a little horse sense about the objective we seek and the results of our present tariff law. It is time for us to sit down with other nations and say to them: "This tariff fence business, on our part and on yours, is preventing world trade. Let us see if we can work out reciprocal methods by which we can start the actual interchange of goods. We do not ask you to buy our goods for cash because we know you have not got the cash, but we do suggest that it would be good for us and for you if we could send to you each year a large volume of American products in exchange for your products. But we do recognize the fact that we can probably use many of your articles and at the same time we can start our own wheels of industry going in manufacturing the things you need and want—all with adequate safeguards for the American standards of labor."

I have good reason to believe that many nations, who, like us, are suffering from stoppage of industry, will meet us half way and put all the cards on the table for the purpose of breaking an actual deadlock which has paralyzed world trade and thrown millions here and abroad out of useful work.

Let me at the same time make it clear that a trade conference with the other nations of the world does not and should not, by any stretch of the imagination, involve the United States in any participation in political controversies in Europe or elsewhere. Nor does it involve the renewal in any way of the problem of 12 years ago of American participation as a member of the League of Nations.

League of Nations.

In common with millions of my fellow countrymen, I worked and spoke, in 1920, in behalf of American participation in a League of Nations, conceived in the highest spirit of world friendship for the great object of preventing a return of world war. For that course I have no apology to make.

If to-day I believed that the same or even similar factors entered into the argument, I would still favor America's entry into the League; and I would go so far as to seek to win over the overwhelming opposition which exists in this country to-day.

But the League of Nations to-day is not the League conceived by Woodrow Wilson. It might have been, had the United States joined. Too often through these years its major function has been not the broad, overwhelming purpose of world peace, but rather a mere meeting place for the political discussion of strictly European political national difficulties. In these the United States should have no part.

The fact remains that we did not join the League. The League has not developed through these years along the course contemplated by its founder, nor have the principal members shown a disposition to divert the huge sums spent on armament into the channels of legitimate trade, balanced budgets and payment of obligations. American participation in the League would not serve the highest purpose of the prevention of war and a settlement of international difficulties in accordance with fundamental American ideals. Because of these facts, therefore, I do not favor American participation.

European War Debts.

What the world needs most to-day is a national policy which will make us an example of national honor to other nations. The first lesson for all the world is recognition that a treaty is a nation's word of honor to another nation and that all just national debts are "debts of honor"; that therefore, no honorable nation may break a treaty in spirit any more than they may break it in letter; nor, when it is a debtor, may repudiate or cancel a national debt of honor. On the other side, it should be remembered also that the creditor on his part should use every honorable means to help the debtor set his house in order.

Europe owes us. We do not owe her. Therefore, we should call a meeting of our debtors here and not in Europe and demand an understanding. If it were considered advisable in the present condition of world finance to postpone the payment of debts for a while, we should nevertheless insist upon an accord as to when payments should begin and in what amount.

Europe has indulged herself in an orgy of spending and finds herself at the moment in a crippled financial position. She should look at the facts of her spending and bring about a change of policy to restore her financial equilibrium and enable her to meet her just obligations. She should cease to blame us for all the ills which have followed this reckless course of spending and try to remember the aid we gave her in time of need—aid for which she was once grateful, but which she has forgotten.

The world ship of state cannot regain its safe course to port by reckless spending and by reckless vituperation, but it can steer safely home by unity of action and a determination eventually to meet its just obligations.

By economic co-operation this nation can revive the trade of the world as well as trade within our own borders. In so doing we can extend a helping hand to our debtors as well as to ourselves. The highest ideals of America demand that, with strict adherence to the principles of Washington, we maintain our international freedom, and at the same time offer leadership to a sorely tried humanity.

France Disputes War Payments Made by Germany— Germany Puts Total at Over \$16,000,000,000— Paris Says \$4,922,466,300—Evaluation Bases Differ.

From Paris Feb. 10 Associated Press advices, published in the New York "Herald Tribune" said:

A comprehensive analysis of German reparation payments, designed to refute German claims recently published here, was issued by the French Government to-night. Based on Reparations Commission documents and world bank figures, the statement said Germany has paid the Allies 20,769,900,000 gold reichsmarks (about \$4,922,466,350), inst ad of 67,673,000,000 reichsmarks (\$16,038,501,000), as set forth by th Reich here.

In figures released in New York a month ago, Germany set forth she had paid the Allied Governments 53,900,000,000 reichsmarks, of which sum it was asserted France had received 20,000,000,000 reichsmarks (\$4,400,000,000).

Exhaustive Study Made.

These figures represent a difference of almost 47,000,000,000 (\$11,139,000,000) gold reichsmarks. The Government's communique, which sets

the German, French and Reparations Commission figures side by side, was considered here to be the most exhaustive study of payments, both in cash and in kind, since the World War.

France claimed that from the total paid she had received 8,199,700,000 reichsmarks (\$1,943,328,900), and that, after deducting from this amount legally authorized sums for military occupation, &c., she had left only 5,213,200,000 reichsmarks (\$1,235,528,400) for actual rehabilitation of the war damaged area. This cost was placed at about 103,000,000 francs (\$4,047,900,000), compared with 31,200,000,000 francs (\$1,226,160,000) available from Germany.

Salient differences between the German and French figures lay in the pre-Dawes plan of evaluations of ceded property and in the inclusion of items not recognized by the Reparations Commission.

Sunk Fleet Included.

The German figures showed 8,500,000,000 gold marks (\$2,014,500,000) under the heading, "Military Disarmament and the Fleet Sunk at Scapa Flow," and 3,500,000,000 reichsmarks (\$829,500,000) under "Industrial Disarmament."

The French reply asserted that these items are not represented by payments ever received by the Allies. Other items which they refuse to recognize were 1,200,000,000 reichsmarks for work done by prisoners of war, the cost of certain inter-Allied commissions and the aid given to refugees.

The two countries are nearest agreement on the amount paid under the Young plan, the difference there being 3,000,000,000 reichsmarks (\$711,000,000). The calculations were brought up to July 1 1931, when the moratorium on payments began.

Germany Will Get 30-Day Extensions—French Credit Renewals Hinge Upon Internal Stability of Reich Situation.

The following from Paris Feb. 9 (Associated Press) is from the New York "Evening Post":

Reports in financial circles to-day said France had decided to renew month by month the one-fourth share which this country holds in the \$100,000,000 credit advanced to Germany by the Bank of France, the Bank of England, the World Bank and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

This installment renewal, it was said, hinges upon continued stability of Germany's internal situation.

These reports circulated after it had been proposed at Basle that Switzerland and Holland assume all or part of the French share of the credit.

Premier Laval of France to Challenge Germany's Debt Figures—Puts Total of Reparations Paid at \$5,000,000 Instead of \$13,000,000—Month to Month Renewal of German Credit.

Premier Laval intimated on Feb. 9 (according to Paris Associated Press advices) that the French Government would publish soon a refutation of the reparations figures recently issued by Germany purporting to show that Germany had paid about \$13,000,000,000. The press advices, which are taken from the New York "Times," went on to say:

The French computations show payments of only about \$5,000,000,000 and the Premier talked about this difference to-day with the German Ambassador.

Lord Tyrrell, the British Ambassador, who has been conducting negotiations between London and Paris in the hope of reaching an agreement on reparations before the Hoover moratorium expires on July 1, was back to-day, presumably with new proposals, but in official circles there was no comment beyond confirmation that the Anglo-French negotiations were continuing.

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Representatives of Foreign Stock Markets Plan Central Exchange.

The following from Paris Jan. 26 is from the New York "Evening Post":

Representatives of stock markets in London, Paris, Amsterdam, Brussels, Zurich, Bilbao, &c., have met in Brussels to discuss questions affecting security markets.

They will consider the influence of the crisis on trading in public securities; the creation of a type of international security capable of being negotiated with equal ease in every market and creation of a world federation of stock markets with provisional headquarters at Brussels.

The meeting is a sequel to the preparatory conference held in Paris last July at which the federation was decided upon.

Bank of France Gold Up \$600,000,000—1931 Gain Equals Bank of England's Total Reserve of the Metal.

From its Paris bureau the "Wall Street Journal" of Jan. 25 reported the following:

Year-end weekly statement of the Bank of France shows a total increase in gold for 1931 amounting to more than fr. 15,000,000,000, or about \$600,000,000, equivalent to the Bank of England's present reserve of gold, and less than one-fourth of the Bank of France's total reserve.

This latter has constantly increased ever since the stabilization of the franc, as can be seen from the following:

End 1931-----fr. 68,683,000,000	Middle-----fr. 56,225,000,000
End 1930-----fr. 53,578,000,000	Middle-----fr. 44,052,000,000
End 1929-----fr. 41,668,000,000	Middle-----fr. 36,624,000,000
End 1928-----fr. 31,977,000,000	Middle-----fr. 28,934,000,000

To what extent this increase is due to direct purchase of gold with devisen acquired by the Bank of France as the result of its absorption of all offers in order to keep the franc stable at around 25 during 1927 and the first half of 1928 cannot be judged. The Bank's foreign deposits and bills

have shrunk from more than fr. 36,300,000,000 in June 1928 to fr. 21,200,000,000.

The major part of the decrease (some fr. 10,000,000,000) took place before the end of 1929, being due to sales of dollars and sterling against francs as well as direct buying of gold. In 1930, gold, for a while, was allowed to flow out, while devisen remained stationary.

Last year, devisen fell by about fr. 5,000,000,000, but half the amount was due to devaluation of sterling advances under authority of the recent law. Since June 1929 the Bank does not appear to have bought any gold direct, and the addition of fr. 32,000,000,000 of the yellow metal must be ascribed almost entirely to importation under private arbitrage contracts based on working of gold-points.

The effect of the gold influx on the circulation in the three years and a half has not been as considerable as might have been expected. The notes outstanding rose from fr. 58,800,000,000 in June and fr. 61,900,000,000 in December to the present fr. 85,700,000,000, so that against a 140% increase in gold there is only a 46% increase in circulation. But deposits have more than doubled, attaining more than fr. 28,000,000,000 against less than fr. 13,000,000,000. This increase is entirely due to private deposits, indicating the huge volume of idle currency produced by slack business and the general desire to keep funds liquid. Discounting of domestic bills accounts for part of the growth of these sight liabilities, for their volume to-day is more than fr. 8,000,000,000 against the less than fr. 3,000,000,000 in June 1928. A year ago, however, it was slightly higher.

In recent weeks, since the abandonment of gold by Great Britain, the growth of the gold reserve is fr. 9,000,000,000, representing, for the most part, gold from America. In the last few weeks of the year some also has come in from South Africa by way of the open market in London, and, despite the rise of the dollar rate above gold-import point, bars have arrived from New York, representing partly purchasing by Europeans who are afraid of all currencies. Finally, there has been a steady importation of American gold eagles for the account of banks which have found a ready sale for them among the public at a premium, and some of these coins have found their way into the Bank of France.

\$160,000,000 Deficit in French Budget—Chamber Committee Reporter Admits Added Credits Make Up Balance—Left Blames Armaments—Increased Unemployed Fund and Hoover Moratorium Also Held Factors.

From Paris Feb. 9, a cablegram to the New York "Times" said:

Spirited debate to-day marked the reception by the Chamber of Deputies of the 1932 budget which according to the reporter of the committee, Deputy Lucien Lamoureux, will probably be in deficit by 4,000,000,000 francs (\$160,000,000).

After showing how the budget has been balanced by means of additional credits, M. Lamoureux asserted it was impossible to submit a really balanced budget because the time is too short to accomplish reductions and retrenchments which are necessary.

"It would be unjust," he admitted, "to vote this budget and leave to the following Parliament the heritage it imposes without honestly confessing the situation into which we have been forced."

Other Deputies of the Left vigorously attacked the budget as it has been composed and the Radical Socialists proclaimed that the country must be apprised of the fact that the budget as voted shifts a large share of its charges onto future years. Vincent Auriol, Socialist, however, made vehement assertions that the whole financial difficulty could be traced to military expenditures.

"The increase in the budgetary deficit," he declared, "coincides exactly with increases in military appropriations. It is a tribute we are paying to fear. Only a more liberal international policy can save us. General disarmament alone can offer salvation for the State."

M. Lamoureux analyzed at length the situation which made necessary the improvisation of special measures in order to balance the budget. The deficit for the present year, he said, is about 2,500,000,000 francs (\$100,000,000). Next year it will probably reach 4,000,000,000, and for 1933 he estimates the deficit will be between seven and eight billions. The Treasury would be obliged to issue 5,000,000,000 francs (\$200,000,000) in bonds. He said the present budget only covers nine months for expenditures and includes 12 months for receipts because the beginning of the fiscal year was shifted from April 1 to Jan.

During the present year the deficit is largely traced to supplementary expenditures and insufficient estimates, notably for unemployment. Unemployment credits increased 400,000,000 francs (\$16,000,000). The Young Plan payments had also been included in budgetary estimates for both this year and next but the Hoover moratorium in reality suspended these payments.

French Credits to Industrialists and Merchants Extended.

The following from Paris is from the "Wall Street Journal" of Feb. 5:

A large French bank has granted fr. 59,000,000 of new long-term loans to merchants and industrialists at the previous rate of 6.50%, but states that future loans will be on the basis of 6.75%.

France to Mint \$4 Gold Coins—100-Franc Pieces to Resemble Pre-War Louis—Hoarding Continues.

From its Paris Correspondent the New York "Evening Post" reported the following (copyright) under date of Feb. 6: Arrangements for striking gold coins of 100 francs (\$4) have been made at the French Mint.

The design already has been selected. The new gold coins will resemble the old pre-war louis of 20 francs both in intrinsic and exchange value. The franc now is worth one-fifth its former value and it takes five times as many to equal the old amount.

The French Mint now is striking off silver pieces of 10 francs (40 cents) at the rate of one and one-half tons, or 150,000 coins, a day.

\$40,000,000 in Vaults.

There now is a stock of nearly 1,000,000,000 francs (\$40,000,000) of these silver coins being held in the vaults of the Banque de France pending release into circulation. This release probably will not be made until after the spring elections.

With respect to coins having an intrinsic value, there is a disinclination on the part of the authorities to put them out into the hands of the public

for the reason that coins are most susceptible of being hoarded. Hard money suggests being put away, and in France, where the tendency of the masses is to hoard, it always disappears. Gold coins, it is believed, would disappear instead of being hoarded.

Even the new aluminum bronze coins of 50 centimes (worth two cents) are being hoarded. Although they are being turned out at the rate of 200,000 a day, owing to the hoarding habit there is still a shortage of them.

Wine Bottle Is Sock.

They are just small enough to pass through the neck of the average wine bottle, the latter being the new "stocking" of France.

Because of this difficulty of keeping coins in circulation, France continues to use what is probably the dirtiest paper money in the world. The five francs (20 cents) of a pinkish color and the 10 francs (40 cents) tinted blue, are really attractive when freshly printed, but it is seldom they can be obtained in that form—unless secured direct from the Banque de France.

Austrian Note Cover Near Legal Minimum After Falling Below Legal Limit—Resignation of Dr. Reisch as Head of Austrian National Bank—Vienna Market Fears National Bank May Cease to Provide Exchange.

From Vienna, Feb. 5 a cablegram to the New York "Times" said:

Continuous reduction in the Austrian National Bank's holdings of foreign currency have brought the ratio of reserve cover to 24%. This apparently renders imminent the fall of the ratio below the regularly prescribed minimum, and it is feared that in a couple of months the national bank will no longer be able to place foreign exchange at the disposal of trade and industry.

For this reason Austrian commerce and trade are urgently demanding a repeal of the present ordinances. The belief is that "self-provisioning" with foreign currencies would facilitate the necessary imports more than the present system. The restriction policy and the clearing arrangements are considered to be proving a failure.

No suspension on payments of coupons to foreign countries is intended, at least for the present, but the granting of the loan half-promised by France is considered necessary to facilitate such arrangements.

On Feb. 4, a wireless message to the "Times" from Vienna said:

The coverage of the Austrian note issue in gold and foreign exchange, it was admitted, has sunk from the legal minimum of 24 to 23.1%.

Simultaneously with this admission came the announcement that the long-forecast resignation of Dr. Richard Reisch from the Presidency of the Austrian National Bank had been handed in to the Government and accepted.

The regime of Dr. Reisch, who had been president of the bank since its foundation 10 years ago, after having been Minister of Finance in 1919 and 1920, had been held largely responsible for the present condition of the bank and Austria's finances.

He has been attacked for having brought about the rescue of insolvent provincial banks of Clerical party affiliations by the Boden-Creditanstalt and for having guaranteed the solvency of that institution in an interview with a French newspaper a few days before it collapsed.

Dr. Reisch is also accused of responsibility for the fact that the National Bank is now burdened with bills of the Creditanstalt, and in a statement issued to-night defended this course on the ground that the National Bank should represent the interests of Austrian industry as well as Austria's currency.

As great uncertainty exists about the appointment of a successor to Dr. Reisch as about the nomination of a general manager to put the Creditanstalt on its feet.

Responding to pressure from American, English and other foreign creditors, the Government has consented to a new report on the bank's situation by the firm of English chartered accountants which was not allowed to finish the first investigation begun after the bank's collapse.

In the last fortnight the shares of the National Bank have dropped 22%, due partly to the reduction of its dividend.

The significance of the reduction of Austria's note issue coverage below 24% is more nominal than actual, since in any case two-thirds of that coverage represented the short-term money borrowed from the Bank of England the Bank for International Settlements and the real security for Austria's currency has long been her exchange restrictions.

The actual value of the schilling seems to be around \$50 per \$100.

Victor Kienboeck Succeeds Dr. Reisch as President of Austrian National Bank—Selection Brings Rumors of French Pressure—\$14,000,000 Loan Hinted.

Victor Kienboeck, former Finance Minister, was appointed President of the Austrian National Bank on Feb. 6 to succeed Dr. Richard Reisch, who resigned two days before as a result of general dissatisfaction over his conduct of that institution. A Vienna cablegram Feb. 6 to the New York "Times" also had the following to say:

Adrianus van Hengel, the Dutchman who acted as representative of the foreign creditors on the board of the Creditanstalt until he retired some months ago as a result of obstacles put in his way by the other members of the board, has been appointed general director of the Creditanstalt, with extensive powers to reorganize it.

His appointment was the result of a virtual ultimatum to the government by the committee in London which represents the English, American and other foreign creditors.

The Government agreed two months ago to appoint a general director, but could not agree on a man, apparently because of the insistence of Dr. Johann Schober, their Vice Chancellor and Foreign Minister, that a German-Austrian or German-Swiss be nominated and the reluctance of leading bankers falling under these categories to accept so difficult and uncertain a post. Mynheer van Hengel's reputation is founded on his successful reorganization of tottering Dutch banks.

Herr Kienboeck, who must resign his seat in Parliament to accept his new post, is the right-hand man of Mgr. Ignaz Seipel, clerical leader of the Christian Social party.

This fact and a two-hour interview to-day between Chancellor Buresch and Count Clauzel, the French Minister to Vienna, has given rise to rumors that his appointment is the result of that same French insistence which led to the elimination from the Cabinet of the pro-German Dr. Schober.

France is stated, has not only promised to grant Austria the 60,000,000-schilling [about \$8,400,000] loan which she requested some months ago but never got, but to raise it to 100,000,000 schillings about [\$14,000,000]. That France has anything to do with changes in the personnel of the Austrian National Bank, however, is regarded as highly unlikely.

The result of Herr Kienboeck's appointment may be the relaxation of Austria's exchange restrictions and the substitution of other means of safeguarding the currency.

Economic and Industrial Conditions in Denmark During December.

The National Bank in Copenhagen and the Danish Statistical Department have issued the following statement regarding economic and commercial conditions in December 1931:

The Danish export of agricultural products was in December greater for butter and bacon, and less for eggs and meat than in the corresponding month of last year, in that the weekly exports amounted to: Butter, 2,973,500 kilos (December 1930, 2,954,400 kilos); eggs, 707,700 scores (840,100 scores); bacon, 7,814,000 kilos (7,301,100 kilos); meat, 1,163,400 kilos (1,283,700 kilos).

The prices of the exported products were lower for all products than last year, as the official weekly quotations were: Butter, 222 Kr. (December 1930, 224 Kr.) per 100 kilos; eggs, 1.44 Kr. (1.70 Kr.) per kilo; bacon, 0.62 Kr. (0.91 Kr.) per kilo; meat, 0.27 Kr. (0.47 Kr.) per kilo on the hoof.

The trade balance with foreign countries in November amounted to 129.4 Mill. Kr. for imports, and 109.5 Mill. Kr. for exports, so that there was an import surplus of 19.9 Mill. Kr., as compared with 15.0 Mill. Kr. in November 1930. For the period January-November as a whole the import surplus was 108.3 Mill. Kr. this year as compared with 108.5 Mill. Kr. in 1930.

The Statistical Department's wholesale index increased in December from 117 to 119. In the individual groups fertilizer increased six points, fuel and lubricating oils five points, and vegetable food products, metal and metal ware and chemical-technical products each four points, while animal food products decreased two points.

The freight rate figure in December increased from 92.7 to 93.9; this increase is entirely due to the fluctuations in the rate of exchange between crowns and gold.

Concerning banking and financial conditions, the following should be noted: Outstanding loans in the three principal private banks have increased 4 Mill. Kr. during the past months, and deposits have increased 30 Mill. Kr.; at the same time, the banks have sold foreign valuta to an amount of about 6 Mill. Kr. during the month. Of the 32 Mill. Kr. thus placed at their disposal, 20 Mill. Kr. have been used in increasing cash holdings; furthermore, the net debt to domestic banks and savings banks has decreased about 3 Mill. Kr., and about 10 Mill. Kr. were included in covering the fluctuations on the entries, miscellaneous creditors and miscellaneous debtors. The National Bank's outstanding loans increased 33 Mill. Kr. during the past month; at the same time the bank has sold foreign valuta to an amount of about 3 Mill. Kr., and, moreover, the Ministry of Finance's loan in the Bank has decreased 5 Mill. Kr. and the bank's folio deposits, on account of the increase in the private banks' cash holdings, has increased 13 Mill. Kr. The banks' total sale of foreign valuta has accordingly amounted to about 10 Mill. Kr., of which 2 Mill. Kr., however, have been included in the decrease of foreign credits in Danish crowns in Danish banks.

The National Bank's bills in circulation have increased with only 7 Mill. Kr. in December, from 339.7 to 346.5 Mill. Kr.; in December 1930 the number of bills in circulation was 360.2 Mill. Kr.

In the settling of accounts at the check clearing undertaken by the banks and savings banks through the National Bank, checks to an amount of 540.9 Mill. Kr. were delivered during the past month, as compared with 460.9 Mill. Kr. in November and 639.1 Mill. Kr. in December 1930.

The average weekly transactions on the Copenhagen Stock Exchange of bonds and stocks in December amounted at 6.4 Mill. Kr. for bonds, and 1.8 Mill. Kr. for stocks (November 5.9 and 2.8 Mill. Kr.); in December 1930 the corresponding figures were 4.3 and 1.1 Mill. Kr.

In the index for stock quotations in December there was a decrease for bonds as well as stocks, in that the bond index went down from 86.5 to 84.3, and the stock index from 76.8 to 72.7. Compared with 1930, there was a decrease for bonds from 98.8 to 84.3, as well as for stocks, in that the index for banks was 65.1 (December 1930, 83.2), for shipping companies 55.6 (94.4), for industrial companies 78.4 (87.2), other companies 79.4 (95.5), and the total index was 72.7 as compared with 92.8 in December 1930.

The percentage of unemployed at the end of December 1931 was 30.4% as compared with 25.1% in December 1930; in the industrial professions, the percentage was 24.7% in December 1931 against 23.6% in December 1930.

The Government's revenue from consumption taxes in December amounted to 12.6 Mill. Kr., of which 4.7 Mill. Kr. were custom revenue taxes. In December 1930 the corresponding figures were 13.0 and 5.1 Mill. Kr.

Holland's Plans for Conversion of 1922 Loan.

A cablegram from The Hague Feb. 8 to the New York "Times" said:

The Netherlands Government to-day introduced a bill in Parliament for various loans amounting to about \$80,000,000 to convert the 6% loan of 1922 and consolidate part of the foreign debt.

An item regarding the proposed conversion appeared in our issue of Jan. 9, page 218.

Diamonds Slump in Amsterdam as Investment Buying Halts.

An Amsterdam cablegram Feb. 4 to the New York "Times" said:

The situation in the diamond market is momentarily depressing again, with the turnover reduced to a minimum.

Until recently some demand was still evident in Central Europe. Fear of the stability of the money in those countries was the cause of this inclination to buy, but now the demand has been reduced to almost nothing.

No worthwhile revival in the diamond market is expected until conditions in general show improvement.

Dutch East Indies Government Says Financial Aid to Sugar Industry is Impossible—Will Extend Other Assistance to Sugar Raisers and Rubber Industry.

A cablegram as follows from Batavia Feb. 8, is from the New York "Times":

The Dutch East Indies Government announced to-day that financial aid to the sugar industry was impossible, but that it was ready to give other assistance to the sugar raisers and to the rubber industry. Temporary restrictions on imports are contemplated.

Hungary Again Seeks Extension of Credits—Negotiations Renewed With Americans for Prolongation of \$40,000,000.

Announcing that negotiations for the prolongation of the \$40,000,000 worth of American short-term credits, which were broken off because the American creditors were dissatisfied with the terms Hungary was willing to offer, has been renewed, Finance Minister Koranyi appealed on Feb. 9 in a Parliamentary speech at night to all Hungary's creditors to show consideration of the difficulties of her position. Budapest advices to the New York "Times" Feb. 9 continued:

Individual groups of Hungary's creditors have not yet realized the financial and economic position of Hungary clearly enough and as a result they have not yet seen the necessity for full co-operation between the creditors and the debtors. One must not forget that the agreement under which Hungary is obliged to make payments abroad were concluded in quite different circumstances.

It is not Hungary's fault that her agricultural products have fallen so catastrophically in price.

Baron Koranyi stated that only if Hungary's creditors organized themselves would it be possible to correct certain defects of the present transfer moratorium. Negotiations to this end in London are proceeding favorably.

The order in which Hungary is to discharge her foreign obligations must be decided by experts appointed by the League of Nations. As a result of the decrease in exports, however, Hungary's holdings of foreign securities is greatly reduced and this half year is likely to be a difficult period. To relax exchange restrictions at the moment is impossible.

Banks in Hungary Pay Big Dividends—Large Institutions Announce or Are Expected to Declare 8 to 12% on Their Stocks—Defaults Explained—Advices to Bankers Say Exchange Rates Prevent Debt Service on Two Dollar Issues.

Despite the financial difficulties in Hungary, the Hungarian National Bank has declared a dividend of 12% for 1931 and the Hungarian Commercial Bank one of 10%, according to advices received here yesterday by Carl Marks & Co., Inc. The First National Savings Bank of Pest and the Hungarian Discount & Exchange Bank, it is added, will pay dividends of 8% each. The advices state that all of the larger Hungarian banks are expected to declare dividends of 8 to 10% for 1931. The New York "Times" of Feb. 5, from which the foregoing is taken, further said:

Dividends of European banking institutions are generally declared in the first quarter of each year, covering the previous year. Of the 17 Hungarian dollar bond issues, the bankers report, only two are considered in default. These are the Hungarian Central Mutual Credit Institute 7s, due in 1937, series A, and the National Central Savings Bank of Hungary 7½s, due in 1962, series A, against which sufficient funds are available for full debt service expressed in Hungarian exchange, but which, owing to foreign exchange restrictions, cannot be translated into sufficient dollars. "It is expected that a law will be passed by the Hungarian Government soon permitting the payment of interest on these securities in pengoes only, at the gold rate of exchange," the bankers said yesterday, "and stipulating that these pengoes may be transferred or used only in Hungary. Previous advices mentioned that payment of all coupons on Hungarian dollar bonds not paid in dollars, would be payable in gold pengoes, but that the use of these pengoes would not be permitted for a period of one year. This would mean that money received for coupons would have to be left with the Hungarian National Bank and could not be transferred or used in the time mentioned."

Bulgaria Won't Pay Further Reparations—Agriculture Minister Says Nation Will Not Meet any Demands—League Studies Finances.

Under date of Feb. 9 a cablegram from Sofia (Bulgaria) to the New York "Times" said:

Bulgaria will not pay further reparations "under any consideration, for any reason or in any form." Agriculture Minister Gutcheff declared yesterday at the meeting of the Agricultural Assembly, attended by representatives from all parts of the country.

Finance Minister Stefanoff returned yesterday from Geneva accompanied by M. Debordes, a member of the League finance committee, who will examine the financial condition of Bulgaria. It is understood Premier Muchanoff assured the finance committee his country would have to declare a moratorium unless it received immediate foreign help. M. Debordes will determine whether matters are as urgent as represented.

Reports from abroad that a general moratorium would be announced in the next few weeks were emphatically denied in official circles to-day.

Yugoslavs Cut War Budget—But Finance Ministry is Empowered to Make Special Appropriation.

Belgrade advices as follows Feb. 5 are from the New York "Times":

Among many economies included in the 1932 budget, the allotment of the Ministry of War is reduced by 463,000,000 dinars, or about 17%.

At the same time, however, the Minister of Finance is empowered to grant the War Ministry an extra budgetary credit amounting to the almost equivalent sum of 400,000,000 dinars.

Poland Issues Stamps Commemorating Birth of George Washington.

Associated Press advices from Warsaw Feb. 7 stated:

Stamps commemorating the bicentenary of the birth of George Washington have been issued by the Polish Postoffice, and an enlarged reproduction will be forwarded to President Hoover as a gift from President Moscicki. The issue bears portraits of Washington and of the Polish patriots, Kosciusko and Pulaski.

Soviet Sowing Falls Off—10% Under Grain Program.

The following (Associated Press) is from Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 3:

Autumn sowing of all grains in Soviet Russia last year amounted to 95,400,000 acres, a decrease of 10.8% from the program mapped by the Government, the Department of Trade and Commerce has been notified by cable.

The Soviet plans a call for an increase of 2% over last year in the spring sowing of wheat, however.

The cable details the Soviet Government's plan for spring seeding as follows:

Wheat, 64,700,000 acres, compared with 63,500,000 acres last year.

Oats, 45,000,000 acres, compared with 43,200,000 acres.

Maize, 11,100,000 acres, compared with 9,900,000 acres.

All grains, 154,900,000 acres, compared with 149,200,000 acres.

All spring crops, 240,900,000 acres, compared with 253,000,000.

Sao Paulo Fights 2% Tax on Imports—Inclusion of All Ports in Gold Levy Held to Place Santos at a Disadvantage—Intended for Port Works.

In its issue of Feb. 7, the New York "Times" published the following special correspondence from Sao Paulo, Jan. 19:

The inclusion in the 1932 budget of a provision extending the 2% gold tax on imports to all ports in Brazil has become a source of bitter political agitation in the State of Sao Paulo, as it is argued that the extension of this tax to Santos would put that port in an inferior position. Business men are interested principally because under the new provision they would have to pay additional duties of 20,000 contos of reis (\$1,300,000) during 1932.

The 2% gold tax was instituted to provide funds for paying the cost of the port works constructed by the Federal Government at Rio de Janeiro and other ports, and was collected at all ports except Santos and Manaus, where the work was not done by the Federal Government. The amount collected at Rio de Janeiro has been sufficient to pay for the docks and equipment many times over, but it now forms the guarantee for a foreign loan and cannot be used for general revenue.

This tax has been a bone of contention for many years, as importers in Rio de Janeiro charge that the trade through Santos has been favored at their expense. Sao Paulo business men are vigorously opposing the extension of this tax to Santos and the opposition is so strong that the Federal Government has postponed collection of the 2% tax until March 27, on which date it is expected to become effective.

Tariff Is Complicated.

Brazil, like several other South American republics, has very complicated customs tariffs, but the general principle is to appraise imports at arbitrary values fixed by the Government and then to classify them under certain rates. Without going into intricate details, it may be said that those imports which now pay duties at the rate of 30% of their fixed value will be required to pay 10% more as a result of the addition of the 2% gold tax.

On the supposition that the estimated additional revenue which the tax would produce—equivalent to about \$1,300,000 for the State of Sao Paulo—must be raised in some form or other in order to balance the budget, the Commercial Association of Sao Paulo has addressed to the Federal Government a memorial signed by 35 commercial, industrial and agricultural institutions urging that instead of a 2% gold tax on the value of imported merchandise, a flat 7% tax be levied on the duties collected in paper currency at all ports of Brazil. This would produce the same revenue without adversely affecting Santos. The memorial suggests, however, that the proposed 7% tax should be effective only until such time as the customs tariff is revised, when proper provision should be made for the required additional revenue.

The memorial also suggests that port charges and duties at Santos and Rio de Janeiro be placed on the same level by making the necessary adjustments at Rio.

\$1,750,000 State of San Paulo Coffee Realization Loan Bonds Called for Redemption—Payable April 1.

Speyer & Co. and J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp., as Fiscal Agents, announce that \$1,750,000 State of San Paulo 7% Coffee Realization Loan Bonds have been drawn for redemption at par, and will be paid on and after April 1, either at the office of Speyer & Co. or at the office of J. Henry Schroder Trust Co. After retirement of these bonds, there will remain outstanding \$29,739,000 of the \$35,000,000 bonds originally issued in the United States of America.

Bonds of Saxon State Mortgage Institution Drawn for Redemption.

The National City Bank of New York, as trustee, has notified holders of Saxon State Mortgage Institution mortgage collateral sinking fund 6% guaranteed gold bonds, due Sept. 15 1947, that \$17,000 principal amount of the bonds have been selected for redemption on March 15 at par. Bonds so selected will be paid upon presentation and surrender at the head office of the National City Bank of New York, 55 Wall St., on and after March 15 after which date interest on the selected bonds will cease.

Tenders Asked for Argentine Government Bonds.

J. P. Morgan & Co. have been instructed to give notice that they are prepared to receive tenders for the amortization on or before March 31, of \$741,000 Argentine gold pesos nominal capital of Argentine Government 5% internal gold loan 1909 bonds. Tenders for the sale of bonds with coupons due Sept. 1 and subsequently, should be submitted before 3 p. m. Feb. 17 at the offices of J. P. Morgan & Co., 23 Wall St. Tenders will be received also in London by Baring Brothers & Co., Ltd., and in Buenos Aires by the Credito Publico Nacional. The right is reserved to reject any or all tenders. Each £200 bond has a par value of \$973 and tenders must be made at a flat price under par expressed in dollars per bond.

La Paz Chamber of Deputies Cuts Mortgage Loan Rate—4% Reduction, Made to Relieve Debtors—Government Investment in Shares of National Oil Co. Authorized.

Under date of Feb. 6 La Paz advices to the New York "Times" said:

The Chamber of Deputies approved to-day a 4% reduction in the interest on mortgage loans.

This measure has caused much discussion because of the fact mortgage certificates are held by many persons with limited resources, living on the income from the securities. But in view of the critical situation among mortgagors, the mortgage banks started the movement which resulted in the reduction.

The project is likely to meet opposition in the Senate, although both bodies are expected to reach a solution favorable to the mortgagors but prejudicial to the interests of the holders of the certificates. A fall in the price of certificates is seen as likely.

The Chamber also authorized the Government to invest in the shares of the National Oil Co., "Aguila Doble," which is sinking wells in Cochabamba. This plan was adopted both because the public cannot afford to subscribe for the shares and because the Government wishes to encourage the national oil industry.

Milreis Falls Below 6 Cents in Rio de Janeiro for First Time in Months—Coffee Prices Hold with Destruction of Low Grade Stocks.

From the New York "Herald Tribune" we take the following (United Press) from Rio de Janeiro Jan. 30:

The milreis dipped below 6 cents in unofficial trading during the week—for the first time in months. The United States dollar was quoted officially at 15 milreis 900 (or 6.239 cents a milreis), but brokers sold up to 16 milreis 800 (or 5.958 cents). Despite the scarcity of export bills, the Bank of Brazil is satisfying legitimate exchange demands of any one exhibiting proper documents.

The markets generally were in good condition. Coffee prices remained the same as last week, while cotton was somewhat easier. The arrival of fruit from Argentina featured the week. A total of 3,077 cases of pears, 500 cases of peaches and 100 cases of plums were received.

Coffee exports for the week ended Friday were below normal at Santos, with shipment of only 33,161 bags. Rio shipped 48,761 bags and Victoria 28,035. Coffee stocks: Santos, 1,390,368 bags; Rio, 309,623, and Victoria, 95,048.

The Coffee Council program of destroying low grade coffee is proceeding smoothly, with favorable results already felt, and confidence in the plan is spreading among the small planters, who are receiving payments for their stocks through the Council's export tax arrangement.

Costa Rica Plans to Return Funds Invested in Lottery.

The following special correspondence from San Jose, Costa Rica, Feb. 1, is from the New York "Times" of Feb. 7:

Hopeful purchasers of tickets of the sweepstake lottery promoted here and later declared fraudulent and the concession of the promoters canceled, will not win the grand prize promised in the tickets, but they will get their money back if they can be located.

Many thousands of letters were received from all parts of America and particularly the United States after the scheme had been stopped. The Government reports that the total sum covered by the correspondence will be not less than \$30,000.

The Court handling the case has ordered that the money be returned to the senders through the Costa Rican consuls. Of course there is no hope for the purchasers of tickets whose letters arrived before the Government interfered.

Uruguay Asked to Put Rigid Curb on Reds—President Terra Urges Congress and Council to Give Him Extraordinary Powers.

From Montevideo (Uruguay) Feb. 8, Associated Press advices published in the New York "Times" said:

President Gabriel Terra asked the National Administrative Council to-day for extraordinary powers to cope with alleged Communist plots including the thwarted rising in the North last week, but the Council merely acknowledged his request.

Parliament was summoned for an extraordinary session to consider an identical message from the President.

The Council indicated that it believed last week's thwarted revolt, supposedly headed by Nepe Muceno Saravia, estranged Nationalist (minority) leader, came under the head of ordinary criminal offenses not requiring emergency measures.

The Montevideo police closed the Communist daily "Justice" to-day after articles attacking the President and other Government officials had appeared in it.

Contacts with provincial police along the Brazilian border at frequent intervals were continued. Up to this afternoon 30 arrests had been made, and the Government said it had discovered in Montevideo propaganda, revolvers and a file of Russian correspondence. Aviation authorities took vital parts from all civilian airplanes, disabling them.

Bankers Move to Protect Chile Bondholders—Grace National and Brown Bros. Harriman, Financial Agents, Ask Information—\$14,925,000 Outstanding—Action Is on 31-Year Municipal 7% Issue.

From the New York "Herald Tribune" of Jan. 29 we take the following:

Grace National Bank of New York and Brown Bros., Harriman & Co., financial agents for the Chilean consolidated municipal 7% sinking fund 31-year gold bonds, series A of 1929, moved yesterday for the formation of a protective committee in the interests of purchasers of the bonds. The step was said in bond circles here to be one of the few instances where it is deemed advisable to take protective measures with respect to a foreign obligation. The amount of the bonds outstanding in the hands of the public is \$14,925,000.

The bonds, listed on the New York Stock Exchange, are currently quoted at 10, compared with the original offering price of 94 and interest.

Technically the issue is not in default, as the Sept. 1 interest was paid, the next interest date being March 1. Under the two-year moratorium declared by the Chilean Government on obligations payable in foreign currencies it is certain that the March 1 payment will be defaulted.

The fiscal agents believe, according to the notice, that "it would prove to the interests of bondholders to proceed with the prompt organization of a bondholders' protective committee." This body would take such measures "as seem feasible under existing Chilean legislation" to protect the bondholders, the agents indicated. In order to facilitate formation of the committee, holders of the bonds were requested to file their names, addresses, a statement of their holdings and an indication if they are in favor of the plan with either of the two investment banking houses.

The move by the financial agents follows a notice issued Jan. 4 by Luis Izquierdo, Chilean Minister of Finance, with respect to the loan. This was to the effect that the 65 municipalities responsible for the bond issue found that "owing to unsettled conditions in Chile and in order to prevent further financial difficulties, the Republic of Chile has enacted a law pursuant to which the municipalities will, for the first time, suspend payments temporarily of the services on their obligations in foreign currencies. Under said law, this suspension may last for a period of two years."

Two-Year Moratorium Granted.

Under the law, which was passed by the Chilean Government on July 30 1931, State railways and the mortgage bank of Chile, as well as the municipalities, are granted a two-year moratorium, expiring in July 1933. Meanwhile, the institutions and organizations responsible for the bonds are required to deposit in national currency (Chilean pesos) with the Central Bank of Chile the interest on the bonds payable in foreign currencies on the various service dates. The bank, in turn, is empowered to transfer such deposits temporarily to other banking institutions in the country, and, with the approval of the President of the Republic, to pay the whole or part of such monies deposited to the foreign creditors.

The bond issue concerned was dated Sept. 1 1929 and matures Sept. 1 1960. Interest dates are in March and September. Principal and interest were specified as payable in United States gold in New York at the Grace National, Brown Bros., Harriman, or E. H. Rollins & Co. The last named and Continental Illinois Co., Inc., were associated in the original offering of the bonds with the financial agents.

The direct joint obligation of 65 Chilean municipalities—each municipality being obligated for a proportional part of principal, interest and sinking fund corresponding to its share in the proceeds of the loan—the bond agreement provided that if any of the municipalities shall create any debt specifically secured by lien or charge upon any assets or revenues, the obligations on account of these bonds shall share in such lien or charge ratably and equally with other debt. The loan agreement was signed by the Ministers of Interior and Finance of Chile, representing the participating municipalities and the Central Government.

Government Signed Agreement.

The National Government of Chile agreed specifically to cause adequate provision for the service of the loan to be included in the respective municipal budgets, and agreed to retain or collect funds sufficient to meet such services. If actual municipal revenues fall short of budget estimates, the loan agreement provided that precedence be given to debt service on the loan above all other municipal payments. As special security a reserve of \$600,000 was set up in the Chilean treasury to be drawn upon at the request of the financial agents to cover any deficiency in the loan service.

Proceeds of the loan were to be used by the municipalities for the purchase, construction and improvement of municipal buildings, street paving and other municipal works, and the funding and consolidation of other outstanding obligations.

As emphasized recently, the problem occasioned by a default on a Government bond is quite different from that faced through the lapse of interest or principal payments on a corporate obligation. In the latter case legal action is necessary and protective committees are usually formed with the utmost dispatch, in order to take the necessary steps. A Government bond—being a promise to pay, backed by no specific assets—is in a different category.

Chile Acts to Aid Mortgage Debtors, Agricultural Interests, &c.

A proposal to aid mortgage debtors, increase the number of agricultural warehouses, issuance of notes against agricultural products, aid to the wine industry, adjustment of wheat prices to producer and consumer, are among the attempts of the Government of Chile to influence the general price situation in order to restore confidence, to aid the Government in its present adverse financial situation, and to benefit various industrial activities, according to Commercial Attache Ralph Ackerman, Santiago, in a report to the Department of Commerce. The latter on Jan. 30 said:

At a recent convention of agriculturists held at Talca, certain resolutions were adopted requesting Government aid for the farmer. The Minister of Agriculture has prepared and published a summary of the different proposals the Government has under consideration, which, in his opinion, would benefit the agricultural situation of the country. Proposed legislation now before Congress includes:

1. A law which would grant facilities to mortgage debtors. Although this was passed by Congress, the President returned it to that body with

suggestions as to modifications so as to better safeguard the rights of mortgage bank bond holders.

2. A proposal to modify the warrants law with a view to increasing the number of warehouses existing within the country and to permit the issue of notes against agricultural products which would be discountable in the Central Bank.

3. Aid to the wine culture industry by a 30% reduction on wine taxes.

4. Modification of existing legislation so that wheat prices may be adjusted in such a manner as to permit a profit for the producer and at the same time to regulate prices to the consumer so as to prevent them from reaching unreasonable levels.

5. Modifications to the law which created the Agricultural Export Commission so as to allow this body to pay export premiums and influence prices of agricultural products.

Other projects under consideration by the Ministry of Agriculture include measures by which interest rates charged by commercial and private banks would be reduced by adjustments within the mechanism of the Central Bank; the revision of the system of the payment of debts to the Agricultural Credit Institute and changes in the operations of this body so as to enable it to grant new credits to agriculturists, especially to those attempting the sale of seeds and fertilizers; to aid the fruit industry by setting aside sums in next year's budgets for the construction of refrigerating plants to facilitate exports; to develop seed laboratories by which it may be possible to increase the distribution of selected seeds to agriculturists and to reduce the selling price of fertilizers, especially manure and Thomas slag.

The Minister also outlined a plan on which he is working for encouraging the production and commerce of agricultural products, which includes the reorganization of agricultural services, studies of cultivation methods best adapted to the different zones, the substitution of national agricultural products for those now imported; standardization of exportable products, the creation of governmental institutions for the development of foreign markets; the organization of credit, production and selling co-operatives, and the celebration of commercial treaties to facilitate the interchange of agricultural products with other nations.

While theoretically these plans and proposals seem to offer encouragement to Chile's agriculturists, an obstacle to their fruition is the difficult financial condition of the country which will prevent additional funds being set aside to carry out the investigations and organizations required.

Ecuador Abandons Gold Standard.

Ecuador abandoned the gold standard on Feb. 9, said Associated Press accounts from Guayaquil (Ecuador), which also had the following to say:

The suspension will be effective until next November 10, and the Central Bank has been ordered to call in all its foreign deposits for conversion into gold. Exporters will be obliged to pay export duties in gold and these collections the Government will deposit in the Central Bank. Moneys for payment of the foreign debt also will be deposited in the bank, which will lend the Government money at 3% interest for expenditure on public works, partial payment of the internal debt and establishment of a national farm bureau. Interest payments made to the bank will be applied to reimburse the institution for losses sustained by the decline in value of the pound sterling.

The decree under which the gold standard was abandoned was issued Feb. 9 by Provisional President Alfredo Baquerizo Moreno. United Press advices from Guayaquil (Feb. 9) said:

The sudden decision was due to decreases in gold reserves because of recent export of capital from the country.

The Central Bank, as a result of the abandonment of the gold standard, will proceed at once to convert into gold all deposits now held abroad, and to bring the gold back to Ecuador as soon as is convenient. While the suspension is effective the Central Bank will not exchange bank notes in circulation either for gold or for gold drafts except for the fulfillment of the Government's direct or indirect obligations.

Only the Government will be allowed to export gold. The decree provides also that the Central Bank will lend to the Government 15,000,000 sucres (\$3,000,000 at par). This money will be spent as follows: 6,000,000 sucres (\$1,200,000) to public works, both national and sectional; 1,000,000 sucres (\$200,000) to redemption of the internal debt, and 8,000,000 (\$1,600,000) to establishing a national bank for agricultural credit.

The decree provides that bank notes will be legal tender, to be received in payment for all debts contracted within the country. All duties and taxes on exports are to be paid by drafts on foreign countries at the rate of exchange ruling at this time. Proceeds of export taxes are to be turned over to the Central Bank to be credited to the Government's account.

President of Central Bank of Ecuador Resigns in Protest Against Decree Abandoning Gold Standard.

A cablegram as follows from Guayaquil (Ecuador) appeared in the New York "Times":

Enrique Cueva, President of the Central Bank, has resigned in protest against the decree abandoning the gold standard, as threatened in a recent letter to President Baquerizo.

The decree is causing great uneasiness among merchants as the banks require payment in foreign exchange instead of sucres and nobody is selling, although probably some foreign exchange will be available soon from shipments of cacao. The banks apparently intend to discourage speculation in exchange as much as possible.

Bank for International Settlements Votes Moral Support for Central Banks of South America in Maintenance of Gold Standard.

According to Associated Press advices from Basle, Switzerland, the Board of the Bank for International Settlements voted on Feb. 8 to help South American central banks maintain the gold standard, and instructed President Gates W. McGarrath to prepare a plan extending its services to the South American continent. The accounts also said:

The board took this action at its eighteenth regular session after a request had been formulated at a Lima bank conference last September.

Dr. Carl Melchior of Germany, Vice-President of the board, presided in the absence of Mr. McGarrath in the United States.

The board also instructed the President to name an arbitration committee as provided in the recent Berlin private short-term credit agreement and decided to accept deposits from the Saar Basin, providing guarantees with the Reichsbank and other banks responsible for such deposits were arranged.

Further Associated Press accounts from Basle Feb. 10 stated:

The monetary department of the Bank for International Settlements, studying financial conditions in South America, let it be known to-day that the central banks of the South American countries will receive moral support rather than material assistance from the Bank in their efforts to maintain the gold standard.

Contrary to reports in banking circles, it was said, there is no question for the moment of the central banks of South America joining the world bank here.

Efforts Toward Early Payment of Interest on Obligations of New South Wales.

Early payment of interest on New South Wales obligations was indicated by J. A. Lyons, Prime Minister and Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Australia, in a statement received on Feb. 11 by D. M. Dow, official secretary in New York for Australia. The full text of Mr. Lyons' statement is as follows:

Yesterday afternoon (Feb. 10) I communicated by telegraph with the Premier of New South Wales, setting out full particulars of amounts of interest due by New South Wales to date, which have not been paid. I asked Mr. Lang if he would confirm the accuracy of these amounts. The telegram indicated that, according to the information in possession of the Commonwealth, the total amount in respect of which New South Wales had defaulted was £1,169,735 16s., of which £182,698 5s. 10d. represented payments due in Australia and balance represented payments due to overseas bondholders, including exchange.

In the same telegram I said that the Commonwealth Government would appreciate early advice whether the Government of New South Wales is in a position and is prepared to make available to the Commonwealth at once the moneys necessary to meet the payment of these amounts. I asked that if the full amount could not be so made available by the Government of New South Wales the Premier should state what amount his Government would make available for this purpose, and when the amount would be paid to the Commonwealth Sub-Treasury in Sydney. This information was sought so that the Commonwealth may know what amount, if any, the Commonwealth itself will have to provide for payment of the overdue interest.

Up to this afternoon (Feb. 11) no reply has been received from Mr. Lang, but as soon as reply comes to hand arrangements will be made for payment at the earliest possible date of the interest due to bondholders by the State of New South Wales.

From Melbourne (Australia), Feb. 9, Canadian Press accounts said:

The Commonwealth Government has decided to pay all holders of bonds of New South Wales the interest payments defaulted by that State as soon as possible.

"The Commonwealth Government's views with the greatest regret New South Wales' failure to meet public obligations," Prime Minister Joseph A. Lyons said. "As a result it recognizes that the credit of New South Wales particularly, and to a certain extent the credit of the whole Commonwealth, will be greatly impaired.

"In the interest of Australian credit, the Commonwealth has decided to pay the amount due as soon as the necessary arrangements can be completed. The Commonwealth Government will use every available method to compel the New South Wales Government to pay the full amount."

The Prime Minister charged that the default was a deliberate action of the State Government. As a result of investigation, the Commonwealth Government was satisfied, he said, that effective action could be taken to secure the necessary amounts from the State, but in the meantime it would make the payments itself.

In its issue of Feb. 10 the New York "Times" said:

New South Wales 5s, due in 1957, recovered 2 points on the Stock Exchange yesterday, closing at 46, compared with the low of 30½ a few days ago. The State 5s, due in 1958, finished at 45¾, up to 2½ points, compared with a recent low of 29¾. Bonds of the Commonwealth Government were unchanged to 1½ points higher on the day, the 4½s closing at 47, the 5s due in 1945 at 53¾ and the 5s due in 1957 at 53¾.

An item regarding the New South Wales obligations appeared in our issue of Feb. 6, page 949.

Georges Leger Charges State Department Forced Loan to Hold Haiti—Tells Senate Committee Department Caused Needless Borrowing—Haitian Lawyer Says That Continuing of Control to 1953 Will Bring Trouble—Department in Rejoinder Credits American Supervision for "Unique Soundness" of Island's Finances.

A charge that the State Department forced the Republic of Haiti to float an unnecessary foreign loan of \$16,000,000 in 1923 in order to perpetuate American control over that island republic was made before the Senate Finance Committee at Washington on Feb. 10 by Georges Leger, a lawyer of Port au Prince and brother of the Foreign Minister of Haiti. The New York "Times" in a Washington dispatch Feb. 10 further reports:

The loan was floated in the United States by the National City Bank and runs for thirty years, he testified, adding that the State Department had interpreted its provisions to permit the continuance of the American financial administration in Haiti until the loan matured.

Mr. Leger declared that the American financial advisers had been "absolute dictators in Haiti" and that since 1915 Haiti "never had the co-operation of, but absolute domination by the United States."

Taking cognizance of Mr. Leger's testimony, the State Department later to-day issued a statement in defense of the American financial administration in Haiti, in which it said:

Department's Statement.

"Haiti was never before on such a solid financial basis and when its financial position is compared with that of other governments in the post-war era, the result of its finances under the administration of the American financial adviser is shown to be unique in the strength and soundness of its position.

Situation in 1915 Is Reviewed.

"Haiti's external debt at the time of the American occupation in 1915 was about \$31,700,000. This was mostly for foreign loans issued in France, some as low as 72.3, less gratuities. There had been several years' default in some of the amortization payments and interest was met by internal borrowing at rates of 59.56 and 47; salaries, &c., were in arrears.

"Under the American financial administration, all claims were adjudicated and all foreign and internal indebtedness liquidated for a total of \$23,660,000.

"There is now no internal debt, no floating debt, and the foreign indebtedness was reduced by Dec. 31 1931, to \$14,329,161.76. A surplus has been accumulated in the Haitian Treasury in addition, which amounted, on Sept. 30 1931, to \$3,292,588.30."

Mr. Leger testified that the Haitian people "feel that the loan was put upon them by the United States for the purpose of maintaining political control over Haiti."

Domination Is Denounced.

"The Haitians pay their debts," he continued, "but they will not stand having that domination until 1953, just to satisfy New York banks. There is bound to be trouble if the situation continues."

Haiti, he said, has floated loans totaling \$23,660,000 since the World War, including the \$16,000,000 loan, an internal loan for \$5,000,000 and a railroad loan of \$2,660,000. There is outstanding only \$14,000,000, of which \$2,000,000 worth of bonds are owned by the Haitian Government itself, he said.

Haiti was without an elected government between 1917, when, he said, the Chamber of Deputies was "padlocked" by marines under the command of General Smedley D. Butler, and in 1930, when the Forbes Commission made an extensive investigation of Haiti.

The Haitian loan first was suggested in 1917 by Addison T. Ruan, the first financial adviser appointed by the State Department, Mr. Leger testified.

"Nine months after the treaty was signed, the financial adviser told the Haitian Government that it must tell the United States it desired a loan and therefore the treaty must be extended for ten additional years," Mr. Leger said.

The Haitian Government refused to do this, he declared, but, finally, in 1917, consented to extension of the treaty after the United States proposed that it borrow \$30,000,000 abroad.

The financial adviser was unable to find a bank to float this loan and other unsuccessful attempts were made until 1922, with various sums being proposed, Mr. Leger testified. Then, however, the Council of State of Haiti, the ruling body of the country, whose membership, according to Mr. Leger, was "dictated by the military commander," authorized a \$40,000,000 loan and \$16,000,000 was borrowed from the National City Bank. The Haitian Government, he said, received \$14,000,000 net for its obligations, promising repayment of \$16,000,000.

Authority Is Questioned.

Mr. Leger contended that the financial adviser is in Haiti without legal authority, testifying that the act of 1917 extending the treaty of 1915 until 1935, instead of 1925, was never ratified either by the United States Senate or the Haitian Senate, and that no cause existed for the maintenance of the adviser, as "Haiti is one of the few countries in the world which not only has paid its obligations when due, but ahead of date."

Mr. Leger asserted that the National City Bank had profited to the extent of "two or three million dollars" through purchases of depreciated Haitian railroad bonds, at the time when it was acting as financial agent for his government.

Yokohama Specie Bank Pledges Japanese Government Bonds—Bank Meets Reductions in Credit Lines by Deposit of Securities.

The following is from the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Feb. 5:

In order to secure the dollar credits opened for it the Yokohama Specie Bank since the beginning of the year has pledged approximately \$40,000,000 external bonds of the Government of Japan with New York city banks, it was learned yesterday. The bonds were purchased by the bank from the Japanese Government, which withdrew them from the sinking fund, it was stated.

The Yokohama bank, it was added, did not secure a cash loan, but at the request of the New York Banks pledged the securities as additional securities on credit lines already in existence and in use. During the first week of the year the Japanese Government sold to the bank about \$25,000,000 dollar bonds and about \$8,000,000 sterling bonds. The bank paid the Government with book deposits in yen.

Silk Bills.

Up to the end of the year the Yokohama Specie Bank had been able to secure necessary dollar credits through the pledging of trade bills. For the most part these were based upon warehouse receipts held by the Government giving title to its silk stocks, upon affidavits testifying to the deposit of such warehouse receipts, upon merchandise privately held and upon actual shipments. Since then the New York banks have reduced foreign credit lines, including lines to Japanese customers and so for additional funds the securities were pledged.

No statement was made giving an exact list of the Japanese bonds pledged by the bank. Since the beginning of the year the entire list has moved downward in the market, the 5 1/2s, for instance, moving from 70 to the low for the year of 61. Consequently, after the initial deposit of \$33,000,000, additional securities were added in order to keep the collateral up to requirements.

When Japan first went off the gold standard the Yokohama Specie Bank had accumulated large commitments to make payments in dollars. In part these commitments have been covered through shipments of gold and \$15,000,000 gold is still to be shipped to San Francisco from Tokyo. In foreign exchange quarters it was held that the officials in Tokyo had calculated upon a large short position by American banks in yen, overestimating American purchases which would be required in order to cover such obligations.

Credit Lines Cut.

Since the beginning of the year the banks have not been ready to increase their contingent liabilities on acceptance credits to Japan, the tendency being to reduce lines. The domestic banks as a matter of policy seek for

a wide diversification in their credit risks and would as a matter of course avoid an excessive proportion of silk bills. Consequently in order to secure a continuous flow of credit in New York the Yokohama bank was required to pledge securities.

It was widely reported that the abandonment of gold by Japan led to losses to the Yokohama, which had obligations to make payments in foreign currencies. Reports from Tokyo indicated that there is no plan for the making good of such losses by the Japanese Government. However, it was pointed out, the Government still would be able to sell external bonds to the bank against yen deposits or else lend securities to the bank should it be found desirable to do so.

Total Short Interest on New York Stock Exchange During January.

The New York Stock Exchange on Feb. 6 issued a compilation indicating the short interest on stocks each day for the month of January. The figures show that the short interest increased from 2,842,072 shares on Dec. 31 1931 to 3,600,265 shares on Feb. 1 1932. The announcement issued by the Stock Exchange follows:

The following statistics, which have been compiled from information secured by the New York Stock Exchange from its members, show the total short interest on each business day with the exception of Saturdays during January 1932:

Dec. 31 1931	2,842,072	Jan. 18 1932	3,064,761
Jan. 4 1932	2,962,127	Jan. 19 1932	3,059,649
Jan. 5 1932	3,122,915	Jan. 20 1932	3,136,766
Jan. 6 1932	3,092,929	Jan. 21 1932	3,145,087
Jan. 7 1932	3,087,616	Jan. 22 1932	3,171,568
Jan. 8 1932	3,072,601	Jan. 25 1932	3,266,739
Jan. 11 1932	3,076,399	Jan. 26 1932	3,327,471
Jan. 12 1932	3,137,369	Jan. 27 1932	3,277,702
Jan. 13 1932	3,152,366	Jan. 28 1932	3,463,342
Jan. 14 1932	3,121,243	Jan. 29 1932	3,536,207
Jan. 15 1932	3,068,026	Feb. 1 1932	3,600,265

* Last published figure.

Note.—These statistics show the position existing at the opening of business on each date, and the report for each Monday includes the transactions of the preceding Friday and Saturday.

Previous data issued by the New York Stock Exchange on short selling was given in our issues of Dec. 19, pages 4044-4048; Jan. 16, page 429, and Jan. 23, page 605.

Market Value of Bonds Listed on New York Stock Exchange—Figures for Feb. 1 1932.

On Feb. 9 the New York Stock Exchange issued the Feb. 1 pre-release of the total market value and the average market price of all listed bonds as follows:

As of Feb. 1 1932, there were 1,595 bond issues aggregating \$52,241,912,994 par value listed on the New York Stock Exchange, with a total market value of \$38,371,920,619.

In the following table listed bonds are classified by governmental and industrial groups, with the aggregate market value and average price for each.

	Market Value.	Average Price.
United States Government	\$14,498,709,681	\$95.64
Foreign government	10,303,967,146	62.71
Railroad industry (United States)	6,992,815,261	64.58
Utilities (United States)	3,028,644,573	81.05
Industrial (United States)	2,257,047,539	62.61
Foreign companies	1,290,736,419	51.99
All bonds	\$38,371,920,619	\$73.45

The January statement (given in our issue of Jan. 9, page 226) showed 1,601 bonds issues aggregating \$52,360,023,801 par value listed on the Exchange on Jan. 1, with a total market value of \$37,848,488,806.

Members of New York Stock Exchange Required to Disclose Circumstances Incident to Commissions to Security Salesmen on Resale of Securities.

The following notice was issued Feb. 9 by Secretary Green of the New York Stock Exchange:

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
Special Committee on Secondary Distribution.

Feb. 9 1932.

To Members of the Exchange:

In order to prevent confusion as to whether members may allow commissions to security salesmen on the re-sale of listed securities owned by them, the Committee directs that members contemplating the payment of commissions to security salesmen under either the second or third paragraphs of Section 7 of Chapter XVI of the Rules shall fully disclose all the circumstances in connection with such proposed transactions to the Special Committee on Secondary Distribution before any such commissions are paid.

ASIBEL GREEN, Secretary.

Howard C. Sykes Succeeds William S. Muller as President of New York Curb Exchange—Other Officers Elected.

Howard C. Sykes was unanimously elected President of the New York Curb Exchange to succeed William S. Muller, at a meeting of the Board of Governors on Feb. 10. Edwin Posner was elected Vice-President; Mortimer Landsberg, Treasurer; Eugene R. Tappen, Secretary, and E. J. Muller, Assistant Treasurer. Charles E. McGowan was re-appointed First Assistant Secretary and James S. Kenny, Martin J. Keena, William B. Byrne and James R. Murphy were re-

appointed Assistant Secretaries. Mr. Sykes is the fifth president to hold office since the Curb Exchange moved indoors in 1921. He graduated from Hotchkiss School in 1910, and from Yale University in 1913. Leaving college he entered the employ of the Standard Oil Co. of New York and was manager of one of their Far Eastern divisions until he enlisted in the English Army in 1917. He was transferred to the American Army in 1918 and served in the field artillery. After his discharge from the army, Mr. Sykes became executive Vice-President of the Shawmut Corp. of Boston. He served in that capacity until he purchased his seat on the Exchange in August 1925.

Mr. Sykes was elected to the Board of Governors in February 1927, and served as Vice-President during the last two fiscal years. In addition to holding the office of Vice-President of the Curb Exchange since February 1930, Mr. Sykes has served as Chairman of the Law Committee, as well as Chairman of the Special Sub-Committee on Foreign Securities of the Committee on Listing and is said to have broadened considerably the field of trading in foreign stocks.

Market Value of Listed Shares on New York Stock Exchange Feb. 1 \$26,377,647,814, Compared with \$26,693,836,532 Jan. 1—Classification of Listed Stocks.

As of Feb. 1 1932 there were 1,275 stock issues, aggregating 1,319,232,336 shares, listed on the New York Stock Exchange, with a total market value of \$26,377,647,814. This compares with 1,278 stock issues, aggregating 1,318,729,621 shares, listed Jan. 1 on the Exchange, with a total market value of \$26,693,836,532. In making public the Feb. 1 figures on Feb. 8, the Exchange said:

As of Feb. 1 1932 the New York Stock Exchange member borrowings on security collateral amounted to \$512,017,942. The ratio of security loans to market value of all listed stocks on this date was therefore 1.94%.

As of Jan. 1 1932 New York Stock Exchange member borrowings on security collateral amounted to \$587,159,813. The ratio of security loans to market values of all listed stocks on this date was therefore 2.20%.

In the following table listed stocks are classified by leading industrial groups, with the aggregate market value and average share price for each:

	February 1 1932.		January 1 1932.	
	Market Values	Aver. Price.	Market Values	Aver. Price.
Autos and accessories.....	\$ 1,525,628,841	14.10	\$ 1,628,932,773	15.05
Financial.....	686,348,972	11.82	716,798,131	12.30
Chemical.....	2,145,851,515	31.82	2,217,733,854	32.89
Building.....	171,126,464	10.80	180,059,031	11.36
Electrical equipment manufacturing.....	721,767,388	17.74	881,831,747	21.68
Food.....	1,863,243,712	26.14	1,893,194,419	26.54
Rubber and tires.....	144,519,004	11.76	132,850,478	12.44
Farm machinery.....	260,643,747	23.21	260,390,478	23.19
Amusements.....	172,727,272	8.77	145,959,787	7.44
Land and realty.....	47,821,245	9.11	52,070,133	9.92
Machinery and metals.....	675,336,722	13.60	671,194,944	13.52
Mining (excluding iron).....	682,265,689	11.62	652,903,796	11.12
Petroleum.....	1,958,126,213	11.19	2,047,654,221	11.71
Paper and publishing.....	186,816,333	11.65	190,465,807	11.85
Retail merchandizing.....	1,554,640,312	21.87	1,566,813,863	22.02
Railroads and equipments.....	3,030,050,019	26.38	2,799,255,601	24.37
Steel, iron and coke.....	1,108,916,688	28.27	1,155,468,259	29.46
Textiles.....	112,723,387	10.12	111,203,137	9.99
Gas and electric (operating).....	2,376,857,932	34.02	2,420,486,104	34.64
Gas and electric (holding).....	1,693,858,263	17.70	1,713,094,673	17.90
Communications (cable, tel. and radio).....	2,508,557,615	66.79	2,592,410,086	69.02
Miscellaneous Utilities.....	153,414,375	15.11	153,193,859	15.09
Aviation.....	110,813,471	6.21	105,839,742	5.93
Business and office equipment.....	168,199,166	16.06	168,650,152	16.15
Shipping services.....	13,812,155	6.61	14,652,113	6.97
Ship operating and building.....	15,159,545	4.31	14,684,721	4.17
Miscellaneous business.....	77,752,458	13.31	72,190,254	12.36
Leather and boots.....	193,958,471	27.61	192,586,686	27.41
Tobacco.....	1,168,747,818	36.72	1,137,011,126	35.72
Garments.....	11,621,166	6.09	11,802,184	6.18
U. S. companies operating abroad.....	358,782,229	10.27	367,805,079	10.53
Foreign companies (incl. Cuba & Can.).....	478,085,627	10.65	404,749,682	9.17
All listed companies.....	\$26,377,647,814	19.99	\$26,693,836,532	20.24

Cash and U. S. Government Securities Held by New York City Banks Equal 47% of Deposits, According to Hornblower & Weeks.

A special analysis of the sixteen leading New York banks as prepared by Hornblower & Weeks, shows that these banks had \$3,663,741,000 cash and U. S. Government securities as of Dec. 31 1931, which was equal to 47% of the total deposits of \$7,696,590,000. They state that "altogether these banks at the close of 1931 revealed a condition of liquidity and financial strength that has probably never been equalled, under similar conditions, in the history of banking in any other country." During the 25 years since 1906, dividends of these banks, it is stated, have averaged 6% on capital funds, while during this same period an average of only 67% of net earnings per year was distributed in dividends. It is further noted that the average income yield on bank stocks during those 25 years

was 4.15%, while at current price levels the yield is about 7.2%, "notwithstanding that these institutions are larger, stronger, better managed and have greater potential earning power today than they have ever had before, due to the growth of the Trust business and the development of new source of earnings."

It is pointed out that at current levels these bank stocks on the average are selling at 1.03 times their book value (after writeoffs, reserves, and making no allowance for book value of security affiliates) which is the lowest ratio in 25 years. The analysis contains comprehensive statistical information regarding these banks as to capital, deposits, cash and bond holdings, book and market value of stocks and earnings and dividends.

Problems in Real Estate Finance and Real Estate Accounting Discussed Before New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Present problems in real estate finance and real estate accounting made acute by the depression of the past two years were the subject of discussion at the monthly meeting of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants held in New York City Feb. 8 at the Waldorf. Max Fink, C.P.A., Chairman of the Society's Committee on Real Estate Accounting, who conducted the meeting, in his opening remarks brought out the fact that the problems of real estate are important because, with an assessed valuation of over 200 billion dollars, real estate in the United States represents more than one-half the value of our entire National wealth, and moreover, it is the source from which is derived a large part of our National income. Incident to the meeting and its discussions it is stated:

Our traditional method of financing real estate inherited from England by the American Colonies has been to borrow on first mortgage, usually from some lending institution, at a moderate rate of interest, from 50% to 66 2-3% the appraised value of the property; the owner supplying the balance. These mortgages usually run from three to five years and ordinarily are not amortized. The principal lenders on real estate first mortgages have been the life insurance companies, savings banks, building and loan associations, trustees, title guarantee, mortgage, and trust companies, and private individuals.

The legal reserve life insurance companies at the end of 1931 had over seven billion dollars or 38.4% of their total assets invested in real estate first mortgages. The mutual savings banks had close to six billion dollars or 51.8% of their total assets so invested. And the building and loan associations had close to eight billion dollars or about 88% of their assets similarly invested.

Title, guarantee, and mortgage companies when making loans on first mortgages often divided the mortgages into shares, guaranteed the payment of interest and principal, and sold the certificates to the investing public as guaranteed first mortgage bonds. The profit to the guaranteeing company was usually 1/2 of 1% represented by the differential in interest.

Up to recently, in addition to borrowing on first mortgage, it was also customary for some owners to borrow on second mortgage. These second mortgage loans were usually made by individuals who would charge a discount of from 3% to 5% per year in addition to the legal rate of interest for making the loan. These second mortgages also usually ran for from three to five years and provided for monthly, quarterly, or semi-annual amortization. The amount borrowed on second mortgage when added to the prior first mortgage ordinarily ran up to from 75% to 85% the value of the property. Sometimes third and fourth mortgages were placed on properties but these usually represented purchase money mortgages taken back on previous sales, and not direct loans on the property.

In recent years, coincident with the construction of large scale real estate undertakings, a method of financing real estate through the medium of real estate mortgage bonds, preferred and common stock, was common. The real estate mortgage bonds took the form of first mortgage, second mortgage, or leasehold bonds, and were sold to the investing public by underwriting bond and investment houses as shares in large mortgages. Such bonds were different from the guaranteed bonds up to this time sold by the title and mortgage companies; in that, first, they were not guaranteed, and second, they paid high interest rates, and provided for liberal sinking fund deposits. They were often also based on extravagant valuations.

The present day financial problems of real estate are due mainly to three causes; overbuilding, injudicious financing, and the business depression. The falling off in the demand for space due to the business depression has resulted in increased vacancies and reduced rental income; resulting in reduced net income and large reductions in real estate values. High real estate taxes have also been a contributing cause.

While reduced real estate values and reduced income have adversely affected all real estate values, properties financed with conservative first mortgages, owing to the moderate fixed charges, and the cushion of safety above the mortgage of from 33 1-3% to 50% of the value of the property, have been the least affected.

Properties encumbered with first and second mortgages, have increasingly found that the reduced income of the property was insufficient to meet the operating expenses, taxes and fixed charges for interest and amortization. So that first the value of the owner's equity and then the junior mortgage has been wiped out, often through foreclosure.

The properties encumbered by recent bond issues, owing to their inordinate fixed charges for interest and sinking fund requirements, have found themselves in the greatest trouble. In fact it has been authoritatively stated that 60% of the outstanding real estate bond issues are more or less in difficulties. When it is remembered that beginning with 1919 and up to 1929, it has been estimated, that from eight to ten billion dollars of these real estate bonds had been issued to the public, and that the Federal Reserve Board at Washington has recently estimated that there may be a present maximum volume outstanding of six billion dollars, it is easily seen that the real estate bond problem is one of the major problems affecting real estate.

The principal speaker, Francis K. Stevens, Vice-President of Brown, Wheelock, Harris & Co., and a Governor of the

Real Estate Board of New York, devoted his remarks to the grave problems now presented by real estate bonds which in the past few years have been so widely distributed to small investors all over this country. Mr. Stevens said:

Last Spring, the hand-writing was on the wall. The high rentals of the past few years could not be maintained and this condition would seriously affect bond issues that had been financed on the basis of high rentals of 1925 and subsequently.

Real estate is one of the soundest of all investments. But the soundest investment can be made unsound by injudicious financing. The criteria of sound real estate financing is that the income from the property will be sufficient at all times to meet fixed requirements.

Last Fall when I was asked to address your Society on this subject, I welcomed the opportunity, as I saw a means of getting over to innocent bondholders the dangers and the "rackets" that could be perpetrated. It was necessary to postpone the discussion of this subject until at this meeting.

What I had feared would happen has become a fact and steps are now being taken by such committees as the Roosevelt and others, to minimize as much as possible the exploiting of innocent bondholders.

It is most necessary, at this time, that steps should be taken to minimize the chances of so-called rackets in this reconstruction period and that the properties may not be milked at the expense of the bondholders. The appointment of receivers and their fees should be scrutinized with great care. The length of time that bondholders committees should hold tenure should be cut to a minimum and their fees held down.

The phases of reorganization are so simple that it should not take a great time for the bondholders committees to be able to turn over the properties to the reorganized companies. Money should be available to these reorganized companies in reasonable amounts and the loaning companies should take steps to facilitate this. If we all recognize that the honor of real estate and its good name as it stood is dependent on sound and honest reorganization so that the loss, if any, will be minimized to the smallest through the bondholders. This matter of financing real estate which is necessary in many parts of the country will not have its death blow.

Mr. Stevens divided his subject into three sections:

First—he outlined the procedure for the issuance of bonds and other securities in connection with the financing of real estate operations;

Second—he sketched the temptations for "rackets" and the fleecing of the innocent during the foreclosure and necessary reorganization; and

Third—he developed what can reasonably be expected to result from a well planned reorganization.

The other speakers, who are members of the Society's Committee on Real Estate Accounting, were Leonard Levine, C.P.A., of the firm of Leonard Levine & Co. who set forth the problems of valuating real estate on the balance sheet, with a discussion of obsolescence and depreciation; and Ernest Willvonseder, C.P.A., of the firm of Bergen & Willvonseder, who covered the general subject of real estate accounting problems.

Comptroller of Currency Seeks More Orderly Disposal of Assets of Suspended Banks—Unifies Liquidation of Bonds Held by Them—Reconstruction Finance Corporation Will Also Aid—New York Legislature to Consider Plan for Formation of Corporation to Aid Closed Banks' Payments.

Efforts are being made now by both national and State banking authorities to make more orderly the liquidation of assets of suspended banks, so as to cause a minimum of disturbance to the security markets and to local business as a result of such activity. Noting this the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Feb. 9 said:

One of the most recent steps taken in this connection has been the establishment by the Comptroller of the Currency of a special division for the liquidation of bonds of failed national banks. Instead of permitting sales to be made locally by Federal examiners in haphazard fashion, this central agency will now combine blocks of bonds from all failed banks and seek to dispose of them through regular investment banking channels.

Better average prices can be obtained in this way, it is believed, while orderly marketing will mean less adverse effect on market quotations. It is reported that some \$50,000,000 of bonds are now being disposed of through this central office, often in large blocks to dealers who plan to redistribute them to individual investors.

New Legislation.

Further extension of such a system of orderly disposal of the assets of the failed banks would be substantially aided through the new legislation, now proposed, it is believed by bankers here in touch with the situation. A large part of the damage of bank failures, it is pointed out, results from unorganized liquidation of assets, especially good bonds, while the desire of both State and national authorities to relieve individual depositors by paying maximum dividends as soon as possible further adds to the difficulty.

The Thomas-Beedy bill, now before Congress, seeks to help the situation by making advances to receivers of failed banks so that they could pay depositors without sacrifice of assets, permitting orderly liquidation through unified channels. The Glass bill, introduced in the Senate, similarly provides for help to failed banks through a liquidation corporation, which will both make advances and provide a machinery for more efficient realization on the assets of suspended institutions.

\$200,000,000 Fund.

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation has the right under the law creating it of advancing up to \$200,000,000 to receivers of failed banks, to permit payments to depositors or facilitate reopening. It is as yet too early to determine how far it will contribute to the movement to make more orderly the liquidation of assets of such institutions, but the perfection of its regional association organization will permit an immediate test of what it plans to do in this respect.

While the action of the comptroller's office and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation bill provide actual progress in arranging for the more orderly liquidation of the vast volume of failed bank assets, a number of States are planning similar steps with a view to aiding depositors of failed banks within their borders.

In Albany action is under way to create the State Banking Finance Corporation, which would assist in the liquidation of suspended banks whose

assets are now in the possession of the Banking Department of New York. The Corporation would issue certificates against those of its assets which cannot immediately be liquidated and from the cash realized by the sale of liquid assets would make immediate payments to depositors whose funds are tied up in suspended banks. The bill was offered by Representative Loring M. Black.

New York City Must Repay \$15,000,000 in Bank Tax Refund Cases—Comptroller Berry Announces Agreement—\$26,000,000 Claims Settled at Half, Plus Interest—New York State Bankers Association on Settlement.

An addition of approximately \$15,000,000 to the city's forced expenditures this year was assured on Feb. 2 with an announcement by Comptroller Charles W. Berry that banks and city officials had agreed on a settlement basis for refunding bank taxes collected from 1923 to 1926. The New York "Herald Tribune" of Feb. 3, from which we quote, also said:

Although the Comptroller declined to give details of the agreement, reached in a series of conferences in which the Comptroller assailed Mayor Walker for "intruding" beyond the status granted to him in the city charter, it is known that there has been accord for several weeks on a 50% settlement on principal. Disputes on interest from tax payment dates have hovered between 5 and 6%.

The Comptroller made it clear that the exact amount involved could not be known for two months because separate agreements must be made with nearly 100 banks in the city. Banks paid a total tax of \$20,866,807. With interest added, the total is close to \$26,000,000.

"We have made a settlement most advantageous to the city and satisfactory to the banks, too," said Mr. Berry, "but we must have legislation passed so that we can issue certificates which the banks will accept in lieu of money."

This added financial burden at a time when the city has just emerged from a money crisis will be included in a 30-page report on the city's financial health to be made by the Comptroller before the Board of Estimate Friday. The report, which will contain a rather discouraging picture of the city's financial situation, will be entitled, "The present financial situation of the City of New York, resources with which to meet that situation and some financial suggestions, which, if adopted, would give the city a stronger financial position."

Immediate solution of the tax refunding problem was forced by a decision of the United States Supreme Court in December that the tax levied against the Public National Bank was illegal.

Although the city holds that the decision did not set a precedent and the matter was not a test case, banks were prepared to go to court with that decision as an added impetus to pressing their individual claims. City officials and bankers agreed that each side could avoid high legal and court costs by settling out of court.

Former State Senator Martin Saxe, counsel for the banks, who advised his clients to settle for half, said the Supreme Court decision affects between 500 and 600 national banks elsewhere throughout the State with refund claims totaling about \$25,000,000.

Banks carried their cases to the Court steadily for five years before they won in the Supreme Court. The bank tax law was repealed in 1926.

The decision of the United States Supreme Court affirming the decision of the Circuit Court of Appeals in declaring illegal the 1% tax by New York City on National bank stock was referred to in our issue of Dec. 12 1931, page 3902.

In a letter to member institutions under date of Feb. 9, Clifford F. Post, Secretary of the New York State Bankers Association, calling attention to the refund of tax payments indicated that settlement is to be made on the basis of 50% of the taxes paid, with interest at 4%. We give Mr. Post's letter herewith:

Feb. 9 1932.

To the President of the Institution Addressed:

Re: Bank Tax 1923-1926.

Dear Sir:—During the years 1923 to 1926 inclusive national banks in New York State paid a tax amounting to 1% of capital, surplus and undivided profits which had been assessed against their shareholders on the value of the shares of stock.

The Public National Bank of New York brought an action in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, to enjoin the receiver of taxes from collecting the New York tax assessed against its shareholders upon the theory that the shares were taxed at a greater rate than was actually assessed on other competing moneyed capital. Judge Bondy confirmed the contention of the bank in an opinion rendered Jan. 22 1930 and reported in 38 Fed. (2d), 279.

The case was appealed to the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, which affirmed the judgment of the District Court. This decision is reported in 47 Fed. (2d), 561.

On Dec. 7 1931 the Supreme Court of the United States affirmed the decision of the Circuit Court of Appeals (52 Sup. Ct. Rep., 137).

For your information, we quote from a letter which the Association has received from Mr. Stephen Baker, Chairman of the New York City Banks Tax Committee, relative to a settlement made with New York City on account of such taxes collected illegally for the years 1923-1926 inclusive

"At a conference last week between a committee of New York City bankers, the Comptroller and the Corporation Counsel, to consider the final decision in the Public National Bank case, it was agreed to settle the bank tax litigation on the basis of 50% of the taxes paid, with interest at 4% from Dec. 31 of the respective tax years for which the taxes were paid down to March 1 1932. The tax years affected are 1923 to 1926 inclusive, but settlement is to be applied only to those taxes where the banks have protected their rights by suits, proceedings and the filing of claims within the statute of limitation. Payment is to be made on March 1 by certificates of indebtedness bearing 5 3/4% with maturities running from one to three years, under legislation which the city will seek authorizing the issuance of certificates of indebtedness in such form as may be provided in order to take care of the discharge of the liability."

It is our understanding that in order to establish their legal rights under the Public National Bank decision, national banks are entitled to sue for recovery of the taxes paid so far as not barred by the six-year statute of limitations, because of violation of Section 5219 of the United States Revised Statutes.

We are also informed by counsel that State banks would seem to have an equal right of recovery, but on the ground that under the Public National

Bank decision the shares of both national and State banks were classified together for taxation purposes and that the tax being invalid as to a part of the class, it is invalid as to the whole class under the 14th Amendment of the United States Constitution.

Yours very truly,
CLIFFORD F. POST, *Secretary.*

Defaulted Real Estate Bonds Secured by New York City Properties Estimated at \$800,000,000—Paul S. Sheldon Urges Early Action on Bills Enabling Bondholders to Secure Regular Financial Statements As to Condition of Properties Secured by Bonds.

"With a total estimated at \$800,000,000 in real estate bonds secured by New York City properties now in default, the functioning of protective committees for the safeguarding of bondholders' interests, insofar as possible, is a matter of very general concern," says Paul S. Sheldon of Sheldon, Lyon & Dalton, dealers in real estate securities. Mr. Sheldon further says:

The present law enables a stockholder to obtain a list of the stockholders in a company; the bondholder is not so fortunate and, in most cases, must remain in ignorance of the names of those who are his fellow sufferers if the issue goes into default. Considering the fact that the combined action of bondholders is necessary, in many cases, to compel action by trustees, bondholders are thrown into the power of the bond house that originally issued the bonds now in default. They are the only persons, as a rule, having access to the complete list of bondholders.

Instead of calling a meeting of the bondholders and electing trustees in action similar to that which would be taken by stockholders in an analogous situation, the issuing house frequently forms a committee whose members are selected without reference to the wishes of the majority of the bondholders, and sends notice to all bondholders, usually obtaining deposit of bonds in sufficient quantity to control the situation. Non-depositing bondholders are practically helpless. They are unable to combat any proposed plan of reorganization offered by the committee, even though they deem it highly unsatisfactory.

In short, they are at the complete mercy of a committee frequently composed of those responsible for the issue and sale of the bonds in the first place.

Since this committee has certainly had much to do with the original financing of the property, including junior liens, it is entirely possible that undue consideration may be given to interests opposed to the welfare of the holders of the first mortgage bonds. A different picture would be presented in the reorganizing and refinancing of many properties on which bond issues are now in default if dissenting bondholders could obtain a list of all owners of the bonds in question and present the facts of the situation to them—in some cases including a plan of reorganization to be considered in comparison with that proposed by the committee.

A other factor which works against the interests of bondholders is that they are not furnished with regular financial statements with regard to the properties which secure bond issues, nor can they secure such statements on demand in many cases. As a result, properties may be allowed to fall behind in taxes and other payments, piling up liabilities while income is being used for other purposes, and resulting in ultimate losses to the bondholder when the bond issue defaults and the property must be taken over. Had the bondholders knowledge of such conditions, it is certain that early steps would be taken to prevent the accumulation of such liabilities against the property.

Bills providing: (1) that bondholders shall, on demand, be entitled to complete lists of fellow holders in any specific issue; (2) that bondholders be entitled to regular financial statements as to the condition of properties secured by bonds which they own, are now in the hands of the State Legislature. It is to be hoped that early action will be taken.

Illinois Securities Act—Study by Bureau of Business Research of University of Illinois of Balance Sheet Ratios.

The Illinois Securities Act of 1919 attempts to classify and control the sale of securities within the State in order to protect the purchaser. Corporations seeking to sell securities in the State must file the necessary information with the Secretary of State and receive his approval under the Act. The Bureau of Business Research has made a study of 173 companies which have qualified securities under this Act, in order to see to what extent a financial analysis by means of balance sheet ratios would have indicated the companies which were most likely to survive (as proven by subsequent operations). The Bureau advises in the matter state:

With this purpose in mind the balance sheet ratios of the selected computed from their balance sheet statements as presented at the time the securities were qualified under the Illinois Securities Act. Detailed tables were prepared to permit the comparison of the ratios of companies according to the various degrees of financial success attained after selling their securities. Thus comparisons of the ratios were made among groups of companies that had paid regular dividends on the securities which were sold, of companies that were operating but had not paid regular dividends after sale of securities, of companies which had failed since qualifying securities, of companies that had paid regular cash dividends on common stock, &c.

Throughout the various comparisons, it was evident that those companies which showed the sounder current position and working capital position (as indicated by the Current Ratio and Net Working Capital to Tangible Assets Ratio) also showed more successful subsequent operating results. Similar results were developed from the comparisons of the other companies. Although there were exceptions among the individual companies, the comparisons by groups bore out the above conclusions quite consistently.

The regularity with which it was possible to distinguish between the prospective successful and the prospective unsuccessful company through the balance sheet ratios, indicates that such ratios might well assume a

more important role in the analysis of new companies than they have played and that they might furnish significant supplementary evidence for predicting the probable future operations of old companies.

Election of Class A and B Directors of Federal Reserve Banks—Appointment of Class C Directors—Appointment of Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen.

From the January number of the "Bulletin," issued by the Federal Reserve Board, we take the following regarding the Directors, Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen of the Federal Reserve banks:

Election of Class A and Class B Directors.

The member banks have elected the following as class A and class B directors of Federal Reserve banks for the three-year term beginning an. 1 1932:

Class A.

Boston.—Frederick S. Chamberlain (re-elected)
New York.—A. H. Wiggin.
Philadelphia.—John C. Cosgrove (re-elected).
Cleveland.—Chess Lamberton (re-elected).
Richmond.—James C. Brasswell (re-elected).
Atlanta.—E. C. Melvin (re-elected).
Chicago.—Edward R. Estberg (re-elected).
St. Louis.—John C. Martin (re-elected).
Minneapolis.—Paul J. Leeman (re-elected).
Kansas City.—Frank W. Sponable (re-elected).
Dallas.—W. H. Patrick (re-elected).
San Francisco.—C. K. McIntosh (re-elected).

Class B.

Boston.—Edward S. French.
New York.—William H. Woodin (re-elected).
Philadelphia.—C. F. C. Stout (re-elected).
Cleveland.—R. P. Wright (re-elected).
Richmond.—Edwin C. Graham (re-elected).
Atlanta.—J. B. Hill (re-elected).
Chicago.—S. T. Crapo (re-elected).
St. Louis.—W. B. Plunkett (re-elected).
Minneapolis.—W. O. Washburn (re-elected).
Kansas City.—J. M. Bernardin (re-elected).
Dallas.—A. S. Cleveland (re-elected).
San Francisco.—E. H. Cox (re-elected).

Appointment of Class C Directors.

The Federal Reserve Board has appointed the following as class C directors of Federal Reserve banks for the three-year term beginning Jan. 1 1932.

Boston.—Charles H. Merriman (re-appointed).
New York.—J. H. Case (re-appointed).
Philadelphia.—Harry L. Cannon (re-appointed).
Cleveland.—L. B. Williams (re-appointed).
Richmond.—Robert Lassiter (re-appointed).
Atlanta.—W. H. Kettig (re-appointed).
Chicago.—F. C. Ball (re-appointed).
St. Louis.—Paul Dillard (re-appointed).
Minneapolis.—George W. McCormick (re-appointed).
Kansas City.—H. M. Langworthy.
Dallas.—C. C. Walsh (re-appointed).
San Francisco.—William Sproule (re-appointed).

Appointment of Chairman and Deputy Chairmen.

The Federal Reserve Board has designated the following as Federal Reserve agents and chairmen of the boards of directors of Federal Reserve banks for terms of one year, beginning Jan. 1 1932:

Boston.—Frederic H. Curtiss.
New York.—J. H. Case.
Philadelphia.—Richard L. Austin.
Cleveland.—George DeCamp.
Richmond.—William W. Hoxton.
Atlanta.—Oscar Newton.
Chicago.—Eugene M. Stevens.
St. Louis.—John S. Wood.
Minneapolis.—John R. Mitchell.
Kansas City.—M. L. McClure.
Dallas.—C. C. Walsh.
San Francisco.—Issac B. Newton.

The Federal Reserve Board has appointed the following as deputy chairmen of Federal Reserve banks for terms of one year, beginning Jan. 1 1932:

Boston.—Allen Hollis.
New York.—Owen D. Young.
Philadelphia.—Alba B. Johnson.
Cleveland.—L. B. Williams.
Richmond.—Frederic A. Delano.
Atlanta.—W. H. Kettig.
Chicago.—James Simpson.
St. Louis.—John W. Boehne.
Minneapolis.—Homer P. Clark.
Kansas City.—H. M. Langworthy.
Dallas.—S. B. Perkins.
San Francisco.—Walton N. Moore.

Reduced Surplus Shown by Five Federal Reserve Banks. Boston, Cleveland, Atlanta, Kansas City and Dallas Institutions Did Not Earn Dividends During 1931.

The following regarding the earnings of five of the Federal Reserve Banks last year, is taken from the "United States Daily" of Feb. 9:

Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

The net earnings of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston for 1931 were not sufficient to cover dividend requirements and a transfer from surplus was effected for that purpose, according to the annual report of the bank submitted to stockholders by Governor Roy A. Young. A transfer also was made from the surplus account to provide a reserve against depreciation on United States securities.

Net earnings available for dividends, surplus and franchise tax are given by the report as minus \$140,230, with dividends paid totaling \$709,139, requiring an amount of \$849,369 from surplus. There was no payment on franchise tax account.

Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland transferred \$936,512 out of its surplus account to pay dividends to stockholders during 1931, according to the annual report to stockholders made by Governor E. R. Fancher. It had previously transferred earnings of \$78,544 to surplus account.

Net income available for reserves and surplus are given by the report as \$602,931, of which \$274,387 was distributed as depreciation allowances on bank premises; \$250,000 as special reserve, and \$78,544 transferred to surplus, as indicated above.

The surplus account stood at \$28,971,612 on Dec. 31 1930. Following the transfer to it of earnings in the amount of \$78,544, and the deduction of \$936,512 for dividends and \$473,330 as reserve for depreciation on United States bonds, the surplus account as of Dec. 31 1931, stood at \$27,640,313.

Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

The surplus account of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta was drawn on to pay dividends of \$313,246 in 1931, according to the annual report to stockholders made by Governor E. R. Black.

An additional amount of \$95,405 was taken from surplus as a depreciation reserve on United States securities, the report reveals.

Net earnings of \$211,040 for the year were absorbed, it is shown, by a depreciation on bank premises of \$84,007 and a reserve for probable losses of \$127,032.

The surplus account stood at \$10,857,310 at the beginning of 1931 and at \$10,448,658 at the beginning of 1932.

The ratio of current net earnings for 1931 to average paid in capital was 4.0%; to average paid in capital and surplus, 1.3%; and to average paid in capital, surplus, and member banks reserve deposits, 0.3%.

Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.

The surplus account of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City was reduced by \$253,620 for dividend payments in 1931, according to the annual report to stockholders of the bank, made by Governor George H. Hamilton. The total reduction of surplus for all purposes was \$439,106, and this included a reserve of \$138,274 for depreciation on United States Government securities held.

Total current earnings are given as \$1,555,083, as compared with \$1,667,667 for 1930, and current expenses as \$1,664,281, as compared with \$1,784,609 for 1930. Current net earnings were thus minus \$109,198, as compared with minus \$116,942 in 1930.

The number of notes discounted or rediscounted for member banks in 1931 was 40,624, as compared with 29,742 in 1930, the dollar amount in 1931 being \$266,449,894 as against \$290,628,489 in 1930.

Checks handled in 1931 numbered 64,412,000 for a dollar amount of \$8,461,469,000, while in 1930, the number was 69,881,000 and the dollar amount \$10,430,350,000.

Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

The surplus account of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas was reduced by \$1,311,350 during 1931, according to the annual report to stockholders made by Governor B. A. McKinney. Of this amount \$142,895 was used to supplement net available earnings of \$111,982 in the payment of dividends totaling \$254,877. The remaining \$1,168,455 was withdrawn from surplus and set up as a reserve for depreciation on United States securities owned.

The Dallas Reserve Bank handled 48 discounts and advances to member banks during 1931 for a total of \$159,694, as compared with 34 for a dollar amount of \$173,999 in 1930, according to the report. During 1931 the bank purchased four bankers acceptances for its own account aggregating \$55,726, as compared with seven for \$83,944 in 1930.

The bank accepted from member banks for rediscount during the year 69,527 items for a total of \$99,559,574. It returned for various reasons as unacceptable for rediscount, 10,174 items for a total of \$17,989,687.

Deposits of Public Moneys by United States Which Are Exempt from Reserve Requirements.

From the January issue of the Federal Reserve Board's "Bulletin," we take the following made available by the Board's law department:

Under the provisions of the Liberty Bond Acts, approved April 24 1917, Sept. 24 1917 and April 4 1918,* "deposits of public moneys by the United States in designated depositories" are exempt from the requirements of the Federal Reserve Act as to maintenance of reserves by member banks. From time to time questions have arisen as to whether various classes of deposits in member banks may properly be regarded as coming within this provision of law so as to be exempt from reserve requirements.

In considering such questions, it is to be noted that a deposit which is made by, or for the account of, a Government department, bureau, or official and is secured by a deposit of United States bonds is not necessarily for that reason to be classified as a "deposit of public moneys by the United States in designated depositories." In order to come within the meaning of this provision of law, it is necessary that the deposit (1) be made by, or for the account of, the United States or some department, bureau, or official thereof; (2) consist of public moneys of the United States, and (3) be received by the depository bank under authority of a designation of such bank by the Secretary of the Treasury as a "general depository," "limited depository," or "special depository" within the meaning of those terms as defined by the Secretary of the Treasury. Unless a deposit meets all of these requirements, it may not be classified as a deposit which is exempt from the reserve requirements of the Federal Reserve Act. Funds held by the United States merely as custodian, or in trust, for the benefit of others are, of course, not public moneys of the United States and so are not exempt from reserve requirements.

In construing the phrase "deposits of public moneys by the United States in designated depositories," the Federal Reserve Board has ruled that the classes of deposits enumerated below do not come within the meaning of this provision and are, therefore, not exempt from the reserve requirements prescribed by the Federal Reserve Act. These rulings have been made in the light of views expressed by the Treasury Department in the course of consultations with it.

* Section 8 of the Third Liberty Bond Act, approved April 4 1918, provides: "That the Secretary of the Treasury, in his discretion, is hereby authorized to deposit, in such incorporated banks and trust companies as he may designate, the proceeds, or any part thereof, arising from the sale of the bonds and certificates of indebtedness and war-savings certificates authorized by this Act, and arising from the payment of income and excess profit taxes, and such deposits shall bear such rate or rates of interest, and shall be secured in such manner, and shall be made upon and subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary of the Treasury may from time to time prescribe: *Provided*, That the provisions of section 5,191 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by the Federal Reserve Act, and the amendment thereof, with reference to the reserves required to be kept by National banking associations and other member banks of the Federal Reserve System, shall not apply to deposits of public moneys by the United States in designated depositories, . . ."

1.—Deposits of funds of the Philippine Islands made by the Government of the Philippine Islands or by the Bureau of Insular Affairs of the War Department of the United States;

2.—Deposits of funds of Porto Rico made by the Government of Porto Rico or by the Bureau of Insular Affairs of the War Department of the United States;

3.—Deposits of Indian funds under the control of the Department of the Interior;

4.—Deposits of States, counties and municipalities;

5.—Deposits of the United States Shipping Board and deposits of the Emergency Fleet Corporation;

6.—Deposits of bankruptcy funds under the jurisdiction of United States courts, representing funds of bankrupts' estates.

7.—Deposits of moneys paid into United States courts by private parties pending the outcome of litigation;

8.—Deposits of the Division of Insolvent National Banks of the Comptroller of the Currency, representing funds collected by receivers of suspended National banks;

9.—Deposits of the Inland Waterways Corporation, a Government-owned corporation, created for the purpose of carrying on the operations of the Government-owned inland, canal, and coastwise waterways system;

10.—Deposits to the credit of the Allen Property Custodian, comprising an administrative fund for the payment of salaries and other expenses of the office of the custodian;

11.—Deposits of the Panama Canal Zone made by the Secretary of War, representing money-order funds of the Canal Zone post office.

In addition, deposits of postal savings funds may not be classified as coming within the exemption of "deposits of public moneys by the United States in designated depositories," because postal savings deposits, by express provision of the Federal Reserve Act, are included within the term "time deposits," which are subject to a 3% reserve.

On the other hand, the Federal Reserve Board has held, after consultation with the Treasury Department, that deposits made by United States postmasters of Government funds, other than postal savings deposits, collected by them or which have come into their possession by virtue of their official positions, should be deemed to constitute "deposits of public moneys by the United States" and, when made in designated depositories, such deposits are exempt from the reserve requirements specified in the Federal Reserve Act.

American Bankers Association Opposes Hasty Action on Glass Banking Bill—Would Also Defer Action on Home Loan Bank Bill Until Success of Reconstruction Finance Corporation is Determined—Opposed to Bill Increasing Postal Savings Limit.

The position of the American Bankers Association on important financial measures now before Congress, as formulated by its Interim Committee, was announced in New York on Feb. 10, in the American Bankers Association "Journal." Its program comprises opposition to hasty action on the Glass Banking Bill so that it can be fully and openly discussed, belief that action on the Federal Home Loan Bank Bill should be deferred until the success of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in dealing with the problems involved can be determined and a positive stand against the bill to increase the postal savings deposit limit to \$5,000. The statement in the "Journal" of the Association's position is as follows:

"At a meeting held in Washington toward the end of January, the Interim Committee of the American Bankers Association took action with reference to the Glass Bill (S. 3215) and several other matters of importance to banking and the country's economic welfare.

"It was decided to oppose hasty and precipitate action on the Glass Bill and to insist that a measure of such vital concern to the industrial and financial health of the nation should be discussed openly and fully before any attempt was made to speed action by Congress. With this purpose in view, the Committee took steps to apprise members of the Association concerning the radical nature of the bill as it was introduced on Jan. 21, emphasizing particularly the fact that it attempted to combine in one measure certain emergency legislation with proposals for fundamental changes in banking practice. The Committee felt that bankers throughout the country should be given an opportunity to study the bill and to express themselves as to just what effect its provisions would have upon present banking problems.

"A preliminary examination of the bill led the Committee to these conclusions: That the measure would enforce a drastic contraction of credit, by compelling member banks to liquidate their loans on stocks and bonds; by obliging the Government of the United States to borrow money in the open market instead of from member banks; by making necessary a contraction in the issue of Federal Reserve notes; by requiring increases in reserves against time and thrift deposits, and by prohibiting member banks and corporations engaged in inter-State commerce from associating with, or clearing for, or depositing with bankers, brokers and others engaged primarily in the business of buying or selling securities.

"The Committee has reason to feel that there is no possibility of the Glass Bill being approved in its present form by Congress.

"The Committee further decided to take the position that action on the proposed Federal Home Loan Bank Bill (S. 2959; H. R. 7620) be deferred until it should be ascertained how successful the Reconstruction Finance Corporation would be in dealing with the problem involving accumulated mortgages. The reason for this action was that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation is in a position to give the needed relief; with the exception, of course, of aid in stimulating the building of new homes which it would not seem advisable to encourage at this time. Members of the Committee felt that the chief need of the moment was to render assistance to existing home ownership. Moreover, it was held to be unwise public policy for the Federal Government to create additional banking corporations of a permanent character.

"At a meeting earlier in the month the Committee, on behalf of the Association, took a positive stand in opposition to the bill providing for an increase in the postal savings deposit limit from \$2,500 to \$5,000. It was maintained that the proposed increase would be a violation of the principle on which the Postal Savings System was originally established, namely, to provide savings facilities for persons of small means, chiefly immigrants. Members of the Committee believed that the bill would put post offices in direct competition with banks to the detriment of the latter, and without benefiting in any way the credit situation in the United States. Representatives of the Association were heard in opposition to this bill on Jan. 25

The table submitted by Mr. Mills of the preliminary estimates (Feb. 6) of customs and internal revenue receipts in millions of dollars follows:

	Fiscal Year 1932.		Fiscal Year 1933.		Change from Nov. Estimate.	
	Nov. Est.	Feb. Est.	Nov. Est.	Feb. Est.	1932.	1933.
Customs.....	410	375	480	430	-35	-50
Internal revenue:						
Current corporation.....	550	517	500	382	-33	-118
Current individual.....	370	339	390	275	-31	-115
Back taxes.....	220	220	210	210	---	---
Total income taxes.....	1,140	1,076	1,100	867	-64	-233
Miscellaneous internal revenue.....	544	526	538	550	-18	-38
Total internal revenue.....	1,684	1,602	1,638	1,417	-82	-271
Total customs & internal revenue.....	2,094	1,977	2,168	1,847	-117	-321
Revenue proposal of the Treasury, November.....	---	---	---	---	---	920
Yield of Nov. proposal revised.....	---	---	---	---	---	786
Decline in anticipatory return from original Treasury program.....	---	---	---	---	---	-134
Additional requirements.....	---	---	---	---	---	455

Democratic Members of House Ways and Means Committee Considering New Tax Measure Said to Favor Sales Tax—Treasury's Insistence That New Tax Apply to 1931 Incomes.

According to the Washington correspondent of the New York "Evening Post" a proposal was advanced by Democratic leaders on Feb. 10 to solve the tax problem by a general sales tax from 1 to 2% on all manufactured articles. The paper from which we quote stated:

The tax problem was solved by the decision of Democratic leaders on the Ways and Means Committee to resort to the sales tax to raise the additional half billion dollars demanded yesterday by Ogden L. Mills, Acting Secretary of the Treasury, in order to balance the Federal budget. . . . The Ways and Means Committee worked in executive session to-day and is understood to have asked the Treasury Department to furnish additional estimates on the revenues to be obtained for a sales tax.

The gross value of American manufactures in ordinary times is \$60,000,000,000 a year. The Ways and Means Committee leaders realize, however, that their value probably has been reduced under present conditions to about \$40,000,000,000. A 2% tax would thus yield \$800,000,000.

The decision of these leaders to resort to the general sales tax is caused by the realization that sales taxes of some kind are necessary to raise the \$1,241,000,000 of new revenue that the revised Treasury estimates show are necessary to balance the budget in the fiscal year of 1933, which begins next July.

Would Avoid Discrimination.

If special articles in the luxury or semi-luxury class were singled out to bear the burden of this tax their party would encounter the wrath of the particular industries taxed. By a general tax of a lower rate no particular industry can feel that it has been discriminated against.

This feeling, together with the necessity of finding even greater new revenue than had been contemplated up to yesterday, has driven them to the sales tax which they so vigorously assailed early last December.

The new tax plans include maintenance of the agreement with the Republican leaders to pass no increased income taxes which would be retroactive upon 1931 incomes. The leaders do intend, however, to include in the new tax bill greatly increased income taxes in the upper brackets, effective upon 1932 incomes, increased corporation taxes, a heavy inheritance tax, and a similar gift tax. Some smaller taxes may be included from among those previously under consideration. If they are, the sales tax can be kept to 1%; if not, it probably will have to be placed at 2%. Under no circumstances will it be above 2%.

Hastens Tax Bill.

The Committee met in executive session to-day to consider the matter. Another feature of the new proposal is that, because of its all-inclusive character, it will eliminate a great deal of detailed study and hasten the reporting of a tax bill. If the plan is approved by the Committee it is expected a bill can be reported within two or three weeks.

On Jan. 29 Associated Press advices from Washington published in the New York "Herald Tribune" said:

The Treasury still believes that new taxes now in the making should affect 1931 incomes, despite the opposite decision of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Ogden L. Mills, Under-Secretary of the Treasury, told Speaker John N. Garner to-day that the Treasury had not changed its attitude, adding that if the levies should not be applied to incomes of last year more revenue would have to be raised from miscellaneous sources to balance the budget within two years.

At a conference in Mr. Garner's office, Mr. Mills said that the action of the Committee in deciding not to make the bill retroactive would delay the collection of additional income taxes until March 15 1933.

Mr. Garner said that about \$450,000,000 would be raised in excise taxes, and that under the usual procedure these would become effective 30 days after the bill was enacted, or about April 15. This would go immediately toward reducing the prospective \$2,200,000,000 deficit. Mr. Garner did not reply when he was asked to name articles affected. By not making the taxes retroactive, he said, the Committee had averted an added hardship on the people and business by saving them about \$200,000,000. He added it was doubtful whether the bill would be passed by March 15, the last day income tax returns could be filed.

Representative James W. Collier, of Mississippi, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, said he did not "think Mr. Mills or the Treasury will get very far in advocating making the taxes retroactive, after the 25 members of the Ways and Means Committee turned it down."

It was also stated in Washington Associated Press dispatches Jan. 29:

Decision of both Democrats and Republicans on the House Ways and Means Committee to ban retroactive tax plans urged by the Treasury, is likely to control action all through Congress after the big tax-increase program is drafted. First payments on new tax rates, bound to be substantially higher and probably with lower exemptions so as to include

many more men and women than pay now on their income, under the present plan will be made in March 1933.

Next March, unless there is a change in the present Congressional decision, income taxes will be paid at the rate of 1½% on the first \$4,000 of net income, 3% on the next \$4,000, and 5% on all normal income above that amount, with exemptions for single persons at \$1,500 and for married ones and heads of families at \$3,500.

House Committee Disapproves Two Bills to Increase Limit of Postal Savings Deposits.

Disapproval of bills to increase the amount one person, may have on deposit in postal savings banks was voted Feb. 5 by the House Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, said the "United States Daily" of Feb. 6, which, likewise stated:

One bill (H. R. 4524) would increase this balance from the present limit of \$2,500 to \$5,000, and the other (H. R. 7438) to \$10,000.

The committee ordered favorably reported the bill (H. R. 5612) limiting the purchases of the Post Office Department, so far as possible, to the articles of the growth, production or manufacture of the United States.

It also ordered favorably reported the bill (H. R. 4594) fixing the rate of postage on publications mailed at the post office of entry for delivery at another post office within the postal district in which the headquarters or general business offices of the publisher are located.

It was decided to table the bill (H. R. 6709) closing the post offices on Saturday.

Urges \$5,000 Limit on Postal Savings—Representative Celler Tells President Hoover Doubling of Maximum Would Bring Hoarded Money Out and Aid Banks.

Raising the limit on individual deposits in the Postal Savings Banks from \$2,500 to \$5,000 was urged by Representative Emanuel Celler in a letter to President Hoover, made public on Feb. 6, as the most effective way of coaxing hoarded money back into useful channels. The New York "Times" of Feb. 7 further reported:

"Until confidence in banks is restored, people will hide money," Mr. Celler wrote. "Proclamations will not dispel fear of banks. The ignorant and timid will continue to refuse to put currency in banks generally; but they will not refuse to deposit it in Postal Savings banks. Therefore, the Postal Savings system does not compete with commercial or savings banks. Money in Postal Savings banks would never have been deposited at all were it not for the post office."

Pointing out that these deposits are redeposited in qualified local banks by the Postmaster-General, Mr. Celler said the Postal Savings system "brings to light for the uses of trade and industry vast sums of currency otherwise secreted and lost to the business world."

He revealed that bills were pending before the House Committee on Post Office and Post Roads which would double the present limit on deposits and said postmasters throughout the country had reported that "many more millions of currency would be rescued" under the larger limit.

The new limit should remain in effect for a remedial period of a year, Mr. Celler urged, "after which, it is hoped, confidence in banks will have been restored."

United States Tariff Commission to Investigate Production Costs of Flaxseed and Casein in Argentina.

The United States Tariff Commission has approved plans for work in Argentina in connection with the costs of production of flaxseed and casein, the subjects of investigations under Section 336 of the Tariff Act of 1930. The Commission's announcement Feb. 2 also said:

The flaxseed investigation was ordered in response to an application from the Association Nacional de Agricultura of Argentina, and the casein investigation was ordered in compliance with a resolution passed by the United States Senate. The men assigned to this work are Walter Fischer, Philip W. Gates, and Laurence G. Newman. They will sail from New York on Feb. 6.

The Commission also announces that applications recently received from the Monite Waterproof Glue Co. of Minneapolis, and the Centro de la Industria Lechera of Buenos Aires, requesting decreases in the rate of duty on casein, have been merged with the pending investigation on that subject.

Senate Confirms Nomination of Ogden L. Mills as Secretary of Treasury and Arthur A. Ballantine as Under-Secretary.

On Feb. 8 President Hoover forwarded to the Senate the nomination of Ogden L. Mills to be Secretary of the Treasury, and that of Arthur A. Ballantine to be Under-Secretary of the Treasury. Mr. Mills, as we indicated in these columns last week (page 958), succeeds as Secretary, Andrew W. Mellon, whose nomination as Ambassador to Great Britain was confirmed by the Senate on Feb. 5. The President is said to have proceeded to send the names of Messrs. Mills and Ballantine to the Senate on Feb. 5, but that body had adjourned over the week-end before the names reached there. On Feb. 9 the Senate Finance Committee, without a record vote, approved the nominations of Messrs. Mills and Ballantine. Chairman Smoot said the decision was unanimous for both. The Senate approved the nominations on Feb. 10. From the "United States Daily" of Feb. 11 we take the following:

Although the Senate acted on both nominations without a record vote, a request by Senator Smoot (Rep.) of Utah to have the President notified immediately of the approval was opposed by Senator Norris (Rep.) of Nebraska. Notification of the action, therefore, will be withheld until two executive sessions of the Senate have been held after that in which the confirmation took place.

Senator Norris's Views.

When the nomination of Mr. Mills was called from the calendar, Senator Norris arose and said he had no objection to the confirmation of Mr. Mills, but that he thought the time was "appropriate" to say something about his predecessor and especially concerning the manner in which he had been "demoted" after service in the Treasury for nearly eleven years. Mr. Mellon was appointed as Ambassador to Great Britain, Senator Norris said, as "an easy let down."

"The President gave out a statement when he announced Mr. Mellon's appointment to the Court of St. James," said Senator Norris, "and after I had read it I was convinced that the job to which Mr. Mellon was named required a superman to fill it.

"I could not help but wonder how General Dawes felt about it, for he had just come back from the Court of St. James to head the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. I could not help but wonder if General Dawes, too, recognized the demotion. He certainly must realize after that statement from the White House that he did not measure up to the job."

Activities Criticized.

Senator Norris criticized the activities of diplomats generally. He suggested that from what he had seen of the way diplomatic affairs were handled, "one of these bright boys serving the Senate as pages" could fill a diplomatic post provided the social requisite were eliminated.

"So it looks to me," he continued, "that we ought to say 'poor Andy.' He was taken out of the Treasury where he had the distinction that has come to no other man in history of having three Presidents, three different Presidents serve under him, to be given a nice, easy job. He was let down lightly. It does seem that he has not been treated as becomes one who has served as he has."

Mr. Mills had previously been Under-Secretary of the Treasury and Mr. Ballantine had been Assistant Secretary.

Resolution Adopted by New York State Chamber of Commerce at Instance of James Speyer Commending Appointment of Secretary of Treasury Mellon as Ambassador to Great Britain.

In our issue of a week ago (Feb. 6) we took occasion to refer both in our editorial columns (page 892) and in our news columns (page 962) to the resolution offered by James Speyer at the Feb. 4 meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York endorsing the appointment of Secretary of the Treasury Andrew W. Mellon as Ambassador to Great Britain. Below we give the resolution in full and the remarks of Mr. Speyer in presenting it:

Mr. Speyer: Gentlemen, I am not accustomed to speak before you, and this is going to be very short. You have all seen in the morning papers that our honored Secretary of the Treasury is going to relinquish that office which he has filled so well; that the President has selected him to go to London to represent our country at the important conferences which are to take place in Europe. I have the permission of your President to present this resolution. I won't say anything more about Mr. Mellon, because in our tribute six hundred of you contributed to his portrait which graces our walls, so I know what you think of him. I think even more ought to vote for this:

"Whereas, we, the members of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York, believing that the conduct of our foreign affairs during this worldwide depression involves matters of most vital consequence to our economic and political welfare; and

"Whereas, we have always had the utmost confidence in the judgment of the Honorable Andrew W. Mellon as Secretary of the United States Treasury, and have admired his unselfish devotion to public service and his ability and foresight in guiding the financial affairs of our country so successfully during the many changing conditions in recent years; therefore, be it

"Resolved, that we, the members of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York, hereby record our great satisfaction in the appointment by President Hoover of the Honorable Andrew W. Mellon to be United States Ambassador to Great Britain, believing that no better selection could have been made of one qualified to conduct negotiations over war debt revision and the many other matters of vital economic and international consequence which are confronting us."

I move the adoption of this resolution.

The resolution was adopted with applause.

Final Offering of 93-Day Treasury Bills by Secretary Mellon Before Relinquishing Treasury Post—Offering \$75,000,000 or Thereabouts—Tenders Received \$211,872,000.

The final offering of 93-day Treasury bills to be made by Secretary of the Treasury Andrew W. Mellon before relinquishing that office to become Ambassador to Great Britain, was announced on Feb. 7. Tenders were asked to an issue of \$75,000,000 or thereabouts. This issue is to replace Treasury bills amounting to \$75,410,000, which mature Feb. 11. The tenders for the new bills were received at the Federal Reserve banks and their branches up to 2 p. m. Eastern standard time on Thursday, Feb. 11. On that date it was announced that the amount applied for was \$211,872,000.

The new bills will be dated Feb. 15 1932 and will mature on May 18 1932. The face value will be payable on the maturity date without interest. The bills, which are sold

on a discount basis to the highest bidder, will be issued in bearer form only, and in denominations of \$1,000, \$10,000, \$100,000, \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 (maturity value). Secretary Mellon's announcement Feb. 7 of the offering follows:

The Secretary of the Treasury gives notice that tenders are invited for Treasury bills to the amount of \$75,000,000 or thereabouts. They will be 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, Feb. 11 1932. Tenders will not be received at the Treasury Department, Washington.

The Treasury bills will be dated Feb. 15 1932 and will mature on May 18 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 Feb. 11 1932, all tenders received at the Federal Reserve banks or branches thereof up to the closing hour will be opened and public announcement of the acceptable prices will follow as soon as possible thereafter, probably on the following morning. The Secretary of the Treasury expressly reserves the right to reject any or all tenders or parts of tenders, and to allot less than the amount applied for, and his action in any such respect shall be final. Those submitting tenders will be advised of the acceptance or rejection thereof. Payment at the price offered for Treasury bills allotted must be made at the Federal Reserve banks in cash or other immediately available funds on Feb. 15 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.

Statement by Former Governor Alfred E. Smith Indicates He Will Accept Nomination as President if Democratic National Convention Nominates Him.

A statement as follows was issued on Feb. 8 by Alfred E. Smith, former Governor of New York State:

Office of Alfred E. Smith
Empire State Building
New York, N. Y.

So many inquiries have come to me from friends throughout the country who worked for and believed in me as to my attitude in the present political situation that I feel that I owe it to my friends and to the millions of men and women who supported me so loyally in 1928 to make my position clear.

If the Democratic National Convention, after careful consideration, should decide it wants me to lead I will make the fight; but I will not make a pre-convention campaign to secure the support of delegates.

By action of the Democratic National Convention of 1928 I am the leader of my party in the Nation. With a full sense of the responsibility thereby imposed I shall not in advance of the convention either support or oppose the candidacy of any aspirant for the nomination.

ALFRED E. SMITH.

New York Court of Appeals Holds Invalid Reapportionment of Congressional Districts by Resolution of State Legislature—Upholds Justice Staley of State Supreme Court.

The Congressional reapportionment plan which was put through the New York Legislature last year by the Republicans in a concurrent resolution was held invalid by the Court of Appeals at Albany, on Feb. 9. In an Albany dispatch, Feb. 9, the New York "Times" said:

In the decision, which was written by Judge Frederick E. Crane and concurred in by all the Judges except Henry T. Kellogg, who did not sit when the arguments were made, the Court held that a Congressional reapportionment measure in this State must be in the form of a Legislative bill, having the approval of the Governor before it can become law.

Fearing that Governor Roosevelt would not approve their reapportionment plan, and wishing to eliminate his veto power as a factor, the Republican majority in the Legislature turned to the method which is now condemned. The highest court thus affirms a decision by Justice Ellis J. Staley of the Supreme Court and previously upheld by the Appellate Division.

The Court of Appeals directed that unless the present Legislature should pass a new reapportionment bill which could receive the Governor's approval, the Congressional map established in 1911, which the 1931 concurrent resolution was intended to supersede, shall prevail in the election of the 43 members of Congress allotted to this State under the 1911 plan, and that the two additional representatives awarded by Congress following the 1930 census be elected at large, that is by State-wide vote.

Supreme Court Appeal Considered.

The adverse decision did not come as a surprise to Republican leaders of the Legislature. Whether the original intention of party leaders to carry the case to the United States Supreme Court will be carried out appears doubtful.

Some Republican leaders express the hope that the highest court might give sanction to Congressional reapportionment through concurrent resolution, putting such power wholly within the scope of action of the law-making body itself.

But there are many other members of the Republican majority in both branches, including the leaders, who would welcome the shorter and easier way of passing a new reapportionment bill and sending it to the Governor for his approval this session.

The Governor has repeatedly invited the Republicans to confer with him on a reapportionment bill to be drafted in such a manner that he would approve it, consistent with constitutional requirements relating to the district lines.

But the Republican leaders, including Chairman W. Kingsland Macy of the Republican State Committee, say they acted last year on advice from constitutional lawyers of high repute who pronounced the reapportionment resolution legal. For that reason they are not entirely ready to abandon the proposition of going to the United States Court.

One feature of the decision to-day brought a degree of relief to the Republicans—the obiter dictum pronouncing the 1911 Congressional district lines in force until superseded by a new constitutional reapportionment measure, and directing that in the absence of new legislation all but two of the 45 Congressmen allotted to the State should be elected from the old districts.

Some had feared that the decision might result in a situation where all the 45 Representatives would have to be elected at large. This would have been a blow to the party, for with the unrest growing out of the economic depression and the recent demonstration of Democratic strength even in nominally Republican districts up-State, leaders feared that such an arrangement would give the Democrats a heavy advantage, especially with a candidate from this State running for President on the Democratic ticket.

The Republicans are not over-enthusiastic when they contemplate the election of even the two additional members at large, because of the more than even chance the Democrats would have of electing their candidates.

The present representation in the House from this State is 20 Republicans and 23 Democrats.

Senate Leader George R. Fearon and Speaker Joseph A. McGinnies of the Assembly went into conference soon after the decision was handed down. Senator Fearon said that he would consult Mr. Macy before drafting a new reapportionment bill. He is inclined to look upon that solution as the best way out.

The court action which came to a decision to-day resulted when Attorney-General Bennett issued an opinion to Secretary of State Flynn in which he urged him to disregard the Republican reapportionment measure on the ground that it was invalid. The Republicans then brought action to mandamus the Secretary of State to abide by the concurrent resolution in his notices for Congressional elections and the spring primaries. The action was brought in the name of three Republican leaders, Samuel S. Koenig of New York, John J. Knewitz of the Bronx, and William L. Ward of Westchester.

The litigation finally resolved itself into a friendly suit in which the Secretary of State and the Democratic State Chairman, James A. Farley, were made defendants for a court action on the constitutionality of the reapportionment.

One of the most important questions raised was whether Section 4, Article I of the Federal Constitution, declaring "that the Legislature shall prescribe the times, place and manner of holding Congressional elections" in the several States has in mind the lawmaking body in its limited sense or the lawmaking power which includes action by the Governor in veto or approval of legislative measures.

Past Practice of the States Cited.

Judge Crane in his decision to-day pointed out that "the uninterrupted practice in all of the States has been to create Congressional districts by laws enacted in accordance with the Constitution of the respective States, whatever that may be.

"While the plain and direct provisions of a constitution cannot be modified or amended by practice, custom or violation, no matter how long continued, such uniformity by all the States in the method of electing Congressmen indicates quite clearly the meaning which was given to Section 4 of Article I, especially in the early days when the people were so sensitive to intrusion and control by individual executives.

"A uniform course of action involving the right to the exercise of an important power by the State Government without question is no satisfactory evidence that the power is rightfully exercised.

"The wording of Section 4, Article I, very likely suggested that the action by the State Legislature under it should be in the form of a law. It was to be more than the assent by the people of the State to some Federal proposition and more than a choice by them of a Federal representative.

"The legislative Act was to be a direction to the people of the State demanding certain things to be done, fixing a time, place, and a manner which had to be followed. From the Legislature was to come a mandate, the disobedience of which would result in penalties or legal consequences.

"Naturally, this would be effected in the same way as all other like mandates. The action of the Legislature would therefore be in the form of a law."

Judge Crane went on to say that if Congress must make its allotments of Congressmen to the States by law it was reasonable to suppose that it was intended that Legislatures should do their share to complete the reapportionment by law also. In any event, there had been a recognition by Congress that this was a reasonable rule to follow, the decision declared.

The findings of Justice Staley were referred to in our issue of Nov. 28 1931, page 3571.

White House Conference to Combat Money Hoarding— Representatives of National Civic Organizations Meet With President Hoover—Col. Frank Knox Heads Organization.

In accordance with the call made on Feb. 3 by President Hoover upon the heads of leading civic organizations to meet with him on Feb. 6 to confer on measures to combat the hoarding of money, representatives of some 40 business, industrial and civic bodies, with members totaling 20,000,000 responded. On Feb. 5 it was announced, orally by the President that Col. Frank Knox, publisher of the "Chicago Daily News," had consented to head the proposed organization to conduct a campaign to put hoarded money back into the channels of industry. Regarding the President's announcement of Feb. 5 the "United States Daily," said:

Additional information made available at the White House follows:

The President appreciates the support given by the press in his anti-hoarding campaign announcements. It is an educational problem. It is one that lies very largely with the press and it is also one that is difficult to get over to the man in the street as to the relationship to his own daily necessities and his own good. Anything, therefore, the press may do to get the matter down to the ABC is of economics would be extremely helpful.

The problem is not a bankers' relief proposition. It is to get the public to invest in Government and municipal bonds or any other conservative investment to get money back into circulation. It is not possible to print more currency simply because it is known that currency is being hoarded. This is contrary to the Government's financial policy.

It is necessary for the Federal Reserve banks to hold a definite percentage of gold in reserve and due to the deflation it has been necessary to increase the gold and in this way it has been taken out of the credit stream.

Credit Volume Deflated.

If the money now being hoarded, estimated at about \$1,300,000,000, can be brought back into circulation, it will release a considerable amount of the gold now tied up. The total credit volume has been deflated by \$10,000,000,000 during the past four to six months. That deflation has been brought about by taking credit from small business and industry resulting in increased depression and unemployment. The exact reverse of that would occur if the money can be brought back into circulation.

Regarding the conference an official summary issued Feb. 6 at the White House, said:

The President, General Dawes and Undersecretary Mills reviewed the situation. The meeting was directed to a general discussion of the means and measures of organization to meet the problems of hoarding.

It was agreed that hoarding had accumulated to the extent of \$1,250,000,000 or \$1,500,000,000; that its results were to immobilize a large portion of the National gold supply and cause drastic deflation and credit contraction, and seriously to affect commodity prices.

It was pointed out by many of the leaders of the National association that a dollar hoarded not only ceases to perform its function as currency, but destroys \$5 to \$10 potential credit.

A dollar in the hands of a hoarder is just a dollar, but a hoarded dollar in the hands of a bank or wisely invested will furnish basis for \$10 of credit. As some of the representatives expressed it, that currency is a high powered dollar. Hoarded currency means that high powered dollars are idle and that in turn means idle business, idle men and depreciated prices.

It was agreed that a large portion of the hoarding was due to misunderstanding of the National effect of such acts, that it arose out of unnecessary fears and apprehension and that nothing could contribute more to the resumption of employment, to the stability of agriculture and other commodity prices than to restore this money to work and turn the tide of depression on the way to prosperity.

It was unanimously agreed that all the National associations represented and others to be invited would place the full strength and force of their memberships behind a patriotic campaign to be conducted under the leadership of Colonel Frank Knox to put these hoarded dollars to work; that the organization should be set up State by State, in which work all organizations would participate with a view to setting up ultimately a definite working organism in each community.

The whole conference expressed its resolution that the time had now arrived for the people themselves to enter into the fight against depression and give full support to the measures taken by Government, so as to make them completely effective.

The conference expressed its great appreciation of the leadership taken by the Federal Government in the creation of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and other measures, and agreed that the time had arrived to rally the people themselves not only against hoarding, but for the general expansion of employment and to turn the economic tide.

The leaders gave assurance that the whole 20,000,000 members of the organizations represented at the meeting would take it as their special mission to organize and carry forward this campaign of appeal to reason and patriotism and to action.

The following relative to the conference is from a Washington dispatch Feb. 6 to the "Times":

The conference was held in the Cabinet Room of the executive wing of the White House and was attended by Charles G. Dawes, President, and other members of the Reconstruction Finance Corp.; Ogden L. Mills, newly appointed Secretary of the Treasury; Secretary Lamont, Julius Klein, Assistant Secretary of Commerce, and the representatives of 42 organizations, with branches in practically every community in the country.

Facing the group at the end of the room was President Hoover and around him were General Dawes, Mr. Mills, Secretary Lamont and Dr. Klein. The President outlined the gravity of the credit situation throughout the country, which he said he felt had been greatly aggravated by the hoarding of dollars and explained his ideas as to how the holders of idle money should be induced to put it into circulation.

Unanimous Pledge of Aid.

Frequently he called on General Dawes to elaborate the points he was making. At the end of his remarks he said:

"All who will volunteer for service in this campaign will please raise their hands."

The response was unanimous.

John Thomas Taylor, legislative representative of the American Legion, jumped to his feet and exclaimed:

"Mr. President, 1,250,000 Legionnaires are with you."

Similar assurances were given by spokesmen for other organizations. The suggestion of President Hoover that the details of the program be left to Colonel Frank Knox, the publisher of the "Chicago Daily News," who has been put in charge of the drive, was agreed to.

In addition to the President and General Dawes, the speakers at the conference were Mr. Mills, President Green of the American Federation of Labor, President Harry J. Haas of the American Bankers' Association, Mr. Taylor, Commander Harold D. Decoe of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, A. O. Pearson of the National Publishers' Association and Mrs. John F. Sippel of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Texts of their speeches were not made public.

Those at the Conference.

These officials and organization leaders attended the conference: President Hoover.

Charles G. Dawes, President Reconstruction Finance Corp.

Robert P. Lamont, Secretary of Commerce.

Ogden L. Mills, Under-Secretary of the Treasury.

Eugene Meyer, Governor Federal Reserve Board.

Dr. Julius Klein, Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Harvey O. Couch, Bruce McCarthy and Paul Bestor, directors Reconstruction Finance Corp.

William Green, President American Federation of Labor, Washington.

Warner S. Hays, President American Trade Association Executives, Chicago.
 A. C. Pearson, President National Publishers' Association, N. N. City.
 Harold D. Decoe, Commander-in-Chief, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Washington.
 Vincent W. Hittitt, Association of Life Insurance Presidents, N. Y. City.
 Gilbert Hodges, President Advertising Federation of America, New York.
 J. E. Spingarn, President National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, New York.
 D. J. Woodlock, National Retail Credit Association, St. Louis.
 A. F. Whitney, President Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, Cleveland.
 Gerrish Gassaway, President National Association of Commercial Organization Secretaries, Wilmington, Del.
 Warren C. Platt, President Associated Business Papers, Inc., New York.
 Mrs. John F. Sippel, President General Federation of Women's Clubs, Washington.
 A. Johnston, President Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Cleveland.
 Melvin Jones, Secretary General International Association of Lions Clubs, Chicago.
 James A. Emery, National Association of Manufacturers, Washington.
 Michael J. Ready, Assistant General Secretary, Catholic Welfare Association, Washington.
 Allan A. Pope, President Investment Bankers' Association of America, New York.
 Henry H. Heimann, Executive Manager National Association of Credit Men, New York.
 Reuben A. Bogley, Grand Master Free and Accepted Masons, District of Columbia, Masonic Temple, Washington.
 Harry J. Haas, President American Bankers Association, Philadelphia, Pa.
 Magnus W. Alexander, President National Industrial Conference Board, New York.
 Emily R. Kneubuhl, Secretary National Federation of Business and Professional Clubs, Cincinnati.
 Samuel McCreavert, General Secretary Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, New York.
 Rush L. Holland, Past Exalted Ruler Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.
 George B. Cutten, President Young Men's Christian Association, Hamilton, New York.
 Fred C. W. Parker, Secretary Kiwanis International, Chicago.
 Mrs. Edith Sailsbury, Washington Zonta Club, Zonta International.
 Harold S. Bittenheim, National Conference on City Planning.
 H. C. Knight, President New England Council, New Haven.
 Leon J. Obermayer of Philadelphia, Jewish Welfare Board, Young Men's Hebrew Association.
 John Poole of Washington, Rotary International.
 Colonel James L. Walsh, Detroit, the American Engineering Co.
 Julius Barnes, chairman of the board, United States Chamber of Commerce, New York.
 J. W. Crabtree, Secretary National Educational Association, Washington.
 Chester R. Berry, Rotary International, Chicago.
 L. W. Wallace, Executive Secretary American Engineering Council, Washington.
 Morton Bodfish, Executive Manager, United States Building and Loan League, Chicago.
 Arthur M. East, National Thrift Committee, 347 Madison Ave., New York.
 James Nelson MacLean, President Association of Civil Service Club Executives, New York.
 William E. Best, President United States Building and Loan League, Pittsburgh.
 Harold Tschudi, International President Civitan Club, Baltimore.

President Hoover's call for the conference was referred to in our issue of Feb. 6, page 958.

New Banking Legislation Agreed on by President Hoover and Congressional Leaders—Measure Broadening Rediscount Provisions of Federal Reserve Act—Emergency Measure Aims at Use of "Free Gold" as Reserve Note Collateral—Senator Walcott Holds \$2,500,000,000 Increase in the Currency Would Be Possible.

New banking legislation to broaden the base of Federal Reserve rediscount privileges and to increase the effectiveness of gold reserves of the Federal Reserve System was introduced in the House of Representatives and the Senate on Feb. 11 as another unit of the economic rehabilitation program, according to a joint announcement Feb. 10 by those charged with drafting the legislation. The "United States Daily" of Feb. 11 said:

Announcement of the program was made by Senators Glass (Dem.), of Virginia, and Walcott (Rep.), of Connecticut, and Representatives Steagall (Dem.), of Ozark, Ala., and Strong (Rep.), of Blue Rapids, Kans., after a conference with the President in which representatives of the Treasury and Federal Reserve Board participated.

Glass Bill Differences Adjusted.

The conference was held in an effort to adjust differences between the various elements over provisions of the original draft of the Glass bill (S. 3215).

Minority Leader Snell (Rep.), of Potsdam, N. Y., announced orally that the bill had been urged by the President and would help in relief and Representative Steagall, the Chairman of the House Committee on Banking and Currency, advised him he would introduce the bill Feb. 11.

The provisions of the proposed legislation, it was stated, will have the immediate effect of increasing the free gold supply of the system by about \$1,000,000,000 and at the same time it is planned to provide easier access to the Federal Reserve banks by member banks who have technically ineligible paper which is held to be sound. As to the latter, it is the hope of the framers of the legislation that it will release much credit that hitherto has been unavailable and therefore falling within the category of "frozen assets."

Will be Offered in Both Houses.

The legislation will be introduced in both Houses as soon as it can be perfected, sponsored in the Senate by Mr. Glass and in the House by Mr. Steagall. Assurances have been obtained, it was explained, for speedy disposition of the legislation once it gets to the floors of the two bodies.

The President called Senators and Representatives into conference in an effort to speed up banking legislation which he was quoted by the Senators

as deeming to be of vital importance at this time. The provisions of the original draft bill will be given further consideration at a later date.

A statement by the sponsors of the new bill, issued Feb. 10, said:

A bill will be introduced in the Senate by Senator Glass and Representative Steagall in the House of Representatives which will improve the facilities of the Federal Reserve System for the benefit of commerce, industry and agriculture, and provide means for meeting the needs of member banks in exceptional circumstances.

The bill will include three proposals, the first two of which will improve the facilities of access of the member banks to the Reserve banks, by providing for the advancement of funds by the Federal Reserve banks to member banks that have no further eligible or acceptable paper, upon the security of sound securities, not technically eligible for discount. Member banks may obtain these advances under proper safeguards, either upon the endorsement of other member banks or, in unusual cases, without such endorsement.

This provision will prove valuable in cases where, by means of diminished business or other causes, the bank does not have an adequate supply of paper technically eligible for discount, though having other sound and adequate security. Moreover, many banks which have no immediate need for the use of these provisions would feel increased confidence in meeting their customers' needs freely by reason of the knowledge of the existence of these facilities.

The third provision is for the purpose of giving greater effectiveness to the gold reserve of the Federal Reserve System by releasing for use large amounts of gold which might temporarily be tied up as collateral for Federal Reserve notes in excess of the 40% required by law.

The Federal Reserve Act contemplated a 40% gold reserve against note issues. Owing to the present unusual circumstances the amount actually held is now far in excess of 40%.

The proposed amendment would, when the Federal Reserve Board deems it desirable in the public interest, have the effect of making all of the assets acquired by the Reserve banks under the present provisions of law available for not to exceed one year as collateral for Federal Reserve notes in addition to the 40% gold reserve, thus making the excess gold serviceable.

This provision will have the effect of giving greater flexibility to Federal Reserve operations. It will make the system's large supply of gold more useful as a basis of credit. It will at once increase the System's free gold by nearly \$1,000,000,000.

This proposed legislation is not intended to displace the bill now before the Banking and Currency Committee for permanent modifications of the banking law.

CARTER GLASS,
 HENRY B. STEAGALL,
 F. C. WALCOTT,
 JAMES F. STRONG.

From the Washington account Feb. 10 to the New York "Times" we take the following:

Glass Called to White House.

Before Senator Glass's statement was issued, Eugene Meyer, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, conferred with the Senator, who later was closeted with Senator Walcott, Representatives Steagall and Strong, Dr. W. R. Burgess, Deputy Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, who has been making a special study of the original Glass bill, Dr. E. A. Goldenweiser, Chief Statistician of the Federal Reserve Board, and Chester Morrill, Secretary of the board.

The way was cleared for the new bill when President Hoover called Senator Glass to the White House for a breakfast conference, with Senators Watson and Robinson, the two party floor leaders, and Senators Bulkeley, Walcott and Townsend of the Senate Banking and Currency Subcommittee, which drew up the original Glass bill.

In addition, Governor Meyer, Charles G. Dawes, President of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and Ogden L. Mills, whose nomination as Secretary of the Treasury was confirmed by the Senate to-day, were present.

The conference lasted for an hour, and was followed by another which the President held with House leaders, including Speaker Garner, Representative Snell, the Republican floor leader; Chairman Steagall, and Representatives Strong of Kansas, Luce of Massachusetts and Beedy of Maine, all members of the House Banking and Currency Committee.

Aim to Release More Credit.

The two important features of the proposed legislation are those making possible the rediscounting of a wide range of paper and the use of this paper as collateral for the issuance of Federal Reserve notes. This, in theory would release a large amount of gold held temporarily by the Reserve banks and agents against note issues, and thereby create more liberal credit.

While a large amount of credit is available at the present time, lack of confidence has caused the member banks, in their effort to maintain a position of extreme liquidity of assets to hesitate to make loans, for instance on real estate, which would tie up funds for several years. The theory held by the bankers of the legislation is that with credit available to the member banks at the Reserve banks through a more liberal rediscounting power, they in turn would extend this service to their customers.

The result, in theory, would be a resumption of many activities, such as home building, smaller industrial and other developments, which would form the basis for a return of normal business activity. The possibility exists that many of the banks would not be in need of greater extension of credits than they enjoy at the present time from the Reserve banks, but the mere knowledge that the credit is there if needed would restore their confidence and form an important factor in the general reconstruction move.

Vandenberg Sees Wide Advantages.

Senator Vandenberg of Michigan, who has been endeavoring to obtain legislation along the lines proposed, declared that it would decentralize credit relief "into every section of every State in the Union to a degree not possible under any legislation previously passed."

He asserted that it will completely supplement the Reconstruction Finance Corporation at its greatest point of weakness by extending the benefits of the Corporation across the country and into the back country.

Senator Vandenberg continued: "It will place a final credit assurance behind every bank in the Federal Reserve System which is little short of complete.

"It will for the first time permit the maximum use of the national stock of gold as a basis for currency issue, because under it for the first time provision will exist for creation of Federal Reserve currency circulation to the maximum permitted by the gold in hand.

"President Hoover stated last week that the gold coverage of Federal Reserve currency is now between 75 and 80% of the total outstanding, whereas only 40% of gold coverage is required by law. The reason for the

present excessive gold coverage is the shortage of securities eligible to rediscount and thus available as a basis of currency issue.

"In Plain Terms, More Money."

"This bill means, in plain terms, more money. It will open the way to recapture of the normal money supply, so that we will no longer be completely at the mercy of the hoarder.

"Its effect will be to bring the price of the dollar down and bring the commodity price index up. The moment commodity prices start upward there will be a renewal of buying, more demand for commodities and less unemployment.

"This is no panacea for all our ills and it is no nostrum. It must not be expected to work overnight, but I am convinced that, with this bill passed into law, we will for the first time be in position to utilize the central reservoir of credit and currency, created for use in just such an emergency as this, but which has been scrupulously ignored in all of our reconstruction plans heretofore. The Federal Reserve System up to this time has been the greatest of all our frozen assets."

The present Federal Reserve regulations are strict in relation to the eligibility and acceptability of member bank paper for rediscount, since the framers of the original act sought for an extremely liquid position of the Reserve banks at all times.

With that in mind it was provided that 90-day paper, such as notes, drafts and bills of exchange, arising out of actual commercial transactions, which are drawn or issued for agricultural, industrial, or commercial purposes, were eligible for discount.

Paper secured by United States bonds, certificates and notes are eligible, provided its maturity is not beyond 90 days at the time it is offered for rediscount. An exception to the 90-day rule is made in the case of agricultural and live stock paper, which may have a maturity of nine months on the theory that agricultural transactions extend over a longer period than commercial transactions.

Notes, drafts or bills of exchange, the proceeds of which have been used for permanent or fixed investments of any kind or for investments of a purely speculative character, are not eligible under the present law. With certain exceptions, notes, drafts and bills of exchange, the proceeds of which have been or are to be loaned to other borrowers, are ineligible. Federal Reserve banks have the authority to reject eligible paper when it appears to be an uncertain credit risk.

Apparently these restrictions, with the exception of authority to reject eligible paper where it does not have any intrinsic value, would be largely removed by the legislation, indicating its far-reaching character.

As to Present Investments.

The belief prevails that the member banks of the country have tremendous investments in securities and mortgages which cannot be used as collateral for Federal Reserve bank borrowing. Some experts insist that the member banks, to a great extent, have exhausted their eligible paper, and are, therefore, powerless to obtain further credit at the Reserve banks. It is for this reason that they have been calling loans and declining further extensions of credit to the detriment of business generally. This is a big factor contributing to the deflation and liquidation that has been the feature of the financial situation since 1929, and more especially since the financial crisis of September and October 1931.

"The character of the paper to be accepted is entirely within the discretion of the board of directors of the Reserve banks," Senator Walcott declared.

"The purpose of broadening the base is to give the banks additional borrowing power, which in time will give them a better chance to serve the business of the country and at the same time to protect the depositors by giving the banks increased supplies of cash, from lack of which they have been suffering lately.

"It is hoped that the bill will restore confidence and prevent further hoarding by drawing back into circulation the hoarded currency, now estimated at \$1,500,000,000. It will restore confidence by putting cash back into the banks."

Senator Walcott Sees Big Increase in Currency.

Senator Walcott admitted that the increase in the currency resultant from the measure could reach \$2,500,000,000. He said, however, that he did not expect anything like that amount to be issued. On the contrary, he thought that hoarded currency would be brought out of hiding, thus obviating the necessity for a huge increase in the currency.

Senator Walcott referred to the ability of the Federal Reserve banks to issue a larger volume of Federal Reserve notes. The outstanding note issues amount to \$2,664,003,000 in actual circulation, as of Feb. 3, which is an increase of more than \$1,000,000,000 in a year, as the Reserve system has provided additional money to counteract the hoarding tendency.

Although the Glass statement asserted that "all of the assets" of the Reserve banks could be used as collateral for Federal Reserve notes, it was learned that the language of the new bill relates specifically to Government bonds. The bill will add to the section of the Federal Reserve law defining the present acceptable collateral these words:

"Provided, however, that if the Federal Reserve Board deems the public interest requires, it may designate and authorize a Federal Reserve bank to offer and a Federal Agent to accept obligations of the United States."

Assets of the Federal Reserve banks include "good lawful money," commercial paper of specified maturity, Government securities, bankers' acceptances and bills discounted or bought.

Representative Strong, Republican, of Kansas, said that "we have a very large overcoverage of gold." The bill, he pointed out, will increase the amount of free gold by nearly \$1,000,000,000.

"I expect the bill will go through the House rapidly," he continued. "It will furnish the basis for more currency if needed."

"The purpose of the bill is to stop deflation. It just means the loosening of credit. It broadens the loaning privileges of the Federal Reserve banks."

"We have provided that foreign securities will not be purchasable. We felt that we should not allow more latitude in that direction than we permitted the Reconstruction Finance Corporation."

Generally speaking the regulations of the Federal Reserve Board provide that the Federal Reserve Agent must hold collateral to the full amount of the outstanding Federal Reserve notes. The Federal Reserve Act provides that the Federal Reserve bank maintain a gold reserve equal to 40% of the amount of its Federal Reserve notes in circulation, but allows the gold reserve or any part of it to be used as collateral with the Federal Reserve Agent. Therefore, if the agent holds 40% of gold, and 60% eligible paper, the bank is not required to hold any gold as an additional reserve against the notes.

Bank Required to Make Up Amount.

If, however, the agent holds less than 40% of gold, the bank is required to hold a sufficient amount of gold to make up the 40%, notwithstanding the fact that it may have more than 60% of paper lodged with the agent as collateral.

The agent is required to deposit with the Treasurer of the United States as a redemption fund 5% of the gold held by him as collateral for Federal Reserve notes, and the bank is required to deposit an additional amount

sufficient to make the redemption fund in the hands of the Treasurer equal to 5% of the total amount of outstanding Federal Reserve notes.

At the present time the Federal Reserve ratio is practically 67%. Potentially the excess gold above the 40% reserve requirement could be replaced with the same amount of eligible paper, thus releasing the gold, according to framers of the bill, for the creation of additional credit. A dollar gold generally is understood to represent about \$10 in possible credit.

The excess over the reserve requirement is known as "free gold," although there was considerable difference of opinion in Congressional circles as to what should be included in "free gold."

The principal accomplishment in the release of the free gold for credit purposes would be a re-establishment of confidence, apparently, on the theory that credit should expand if easily available. Framers of the legislation emphasized, however, that no inflation is contemplated, since the credit expansion will be kept under control with proper safeguards.

Requirements for Note Issue.

Experts to-day explained the method of issuing Federal Reserve notes. At present, if a Federal Reserve bank desires to issue \$1,000 worth of notes, it tenders \$1,000 worth of eligible commercial paper to the Federal Reserve Agent and also deposits a reserve of \$400 in gold behind the issue; or, if it has no commercial paper, it can secure the \$1,000 in notes with an equal amount of gold.

Although in the first instance there is 40% of gold reserve behind the note issue, the Federal Reserve banks ordinarily have gold in their vaults in excess of that requirement, and this excess is termed "free gold." It is now said by one authority that there is about \$465,000,000 of "free gold" on hand, in addition to something less than \$600,000,000 in gold, which is sometimes called "free gold," but which has been earmarked and belongs to foreign nations, chiefly to France. One of the Senators participating in to-day's conference said that the \$600,000,000 had been taken into account in stating that the Federal Reserve System's "free gold" will be increased at once by nearly \$1,000,000,000 under the new bill.

Senator Walcott said the "free gold would be there to be used if necessary."

"It is just what we call it, 'serviceable gold,'" he added.

"You mean that it is 'psychological gold'?" it was suggested.

"Yes," he agreed.

One Senator contended that eligible paper, under present regulations, had not yet been exhausted. He held that all eligible paper should be taken up by the Reserve banks before the proposed new provisions are applied.

Text of New Glass Measure Broadening Rediscount Provisions of Federal Reserve Act—Use of "Free Gold" As Reserve Note Collateral—Statement by Senator Glass.

Supplementing the item which we give under another head in this issue of our paper to-day, bearing on the new legislation intended to broaden the base of Federal Reserve rediscount privileges, and designed to use "free gold" as Reserve note collateral, we are giving in this item the text of the new bill, as introduced by Senator Carter Glass on Feb. 11. With the introduction of the bill, Senator Glass issued a statement bearing on the one given out at Washington on Feb. 10, under the signatures of Senators Glass and Walcott and Representatives Steagall and Strong; this latter statement will be found in the other item in our issue of to-day, to which we have already referred. Incidentally, we quote from a Washington dispatch Feb. 11 to the New York "Evening Post" (afternoon edition), the following:

Revision of the new banking bill, on which a bi-partisan agreement was reached at the White House yesterday, is being made to-day by Senator Carter Glass in order to bring it within what he understands the agreement to have been.

Early this afternoon he was still working feverishly at his desk in an effort to complete his revision and introduce the measure to-day.

"The bill that was sent down here," he said forcefully, "doesn't represent the agreement that was made at all. It misrepresents it."

He added that the statement issued last night explaining the general principles of the bill "was so loosely drawn as to leave the door wide open to inflation."

"That wasn't what we agreed upon," he said.

Agreed to General Version.

His explanation of the fact that the statement of which he complained was given out over his name was that he did not read it, but only agreed to it after receiving a general version of what it contained.

He was working to-day, he said, to get "the bill that was sent down here" to conform to his understanding of the agreement. When he has finished that he said that he would give out the text and an explanatory statement about it. Prior to beginning the work of revision he conferred at length with Senator Bulkeley and with Representative Steagall, Chairman of the House Committee on Banking and Currency.

Details of the bill "that was sent down" to the Virginia Senator are understood to have been drafted by experts attached to the Federal Reserve Board.

The explanatory statement made later in the day on Feb. 11 by Senator Glass, is taken as follows from a night edition of the "Post."

Glass's Statement.

The newspapers, through no fault of their own but based upon a hastily prepared and somewhat confusing statement, have given an erroneous interpretation to the bank measure to-day introduced by me in the Senate and by Representative Steagall in the House.

When the hastily prepared statement was given out there was not any agreement upon the several provisions of the proposed bill, but all of the provisions were still subject to such alterations of their phraseology as those having charge of the measure might determine.

The bill, as perfected and introduced, is not intended nor will it be used for excessive inflation of the currency.

The temporary provision, covering a period of 12 months, merely authorizes for that time the Federal Reserve Board, should it deem such action in the public interest, to use the direct obligations of the United States as a basis for currency issues, against which there must be a gold reserve of 40%.

This bill will enable the Federal Reserve banks to maintain a desirable volume of what is known as "free gold," which means gold in excess of the 40% statutory requirement and not including "earmarked" gold. This simply fortifies the gold status of the Federal Reserve banks in this period of extraordinary disturbance. It is altogether probable that the Federal Reserve banks may not find it necessary to make use of this authorization.

Another provision of the bill that was introduced was lifted textually from what is known as the Glass bill now in process of consideration by the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, with slight modification of the specified rate of interest which may be charged to organized groups of banks desiring rediscount facilities on other than eligible paper and securities. The discount rate is left to the determination of the Federal Reserve Board; but in no event shall it be less than 1% higher than the prevailing rate of discount at the Federal Reserve bank of any district using this facility. There must be joint action by not less than five banks in any one group and the great probability is that there will be a great many more should circumstances ever require the use of this facility.

The third provision of the bill authorizes any single member bank, in exigent circumstances, to get accommodation at a Federal Reserve bank on satisfactory security not now permitted by existing law; but it may do this only after it has used all of its available eligible commercial assets and United States securities and is in immediate need of help to which it may not otherwise obtain to avert failure.

The two provisions relating to unusual rediscount operations are so carefully safeguarded as to make it improbable that there can be any unwholesome inflation of the currency unless we may assume that the Federal Reserve banks, with the approval of the Federal Reserve Board, will be unwise and imprudent enough to so administer the law as to bring about dangerous expansion.

It should be very definitely understood, as it is very explicitly agreed on all hands, that the introduction of this bill will not be permitted to displace the so-called "Glass bill" now before the Senate Banking and Currency Committee for consideration. On the contrary, this measure is now in process of being carefully perfected and soon will be ready for consideration by the full Banking and Currency Committee of the Senate.

As introduced, the Glass bill, according to a Washington dispatch Feb. 11 to the "Post" is as follows:

A bill to improve the facilities of the Federal Reserve Bank System for the service of commerce, industry and agriculture, to provide means for meeting the needs of member banks in exceptional circumstances, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that the Federal Reserve Act as amended is further amended by inserting between Sections 10 and 11 thereof a new section reading as follows:

Section 10 (A). Upon receiving the consent of not less than six members of the Federal Reserve Board, any Federal Reserve bank may make advances, in such amount as the board of directors of such Federal Reserve bank may determine, to groups of five or more independently owned and controlled member banks within its district upon their time or demand promissory notes, the liability of the individual banks in each group to be limited to such proportion of the total amount advanced to such group as the deposit liability of the respective banks bears to the aggregate deposit liability of all banks in such group, but such advances may be made to a lesser number of such member banks if the aggregate amount of their deposit liability constitutes at least ten per centum of the entire deposit liability of the member banks within such district.

Distribution Authorized.

Such banks shall be authorized to distribute the proceeds of such loans to such of their number and in such amount as they may agree upon, but before so doing they shall request such recipient banks to deposit with a suitable trustee representing the entire group, their individual notes made in favor of the group protected by such collateral security as may be agreed upon. Any Federal Reserve bank making such advance shall charge interest thereon at a rate not less than 1 per centum above its discount rate in effect at the time of making such advance. No such note upon which advances are made by a Federal Reserve bank under this section shall be eligible under Section 16 of this act as collateral security for Federal Reserve notes.

No obligations of any foreign Government, individual, partnership, association or corporation organized under the laws thereof shall be eligible as collateral security for advances under this section.

National banking associations are authorized and empowered to indorse or guarantee notes of other member banks evidencing advances made pursuant to the provisions of this section.

Section 2. The Federal Reserve Act as amended, is further amended by adding, immediately after such new Section 10 (A), an additional new section reading as follows:

Exceptional Cases.

"Section 10 (B). For a period not exceeding one year from the date of approval of this act and in exceptional and exigent circumstances and when any member bank has no further eligible and acceptable assets available to enable it to obtain adequate credit accommodations through rediscounting at the Federal Reserve bank or any other method provided by this act other than that provided by Section 10 (A), any Federal Reserve bank, subject in each case to affirmative action by not less than six members of the Federal Reserve Board holding offices at the time, may make advances to such member banks on its time or demand promissory notes secured to the satisfaction of such Federal Reserve bank; provided, that (1) each such note shall bear interest at a rate not less than 1 per centum per annum higher than the highest discount rate in effect at such Federal Reserve bank on the date of such note; (2) the Federal Reserve Board may by regulation limit and define the classes of assets which may be accepted as security for advances made under authority of this section; and (3) no note accepted for any such advance shall be eligible as collateral security for Federal Reserve notes.

No obligation of any foreign government, individual, partnership, association or corporation organized under the laws thereof shall be eligible as collateral security for advances under this section.

Applications.

Section 3. The second paragraph of Section 16 of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

Any Federal Reserve bank may make application to the local Federal Reserve agent for such amount of the Federal Reserve notes hereinbefore provided for as it may require. Such application shall be accompanied with a tender to the local Federal Reserve agent of collateral in amount equal to the sum of the Federal Reserve notes thus applied for and issued pursuant to such application. The collateral security thus offered shall be notes, drafts, bills of exchange, or acceptances acquired under the provisions of Section 13 of this Act or bills of exchange indorsed by a member bank of any Federal Reserve District and purchased under the provisions of Section 14 of this Act, or bankers' acceptances purchased under

the provisions of said Section 14, or gold or gold certificates; provided, however, that at any time within 12 months from the date of the approval of this Act, should the Federal Reserve Board deem it in the public interest, it may, upon the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of its members holding office at the time, authorize the Federal Reserve banks to offer and the Federal Reserve agents to accept as such collateral security direct obligations of the United States.

At the expiration of one year from the approval of this Act or sooner, should the Federal Reserve Board so decide, such authorization shall terminate and such obligations of the United States be retired as security for Federal Reserve notes.

In no event shall such collateral security be less than the amount of Federal Reserve notes applied for. The Federal Reserve agent shall each day notify the Federal Reserve Board of all issues and withdrawals of Federal Reserve notes to and by the Federal Reserve bank to which he is accredited. The said Federal Reserve Board may at any time call upon a Federal Reserve bank for additional security to protect the Federal Reserve notes issued to it.

As to the House bill, Associated Press advices Feb. 11 from Washington said:

The later proposal for loosening credit by a revision of Federal Reserve regulations was assailed in the House to-day as Congressional leaders completed their draft of the bill that was evolved at a series of White House conferences.

Before the bill had been dropped into the hopper, Representative Busby, Democrat, of Mississippi, a member of the House Banking Committee, called it "a mere legislative palliative that is not going to meet the situation."

Representative Busby said the Federal Reserve System "cannot meet the basic trouble."

His remarks brought from Representative La Guardia, Republican of New York, a charge the plan was a result of "star chamber proceedings dictated by a few bankers in New York."

Col. Knox as Head of Organization to Combat Money Hoarding Says Country Is Suffering from Eye Strain Looking to Europe as Basis of Troubles in United States.

Col. Frank Knox who has been designated by President Hoover to conduct the campaign to combat money hoarding said on Feb. 8 (we quote from the "United States Daily") that he is working on a definite plan to bring money out of hiding, but he added he could not yet discuss it because it was not perfected. "It will be specific, direct and, I think, will have the approval of the country as a whole," he continued. The paper from which we quote also said:

"What we are suffering from in this country," he said, "is a National headache induced by eye strain looking to Europe as the basis of our troubles. Ninety per cent of our troubles are at home. We can't correct conditions in Europe; we can here. Ninety per cent of our prosperity is based upon domestic business; less than 10% of our business is abroad.

"We are now operating on about a 60% prosperity basis. If we can once restore confidence and be on a basis of full domestic productivity and consumption, we would be 90% recovered and leading the world."

He said the campaign would be to restore the faith of Americans in their own country. Steps have already been taken to select State leaders, he continued, adding that he hoped to announce the personnel by Wednesday. Headquarters will be in Chicago.

Speed a Prime Factor.

"This must be a quick campaign," he said. "It is to be done against the clock."

Col. Knox said that he would seek a coalition of newspapers, chambers of commerce, boards of trade, the American Legion, women's clubs and luncheon clubs, as well as units of the American Federation of Labor. He said that if the campaign is carried out as in Aurora, it will develop locally into house to house canvasses to discover where money is being hoarded and to bring it out of hiding.

Col. Knox said he expected advertising on a National scale to help the campaign, but it will be voluntary. The campaign organization will raise no money to cover any expenses.

From the same account we take the following:

Col. Frank Knox, . . . stated orally at the White House Feb. 8 after a conference with the President, that the problem of promoting economic recovery will be attacked on a community basis.

Col. Knox said that a purely voluntary organization on a National scale would be set up to stimulate community action with a view to bringing money out of hiding, strengthening local banks and causing a resumption of normal buying.

Stating the American public had been paying too much attention to the ills of Europe, Col. Knox said that more than 90% of normal prosperity could be attained by having the United States devote itself to its own recovery.

Called Difficult Problem.

"I have just had a talk with the President on some of the details of the problem," Col. Knox said. "It is a difficult problem, but we are going to try to solve it."

He explained that all the organizations, representing some 24,000,000 people, which had their leaders at the President's conference on Feb. 6, would be asked to furnish officers who would be the heads of a separate advisory committee. Then subsidiary organizations would be set up and an aggressive leader, who has the confidence of the local population, would be chosen to head each such group.

"But essentially the campaign is to be on a community basis," he said. "It must be carried on in each individual community. There are two angles to the task. The one most under discussion is to end the hoarding of money.

"But the more important task is to bring home to the various communities that the problem is really theirs; that if the banks in their town do not have the confidence of the public and the public continues to make the withdrawals from banks and the banks withdraw their loans, strangulation is produced and their chief sufferer is the community itself."

Example Is Cited.

Col. Knox said the campaign might take its inspiration from the small town of Aurora, Ill., which recently was in a critical situation because the inhabitants were nervous and were withdrawing their money from the town's three or four banks.

The mayor declared a moratorium for five days, Col. Knox said, closing up the banks and businesses. In the interval, confidence was restored

through mass meetings, a house to house canvass to eliminate hoarding and through official examinations of the banks by bank examiners. On the first day when the banks were reopened, Col. Knox said, bank deposits increased \$1,000,000.

"That is the way the problem has got to be solved," said the colonel. "No one can solve it from Washington. The actual work must be done in the individual communities associating themselves with their local banking facilities and restoring confidence in them."

Col. Knox said it would not be a superficial campaign but would "get down to brass tacks." It must convince the people that the banks are vital to their own interests and that without banks, all the people would starve within 10 days. The bank is a part of the machinery of life just as much as the waterworks, the electric lights or any other personal service, he said.

Reconstruction Finance Corporation Cited by New York Federal Reserve Bank as Important Development in Economic and Financial Situation.

An item in the Monthly Review, dated Feb. 1, of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York has the following to say regarding the Reconstruction Finance Corporation:

An important development in the economic and financial situation of the country during January was the enactment of a law creating the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. At the time of signing the bill creating this Corporation, President Hoover made the following announcement with reference to the purposes of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act:

"It brings into being a powerful organization with adequate resources, able to strengthen weaknesses that may develop in our credit, banking and railway structure, in order to permit business and industry to carry on normal activities free from the fear of unexpected shocks and retarding influences.

"Its purpose is to stop deflation in agriculture and industry and thus to increase employment by the restoration of men to their normal jobs.

"It is not created for the aid of big industries or big banks. Such institutions are amply able to take care of themselves. It is created for the support of the smaller banks and financial institutions and, through rendering their resources liquid, to give renewed support to business, industry and agriculture. It should give opportunity to mobilize the gigantic strength of our country for recovery."

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation is organized with a capital stock of \$500,000,000, all of which it to be subscribed by the United States Government, and is authorized to issue and have outstanding at any one time notes, debentures, bonds, or other such obligations in an amount aggregating not more than three times its subscribed capital. These obligations must mature within not more than five years of date of issue, and will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed by the United States, both as to principal and interest. The Treasury is authorized to purchase any obligations of the Corporation, and at any time to sell any of the obligations of the Corporation. The obligations of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation are not eligible for discount or purchase by the Reserve Banks.

The board of directors of the Corporation is to consist of the Secretary of the Treasury, or, in his absence, the Under Secretary of the Treasury, the Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, and the Farm Loan Commissioner, and four other persons appointed by the President of the United States, by and with the advice of and consent of the Senate; and of the seven members of the board of directors not more than four shall be members of any one political party, and not more than one shall be appointed from any one Federal Reserve district.

In order "to aid in financing agriculture, commerce, and other industry, including facilitating the exportation of agricultural and other products" the Corporation is authorized to make loans 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, or live stock credit corporation. No loan can be made by the Corporation for the purpose of financing any enterprise not initiated prior to the adoption of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act, except for aids to agriculture. It is expressly provided that the loans thus authorized include "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," not more than \$200,000,000, however, to be used in making such loans for the relief of closed or liquidating banks. Loans may be made for periods not exceeding three years, but through renewals may be extended for a period not exceeding five years from the date when the original loan was made. Loans of the types already specified may be made at any time within one year of the passage of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act; and the President may from time to time extend this period up to two years of the date of enactment.

In addition to these aids to industry, agriculture, and financial institutions, the Corporation may make loans to aid in temporary financing of railroads whenever the railroads may not be able to obtain funds upon reasonable terms through other channels. The Corporation is also empowered, subject to certain conditions, to accept drafts and bills of exchange drawn upon it which grow out of certain transactions involving the exportation of agricultural or other products, and which mature within twelve months.

President O'Neal of American Farm Bureau Federation Issues Statement at President Hoover's Anti-Hoarding Conference in Which He Declares for Adjustment of Country's Monetary System.

In its account of the Anti-Hoarding Conference, held at the instance of President Hoover, on Feb. 6, the New York "Times" stated that Edward A. O'Neal, President of the American Farm Bureau Federation, submitted a statement in which he said:

"Organized agriculture believes that recovery can take place by recourse only to the soundest monetary plans. Our present medium of exchange has failed to meet our full requirements. We feel that an adjustment should be made in our monetary system which will insure that our medium of exchange properly serves agriculture, industry and commerce. The dollar must be a medium reflecting the value of exchange for the commodities and must not have in itself the power to fix the commodity exchange value.

"The second fundamental step is the restoration of the purchasing power to American agriculture. Restore to the 27,000,000 people living on American farms their purchasing power and there will be no longer closed factories and breadlines in our industrial centers. There are two immediate actions that will go a long way toward accomplishing this purpose.

"First, it is vitally important that the home market be protected for the American farmer. Proper tariff protection should be provided that will insure the American market to the American farmer upon all farm commodities which can be produced advantageously in any part of our country.

"The American farmer should be protected from substitutes for our basic agricultural commodities which are brought in duty free. The tariff should be adjusted to a basis of equalization as between agriculture and all other industries, and proper amendment should be made to our Agricultural Marketing Act to provide the full benefits of the American protective system to our great surplus commodities, such as wheat, cotton and live stock. Specific measures providing such amendment to the Agricultural Marketing Act are now before Congress.

"In the proper adjustment of our tariff to give agriculture the full benefit of the American protective system it is well to note that the United States Department of Agriculture, reporting conditions as of Jan. 15 1932, shows that the farm index price, as compared to the five-year period of 1909 to 1914, to be an average of 63. As compared to this, the price paid by the farmer for his purchases is 121. We thus conclude that the purchasing power of the farmer's commodities is 48% less than during the pre-war period.

"The third fundamental step in the restoration of national prosperity would come through the adoption of an energetic program on the part of national, State and county officials for the reorganization and consolidation of governmental machinery. Such a program, properly carried out, would cut government costs about \$4,000,000,000. The public recognition that such a program was to be carried into effect would inspire public confidence, would free hoarded dollars, and would stimulate agriculture and industry."

Campaign by Henry L. Stevens Jr. of American Legion to Secure Work for Unemployed—President Hoover Commends Move.

According to the "United States Daily," President Hoover on Feb. 5 called attention to the fact that Henry L. Stevens Jr., of Warsaw, N. C., National Commander of the American Legion, and associated organizations, have organized an intensive campaign to secure jobs for the unemployed. Mr. Stevens, the President explained, had placed at his disposal a vivid campaign to deal also with the hoarding question. The President said he was confident that a great service would be performed in this direction by the Legion and other organizations as well as in the matter of the unemployment situation. From the same paper, Feb. 6, we take the following:

Employment Program.

President Hoover was informed Feb. 5 by Henry L. Stevens Jr., of Warsaw, N. C., National Commander of the American Legion, who conferred with him at the White House, of plans of the Legion for launching a nation-wide effort starting Feb. 15 and having as its goal the employment of 1,000,000 men by March 15, which would restore \$7,000,000,000 of purchasing power.

After his conference with the President, Mr. Stevens stated orally that his organization, which will conduct the campaign in conjunction with the American Federation of Labor and the National Association of Advertisers, has been engaged for 11 weeks in perfecting its program.

Mr. Stevens said that he discussed his plans in detail with the President. On Feb. 11 Mr. Stevens will make an address over a nation-wide hook-up in which he will describe fully the campaign for which orders have already been issued to the 10,800 American Legion posts throughout the country.

A Washington dispatch, Feb. 6, to the New York "Herald Tribune" said:

In addition to lending its support and membership to the anti-hoarding drive, the American Legion will have under way at about the same time its one-month campaign to find jobs for 1,250,000 men. Working with it will be the American Federation of Labor and the National Advertisers' Association. President Hoover paid tribute to this additional effort in the following statement, issued after the conference:

"I appreciate the efforts being made by the American Legion and associated organizations in organizing an intensive drive to begin Feb. 15 to extend employment. Mr. Henry L. Stevens, National Commander of the Legion, and his associates have placed the entire organization also at the disposal of the organization that held its first meeting at the White House today. I am confident that the Legion and the organizations cooperating with it will perform a real service in the work undertaken."

Illinois Manufacturers' Association Pledges Support of Campaign Against Money Hoarding.

The Illinois Manufacturers' Association, comprising 3,000 concerns with 700,000 employees, and having an annual industrial output of \$5,000,000,000, telegraphed to President Hoover on Feb. 6 a pledge of its support of the national movement to restore \$1,300,000,000 hoarded currency to circulation. The telegram, according to a dispatch to the New York "Times" said:

"Hoarding of money in safety deposit boxes and in household hiding places is a leading factor in the present stagnation of most lines of business.

"Hidden dollars expended for manufactured products and all general merchandise obviously will restore millions of persons to employment.

"The restoration of this hidden money to circulation will:

"Stimulate factory production.

"Place the railroads on a more profitable basis and prevent further impairment of life insurance and trust funds.

"Check further bank suspensions and enable the reopening of hundreds of closed financial institutions, basically sound, but stagnant as a result of frozen assets.

"Remove the cause for the raising of vast sums of relief money wrung from the pockets of taxpayers, who have reached the limit of their ability to pay.

"Stop the need for our present doles and the insistent demand for future doles—national, State and local.

"Check further wage reductions.
 "Restore the morale and self-respect of millions of our people.
 "It will restore public confidence, which is the first essential to a restoration of normal and successful industrial and commercial enterprise."

Representative La Guardia of New York Criticizes President Hoover's Anti-Hoarding Campaign—Letter to President Dawes of Reconstruction Finance Corporation as to Safe Investments in Which Funds May Be Invested.

From a dispatch, Feb. 6, from Washington to the New York "Times," we take the following:

Representative La Guardia of New York, who on Thursday wrote to General Dawes as President of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, asking him to certify safe investments and banks in which American investors might place their funds when taking them out of "hoarding," to-day attacked Mr. Hoover's continued drive to bring money back into circulation.

He took issue with a statement contained in a dispatch to the New York "Times" to-day saying that the "Government is not asking that this money [hoarded money] be deposited in the banks, but asks that it be conservatively invested, whether in Government, State or municipal bonds or other high-class securities, the soundness of which is assured." Mr. La Guardia's statement read:

"The statement is not only startling, it is shocking. One must pause to grasp considering that it comes from the White House. Let me repeat, 'The Government . . . is not asking that the hoarded money be deposited in the banks, but asks that it be conservatively invested . . . in securities, the soundness of which is assured.'

"A more terrific indictment has never been pronounced against the banking institutions of the country. Who is tearing down now? The White House is careful to enumerate Government, State and municipal bonds and other high-class securities. I insist, therefore, that it is quite proper for the American investors who have been fleeced, who have been deceived by the very people in whom they had a right to have confidence, to ask the Government to list these high-class securities.

"Securities that were classified as high-class by people in the Government service and by banks in the confidence of the Administration are now classified as junk and many of them marked off on the profit-and-loss side of the books.

"It must be made clear that in efforts to re-establish confidence, it is not fair to place the American people in the position of being hoarders and having lost confidence without justification. If there is hoarding, if confidence has been lost, the blame is not with the American people, but with the few who controlled our financial institutions."

He suggested the White House send an appeal to bankers to "stop hoarding and give legitimate business an opportunity to borrow the money necessary to put the wheels of industry in motion."

Under a Washington date, Feb. 4, the same paper published the following:

La Guardia's Letter to Dawes.

Mr. La Guardia's letter read:

"My dear Mr. Dawes: I read in the morning papers the appeal made by President Hoover to the public to cease hoarding and to put their dollars to work either by conservative investments or by depositing in sound institutions. This is, indeed, an appeal to which ordinarily the American public would be quick to respond.

"However, I fear that with the thousands of bank failures and the losses sustained by hundreds of thousands of Americans in 'conservative investments' recommended by their own bankers, and with the many proclamations of prosperity and clarion calls of corner-cutting, a great many might yet be somewhat timid and skeptical.

"May I inquire if the credit corporation is ready to back the appeal by publishing a list of conservative investments and sound banking institutions? That would be helpful.

"Second, if aid is given to the banking institutions in order to avoid additional bank failures with the resultant losses to depositors, is the credit corporation, with the tremendous power that it will wield over the banks and the Federal Reserve System, in a position to guarantee deposits in the 'sound banking institutions' mentioned by the President?"

Proposes Bank Guarantee Bill.

"If authority is lacking and the credit corporation is willing and sees the necessity of guaranteeing bank deposits in order to re-establish confidence in our banking institutions, will you approve of one of the many bills now pending before Congress or send me your own draft, to bring about a national system of guarantee bank deposits in the Federal Reserve System throughout the United States?"

"Otherwise, it may be difficult and tedious to restore confidence in the people who have really suffered enormous losses.

"Do you intend to publish a list of the banks you succor so that the public may be advised which banks are being bolstered and which are not?"

"May I suggest a statement from you that from now on business men, factory operators and merchants seeking loans will not be required, as a condition precedent, to reduce wages and curtail their payrolls? This, too, I believe, would go a great way toward removing one of the main causes prolonging our present depression."

Secretary Gordon of Pennsylvania Banking Department Seeks Aid of Reconstruction Finance Corporation in Trying to Free Frozen Assets of Closed Banks.

From the Philadelphia "Public Ledger" of Feb. 6 we take the following:

A conference was held in Washington on Wednesday [Feb. 3] looking toward aid for depositors in closed banks in Pennsylvania, according to Dr. William D. Gordon, Secretary of Banking of Pennsylvania, who was one of the conferees, the other being General Charles G. Dawes, Chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and Harry J. Haas, Vice-President of the First National Bank of Philadelphia and President of the American Bankers' Association. In stating the object of the conference, Dr. Gordon said:

"The object of my visit was to ascertain first hand from General Dawes the aid that might be obtained in the interest of depositors of banking institutions in possession of the Secretary of Banking of Pennsylvania.

"General Dawes was given a complete presentation of the volume of assets of closed banks, together with a classification of these assets so that the corporation might determine upon the loanable assets.

"Unfortunately, a definite answer concerning the amount that might be obtained for these closed banks of Pennsylvania from the corporation could not be obtained inasmuch as the organization of the corporation has not as yet been completed to enable it to grant loans to closed banks.

"In a short time I intend to call again at Washington to make applications for loans which might free some of the frozen assets in the closed institutions, thereby enabling me to obtain additional cash for depositors.

"My trip to Washington was in furtherance of the policy of the Department of Banking of Pennsylvania to expedite the payments to depositors as much as possible."

Business Men from 34 States Meeting in Chicago Pledge Aid to Local Banks.

Associated Press accounts from Chicago, Feb. 3, said:

Seven thousand business men from 34 States pledged themselves to-day at a meeting of the Inter-State Merchants' Council to support and assist their local banks in every way possible.

Such a program, the merchants agreed in a resolution, is the best means of building up public confidence in business and banking.

The organizing of business men in each community to work for their own good was recommended in the resolution.

Three Bills Appropriating \$110,000,000 For Aid to Farmers Approved by Senate Committee on Agriculture.

Three bills carrying more than \$110,000,000 for aid to the farmers were approved by the Senate Agriculture Committee and meanwhile (said Associated Press accounts, Feb. 6) the Senate prepared to resume its battle over legislation to help the unemployed. The account added:

The Committee laid before the Senate bills to create a revolving fund of \$100,000,000 for loans to drainage, levee and irrigation districts; to set up a \$10,000,000 fund for loans to agricultural credit corporations, and to extend the 1931 drouth loans for a year.

The Senate was in a week-end recess, but plans were laid to resume debate Monday on the La Follette-Costigan bill to appropriate \$375,000,000 for Federal unemployment relief.

The \$100,000,000 fund approved by the Agriculture Committee was proposed in a bill introduced by Senator Glenn of Illinois for loans to allow drainage, levee and irrigation districts to meet their obligations on public works improvements.

The loans would be for not more than 40 years, with an interest rate of 3%.

The \$10,000,000 fund would be set up by a bill introduced by Senator George of Georgia for loans to aid in the formation of agricultural credit corporations and live stock loan companies qualified to do business with Federal intermediate credit banks.

The drouth loan bill was offered by Senator Barkley of Kentucky.

Capper Resolution Providing for Distribution for Relief Purposes of Government-Owned Wheat Rejected by House Agricultural Committee.

The House Committee on Agriculture rejected on Feb. 8 the Capper resolution passed by the United States Senate on Jan. 4 authorizing "the distribution of Government-owned wheat to the American National Red Cross and other organizations for the relief of people in distress."

The action of the Senate was noted in our issue of Jan. 9, page 223, and the resolution as adopted by the Senate appeared in these columns Jan. 16, page 426. According to Associated Press dispatches from Washington Feb. 8 the House Committee voted 14 to 9 against the resolution, the ballot splitting party lines. The Associated Press further stated:

Chairman Jones declined to make public the individual votes, but said he had supported the measure.

The bill before the Committee was that of Senator Capper (Kansas, Republican), and was passed by the Senate Jan. 4. It would release 40,000,000 bushels of Farm Board wheat for relief distribution by the Red Cross and other charitable organizations.

Mr. Jones said rejection of the bill seemed to come from a feeling among members that "if anything were done the Government should go out in the open market and purchase the wheat." Other members, he said, seemed influenced by the fact that the Farm Board has large loans against some of the wheat.

"I favored the bill," Mr. Jones said, "because the Stabilization Corporation has the wheat, it is costing money to carry, is deteriorating and in my judgment adversely affecting the market."

Seed Loan Collections \$21,493,368—\$3,453,530 Repaid in Week—Growers Turn in Cotton Warehouse Receipts—Farmers Have Paid 45.5% of Loans Made in 1931.

Warehouse receipts for \$3,132,630 worth of cotton, held as collateral for loans, were reported to the Federal Seed Loan Office of the United States Department of Agriculture in the week ended Jan. 29, bringing total collections on 1931 seed loans to farmers to \$21,493,368, the latest report of the office, according to an announcement issued by the Department of Agriculture, Feb. 8, which also said:

Cash collections for the week were \$314,342. The receipts raised the per cent of 1931 loans collected from 38.1 to 45.5.

The jump in collections in the form of warehouse receipts does not represent any added collecting activity on the part of the Seed Loan Office, but is accounted for by end-of-season reports of cotton co-operatives which have been receiving these warehouse receipts on behalf of the Seed Loan Office when farmers owing for loans have stored their cotton.

Under special regulations by Secretary of Agriculture Hyde last fall, farmers may have their seed loans extended by storing cotton and turning

the warehouse receipt over to the Seed Loan Office. Cotton stored under this arrangement is valued as collateral at 8c. a pound, although in the collection figures it is valued at the market price.

Of the \$3,132,630 worth of additional cotton warehouse receipts held by the Seed Loan Office, six States turned in \$3,084,780 worth. Arkansas was first with receipts worth \$1,186,380; Louisiana next with \$1,033,230, and Alabama with \$465,930; Mississippi with \$268,050; Georgia with \$91,650, and Tennessee with \$39,540.

The following are the six States which were responsible for most of the warehouse receipts, as well as the number of bales held by the Seed Loan Office on Jan. 22 and Jan. 29 with the value at \$30 a bale:

State—	Jan. 29.		Jan. 22.	
	Bales.	Value.	Bales.	Value.
Alabama.....	37,028	\$1,110,840	21,497	644,910
Arkansas.....	65,792	1,973,760	26,246	787,380
Georgia.....	27,955	838,650	24,900	747,000
Louisiana.....	43,766	1,312,980	9,325	279,750
Mississippi.....	24,570	737,100	15,635	469,050
Tennessee.....	7,094	230,820	6,376	191,280

Nebraska Stockmen Facing Feed Famine—Sustenance for Animals Getting Scarcer and Their Credit Is Exhausted.

The following special correspondence from Omaha, Jan. 26, is from the New York "Times":

How the live stock in northeastern Nebraska is to be carried through the remainder of the winter has become a critical problem. This area, approximately 100 miles long by 30 to 50 miles wide, was almost completely denuded by grasshoppers and drouth last summer. The destitution resulting has been adequately met by the joint efforts of the Red Cross and the Governor's relief committee. But the live stock interests in this region are considerable and the problem of caring for the cattle, hogs and horses was overlooked in the activity of collecting food and clothing to meet human wants.

The surplus stock was shipped out long ago, but the farmers have been trying to hold on to their milk cows, poultry, breeding cattle and hogs. Some feed has been obtained through Federal feed loans, some on private credit and some on arrangements with farmers elsewhere to pay back in kind from next summer's crop. This has been inadequate to insure feed until the grass begins to grow again and the next harvest comes on.

Governor Bryan has been importuned to call a special session to appropriate money for a State-feed loan fund but he has held off.

Livestock Feed Loans Again Made Available.

In an effort to save starving livestock in South Dakota, Nebraska and Utah, loans again have been made available to farmers in these drouth-stricken regions, Secretary of Agriculture Arthur M. Hyde announced Feb. 2. The text of the announcement as given in the "United States Daily" of Feb. 3 follows:

Loans to feed live stock have again been made available to farmers in the drouth-stricken sections of South Dakota, Nebraska and Utah. Such loans were available in the Northwestern States last year but receipt of applications was discontinued Dec. 1.

Heavy snows during recent weeks in South Dakota, Nebraska and Utah have prevented stock from grazing on the range and cold weather has increased feed requirements beyond what was originally anticipated. At the request of stockmen and members of Congress representing these States, the loans have been reopened to save live stock from starvation.

Applications will be received at the Grand Forks, N. Dak., Seed Loan Office during February under the same regulations which were in effect last fall, except that the loans will now be made in amounts to provide feed for not to exceed three months.

Unexpended Balance of 1931 Drouth Relief Fund Made Available Under Senate Resolution for Feed Loans.

From the "United States Daily" of Feb. 2 we take the following:

Unexpended balances of the 1931 drouth relief fund are made available for live stock feed loans to farmers in the same areas under the terms of a joint resolution agreed to Feb. 1 by the Senate. The balances in the fund were stated to total approximately \$12,000,000.

The Senate acted on an original resolution from the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry which was presented by Senator Norbeck (Rep.), of South Dakota. In offering the resolution for the Committee, Senator Norbeck declared that severe winter conditions in the Northwest had found many stock raisers without feed for their stock and without sources of credit, due to closed banks.

The resolution makes no new money available, according to the Senator, who explained that it merely clarified the law. He told the Senate that the Secretary of Agriculture was not certain of his authority "and since Congress is in session, it may as well be made definite."

Regulations Issued by Reconstruction Finance Corporation Governing Loan Applications by Banks, Trust Companies, Joint Stock Land Banks, Live Stock and Agricultural Credit Corporations, &c.—Three-Year Limit Fixed for Banks and Railroads—Repayment Obligation Is Made Clear—New Ventures Barred—Financial Bodies Aiding Agriculture Exempted—Circular to Banks—Rail Pleas to Inter-State Commerce Commission Rule.

With the machinery for making loans from its \$2,000,000,000 fund already in operation, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation began on Feb. 8 the distribution of circulars to all institutions and companies eligible for loans under the law, instructing them as to the procedure to be followed in applying for financial assistance. The Corporation in separate circulars to banks and other financial

institutions and railroad companies outlined in detail the limitations and conditions under which the loans would be made. The text of the circular to railroads is given elsewhere in this issue of our paper, while that to banks, trust companies, Federal Land banks, &c., is given further below in this item. From the Washington account Feb. 8 to the New York "Times" we take the following bearing on the Corporation's regulations governing applications for loans:

Financial institutions were advised that loans made to them "to aid in financing agriculture, commerce or industry, including facilitating the exportation of agricultural and other products," would in no case exceed three years.

It was provided that loans could be made upon promissory notes of the borrower or by way of discount or rediscount obligations tendered for the purpose, "in such manner as to impose upon the borrower an unconditional obligation to repay such loans in accordance with their terms."

No loans will be made on foreign securities as collateral or for the purpose of bringing about their liquidation.

Special Farm Aid Provision.

Financial institutions created primarily for the aid of agriculture were exempted from a stipulation that no loans might be made for the purpose of "setting on foot" of financing any enterprise not undertaken prior to Jan. 22 1932.

Institutions so exempted include Agricultural or Live Stock Credit Corporations, Federal Land Banks, Joint Stock Land Banks, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks or other institutions financing agricultural operations.

No provision is made in the circular for applications from individuals except in so far as credit is made available for them through the various local banks. This does not apply in the case of farmers, who have a double approach, either through the advisory committees to be set up throughout the country for the purpose or by direct appeal to the Secretary of Agriculture.

Secretary Hyde is expected in the near future to issue his regulations under which farmers may apply for loans from the special fund of \$200,000,000 set aside by the Corporation for agricultural purposes.

Railroad companies seeking a loan from the Corporation will apply to it direct, duplicates of the applications being sent to the Inter-State Commerce Commission, which is to act on them, as will the regional agencies in the case of applications from banks.

The Corporation will make no loans without the sanction of the Commission, but need not grant a loan which receives approval of the Commission.

Information required of the railroads seeking loans will leave little undisclosed as to their financial status or corporate relations. The data supplied will be scrutinized by Division 4 of the Commission, consisting of Commissioners Meyers, Eastman and Mahaffie.

The carriers are required to state, among other things, whether they are participants in the marshaling and distributing plan of the Railroad Credit Corporation created to disburse the \$100,000,000 fund expected from the recent increase in freight rates, and if not, the reasons therefor.

They are further required to list amounts paid to the Credit Corporation from the revenues resulting from the freight rate increase and the amounts expected to be received in additional revenues therefrom.

Nature and Extent of Traffic.

Information about any loans received from the Railroad Credit Corporation anticipated or requests for loans from that body is also required, together with a complete description of the traffic moving over the rails of the applicant and the industries it serves, its prospective ability to repay the loan and full information concerning the security to be offered as collateral.

Loans by the Corporation to the railroads are limited to a period of not exceeding three years and may not exceed \$100,000,000 to any corporation, its subsidiary or affiliated organization at any one time. If the applicant company is able to secure all or part of the proposed loan from any other source, it is required to say so and on what terms.

A complete description or status of control of the company applying for a loan also is required, whether the control be by a company other than the applicant, direct or indirect; and if indirect, the name of the intermediary through which control was established.

The circular also cited legal requirements such as are usually included in applications to the Inter-State Commerce Commission for bond issues.

Information for Banks and Other Financial Institutions Desiring to Apply for Loans Under the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act.

1. To Whom Loans May Be Made:

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation is authorized to make loans to aid in financing agriculture, commerce, or industry, including facilitating the exportation of agricultural and other products, to the following: Banks, savings banks, trust companies, building and loan associations, insurance companies, mortgage loan companies, Federal Land Banks, Joint Stock Land Banks, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, credit unions, agricultural credit corporations and livestock credit corporations.

2. Maturities and Interest Rates:

Loans may be made for such periods as the Corporation may approve, having regard to the circumstances of each case, not exceeding three years. The rates of interest or discount will be determined by the Corporation from time to time.

3. Security.

The act provides that all such loans made by the Corporation must be fully and adequately secured. It also provides that no loan or advance may be made upon foreign securities or foreign acceptances as collateral.

4. Form of Obligation:

Loans may be made directly upon promissory notes of the borrower or by way of discount or rediscount of obligations tendered for the purpose, in such manner as to impose upon the borrower an unconditional obligation to repay such loans in accordance with the terms.

5. Limitations and Conditions:

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation act prescribes certain limitations and conditions upon loans and accordingly the corporation will require proper showing that all loans are within such limitations.

A. No loans or advances may be made upon foreign securities or foreign acceptances as collateral or for the purpose of assisting in the carrying or liquidation of such foreign securities or foreign acceptances.

B. No loan may be made for the purpose of initiating, setting on foot or financing any enterprise not initiated, set on foot or undertaken prior to Jan. 22 1932, except that this limitation does not apply to loans made to agricultural or livestock credit corporations or Federal Land Banks, Joint Stock Land Banks or Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, nor to loans made to banks for the purpose of financing agricultural operations.

C. All borrowers must consent to such examinations as the Corporation may require and that reports of examinations by constituted authorities may be furnished by such authorities to the Corporation upon request therefor.

6. *Applications:*

A form of application has been prepared and may be obtained from the Corporation at Washington, D. C., or from any Federal Reserve Bank or branch thereof. Applications for loans should be made on the prescribed form.

Credit Information.—Sufficient information should be submitted to enable the Corporation to determine promptly the financial condition of the applicant and the reasonable value of the security offered. Such information should include financial statements of the makers of collateral notes or true copies thereof and appropriate data on mortgage and unlisted securities, including copies of recent appraisals covering real estate securing mortgage loans.

Collateral listed in the application must be considered and valued by the officers authorized to execute the application. False statements and overvaluations of such security are subject to the penal provisions of the act.

Examination Reports.—Applicants which are not subject to supervision and examination by Federal authority are required to submit copies of the latest report of examination by State authorities, if subject to State supervision, and, if not, are required to submit the latest available audit.

7. *Procedure:*

Resolution authorizing the application and loan must be adopted by the board of directors of the applicant, and the application, exhibits and collateral submitted to counsel for the applicant, and his opinion obtained in the form prepared by the Corporation.

Three copies of the application and exhibits should be filed with the nearest loan agency of the Corporation and such agency may require such additional information as it deems advisable prior to transmitting the application to the Corporation with its recommendations.

The applicant will be duly notified of the action taken by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. If the application is approved the Corporation will make the proceeds of the loan available through the Federal Reserve Bank or branch of the district in which the applicant is located, upon the deposit of the applicant's obligation and the collateral therefor in accordance with the requirements of the Corporation. Collateral should be properly indorsed or assigned and mortgages should be accompanied by title papers and executed assignments to the Corporation in form for recordation.

8. *Other Applicants:*

Information as to applications by railroads and the receivers thereof is the subject of Circular No. 2 issued by the Corporation.

Instructions Issued by Reconstruction Finance Corporation Regarding Applications for Loans in Behalf of Railroads.

On Feb. 8 the Reconstruction Finance Corporation issued circulars indicating the procedure and the regulations to be observed in applying for loans from the Corporation. With respect to applications for loans by railroads and receivers thereof the circular reads as follows:

Information for Railroads and Receivers Thereof Desiring to Apply for Loans Under the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act.

Loans may be made by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation (a) to aid in the temporary financing of railroads and railways engaged in inter-State commerce; (b) to railroads and railways in process of construction, and (c) to receivers of such railroads and railways, subject to the following limitations:

1. The board of directors of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation must be of the opinion that such railroads or railways are unable to obtain funds upon reasonable terms through banking channels, or from the general public, and that the Corporation will be adequately secured.
2. Loans must have the approval of the Inter-State Commerce Commission and the form of obligation and terms and security therefor must comply with the requirements of the Inter-State Commerce Commission and of the Corporation.
3. The maturity of the loans may not exceed three years.
4. Loans may not be made for the purpose of initiating, setting on foot, or financing any enterprise not initiated, set on foot or undertaken prior to Jan. 22 1932.
5. Loans to any one corporation and its subsidiary or affiliated organizations may not exceed at any one time \$100,000.000.
6. No fee or commission shall be paid by any applicant for a loan under the provisions of the Act in connection with any application or any loan made or to be made under the Act, and the agreement to pay or payment of any such fee or commission is unlawful.
7. The applicant must consent to such examinations as the Corporation may require and that reports of examinations by the Inter-State Commerce Commission, or other constituted authorities, may be furnished to the Corporation upon request therefor.
8. Statements and valuations of securities offered by or in behalf of an applicant are subject to all of the governing provisions of the Act, and all such provisions should be read and studied by the individual or individuals making any such statements or valuations.

No special form of application is required. Nine copies of each application should be filed, three copies, including one signed original, to be delivered to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation at its office at 1825 H St., N. W., Washington, D. C., and the remaining six copies to be delivered to the Inter-State Commerce Commission, Washington, D. C.

Representations and material in support of applications should be arranged in the following order, as uniformity in presentation will expedite consideration:

1. Designation of applicant: (a) If a receiver, or receivers, full title, with date of appointment, qualification and court having jurisdiction; (b) Full corporate name of railroad, with States of incorporation and dates of incorporation; (c) whether applicant is engaged in inter-State commerce, with essential facts; (d) whether applicant is a railroad in process of construction.
2. The name, title and address of the person with whom conferences or correspondence should be had with respect to the application.
3. State whether applicant can secure the necessary funds in whole or in part from any other source and, if so, upon what terms. If not, the efforts which have been made and the reasons for this situation should be stated, giving full details of all negotiations undertaken.
4. Consent of applicant to such examinations as the Corporation may require for the purposes of the Act and (or) that reports of examinations

by constituted authorities may be furnished by such authorities to the Corporation upon request therefor.

5. Statement that no agreement has been or will be made by the applicant to pay any person, association, firm or corporation, either directly or indirectly, any commission or fee for the loan applied for an that no such payments have been or will be made by the applicant.

6. The purpose of the loan and uses to which it will be applied and the date or dates on which the funds must be available to the applicant. (Note limitations of the Act with respect to new enterprises.)

7. The present status of the applicant's existing financial relations with the United States as to:

(a) Loans made to the applicant and the security therefor: (1) under Federal control; (2) under Section 210, transportation Act, 1920; and (3) under Section 5 of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act of Jan. 22 1932.

(b) Claims under Section 209, Transportation Act, 1920, and the security pledged therefor.

(c) Claims on account of deficits under Section 204, transportation Act, 1920.

(d) Payments made by the applicant on account of excess net railway operating income under Paragraph 6 of Section 15A of the Inter-State Commerce Act, and securities pledged for indebtedness under that section. Give present status of proceedings before Inter-State Commerce Commission.

(e) Any other debits or credits existing between the applicant and the United States other than mail pay, transportation of troops, or income tax matters.

8. State whether applicant desires the entire amount of the loan for the full term applied for. If so, full particulars should be given.

9. The latest valuation placed by the Inter-State Commerce Commission upon applicant's property, separately stated for owned carrier and non-carrier property, and date as of which valuation was determined, together with the aggregate net property changes to the latest date to which such changes have been reported to the Bureau of Valuation.

10. State whether any subsidiary or affiliated organization of the applicant, or any organization of which the applicant is a subsidiary, has applied for or received loans from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. If so, full particulars should be given.

11. State whether the applicant has become a party to the Marshaling and Distributing Plan, 1931, of the Railroad Credit Corporation. If not, the reason therefor should be given.

12. Comparative statement, by months, to date, of the amounts paid to the Railroad Credit Corporation derived from the increases in freight rates permitted by the Inter-State Commerce Commission in Ex-Parte No. 103.

13. Comparative monthly estimate of the maximum and minimum revenues received and expected to be received from the increases in freight rates permitted by Ex Parte No. 103.

14. State whether the applicant has applied for or received loans from the Railroad Credit Corporation, or whether the applicant intends to apply for such loans. If so, full particulars should be given.

15. Statement of principal commodities carried, and statement of ten most important industries served.

16. Statement in detail as to the particular facts upon which applicant relies as to its present and prospective ability to repay the loan and to discharge its obligations in regard thereto.

17. Detailed description of the security to be offered for the loan. The applicant must furnish full information, together with copies of documents, and date appropriate to the security offered. The applicant should state its opinion of the value of any collateral offered and the basis for that opinion.

18. Schedules A to R below:

Schedule A.

Miles of line owned; miles operated, subdivided as to first track, other main tracks, yard track and sidings, and total all tracks operated; also the principal terminal of the road operated. State number of units of locomotives, freight cars and passenger cars, owned and leased.

Schedule B.

(A)—Comparative income account for the years ended Dec. 31 1921 to 1931, inclusive, and for each subsequent month of 1932, so far as available, in the form prescribed in Schedule 300-I of annual report form for steam roads, together with an estimate of such income, showing the basis therefor for the remaining months of the current year. State whether the amounts reported included revenues from increases in freight rates permitted by I.-S. C. Commission in Ex Parte No. 103.

(B)—The total dividends declared and the total dividends paid for each of the years indicated under (A) preceding.

(C)—Comparative statement of expenditures for maintenance of (1) way and structures and (2) equipment for the years ended Dec. 31 1921 to 1931, inclusive, together with estimates for the year ended Dec. 31 1932, and the basis of such estimates.

(D)—For the years indicated in (A) above, details of dividend income (Account 513), income from funded securities (Account 514), income from unfunded securities and accounts (Account 515), and miscellaneous income (Account 519).

Note.—The data required by paragraphs (A), (C) and (D) above must give effect to any restatement of the accounts which has been made by the I.-S. C. Commission.

Schedule C.

(A)—State whether any corporation or corporations, transportation or other, hold control over the applicant. If control, is so held (1) the form of control, whether sole or joint; (2) the name of the controlling corporation or corporations; (3) the manner in which control was established; (4) the extent of control; (5) whether control is direct or indirect; and (6) the name of the intermediary through which control, if indirect, was established.

(B)—State whether any individual association or corporation holds control, as trustee or otherwise, over the applicant. If control is so held (1) the name of the individual or trustee; (2) the name of the beneficiary or beneficiaries for whom the trust is maintained; and (3) the purpose of the trust.

Schedule D.

Statement of comparative general balance sheets as of Dec. 31 1921 to 1931, inclusive, and as of the close of the latest month for which figures are available. Use the I.-S. C. Commission's annual report form, Schedule 200-A and 200-L.

Schedule E.

Details of capital stocks. Large roads should use the I.-S. C. Commission's annual report form, Schedule 251. Small roads should use Schedule 690.

Schedule F.

Details of long-term debt. Large roads should use the I.-S. C. Commission's annual report forms, Schedules 261M, 261E, 261P, 262, 263 and 275. Small roads should use Schedules 670 and 902.

A list of the mortgages, pledges or other liens should be given, together with a brief statement concerning each, indicating the property or securities encumbered; the mortgage limit per mile, if any; and particulars as to priority and as to whether "open," "closed," or "open end."

If practicable, one copy each of all mortgages, deeds of trust or other similar instruments pertinent to the loan requested should be furnished; it will be necessary to furnish only one copy to the I.-S. C. Commission and one copy to the Corporation.

Schedule G.

Details of loans and bills payable: Large roads should use the I.-S. C. Commission's annual report form, Schedule 271. Small roads should use Schedule 901. Class II and III roads should report in detail items in excess of \$10,000 and \$5,000, respectively. Information on bank loans must include names of lending banks, amounts, maturities, interest rate of obligation and security therefor.

Schedule H.

Details of loans and bills receivable: The I.-S. C. Commission's annual report form, Schedule 223, should be used. Class II and III roads should report in detail items in excess of \$10,000 and \$5,000, respectively.

Schedule I.

State whether or not the applicant is under obligation as guarantor or surety for the performance by any other corporation, association, firm, or individual of any agreement or obligation. If so, particulars should be given.

Schedule J.

Details of other unadjusted debits: The I.-S. C. Commission's annual report for large roads, Schedule 228, should be used.

Schedule K.

Details of other unadjusted credits: The I.-S. C. Commission's annual report form for large roads, Schedule 2066, should be used.

Schedule L.

The par value of securities of other companies, owned, pledged and unpledged, listing each class of securities separately, showing purposes for which securities are pledged.

Schedule M.

Comparative statement for the four years ended Dec. 31 1931 of the amount charged to operating expenses under depreciation accounts, separately for way and structures and equipment, and the estimated amount of such charges for the year 1932, and subsequently by years during the period for which the loan is desired. State whether applicant has received or applied for authority to charge amortization depreciation, and if so, the basis and reasons for such accounting.

Schedule N.

An estimate of (A) non-operating income, and (B) deductions from gross income, as defined and classified under Schedule 300-I of the I.-S. C. Commission's annual report form for large roads, for the term of the loan applied for, stating under each account the basis of the estimate.

Schedule O.

Statement in detail of applicant's probable fixed charges and appropriations of income and surplus for the year ended Dec. 31 1932, and subsequently by years during the period for which the loan is desired.

Schedule P.

If a loan is requested for any construction purpose other than ordinary additions and betterments, copy of complete engineering estimates of costs and time required for completion, contracts, maps, &c., should be furnished.

Schedule Q.

If an advance is requested for financing an ordinary program of additions and betterments, file list giving description and estimated cost for all items involving gross expenditures in excess of \$10,000, supporting detail regarding any very large special items, the sum total involved, discussion of benefits of program as a whole, and extent to which program is under way.

Schedule R.

Applicant should furnish a carefully prepared monthly forecast for 1932, showing the cash balance at the beginning of each month and the cash receipts and disbursements, stating controlling factors used in making estimates.

Note.—In connection with all comparative statements supporting the application, substantial fluctuations should be explained. Omit cents from all financial and statistical statements. One complete set only of applicant's annual reports to stockholders since Dec. 31 1920 should be furnished to the I.-S. C. Commission and one set to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation with application.

Legal Requirements.

19. Applicants other than receivers are required to furnish with the application the following papers:

(a) Documents evidencing the legal power and authority of the applicant to enter into the obligations and give the security contemplated by the application and showing what corporate action by stockholders, directors, or otherwise will be required to validly exercise such powers. This data will generally include special statutes, charters, by-laws, or certified extracts of the same, showing the corporate powers, etc., of the applicant.

(b) Preliminary opinion of counsel that he is familiar with the corporate powers of the applicant, that the applicant is authorized to apply for the loan, and that when proper corporate action has been taken and the obligations executed, and security delivered as contemplated by the application, such obligations will constitute the valid and subsisting obligations of the applicant duly secured by a first and paramount lien on the same, or by a lien of the rank and priority stated in the application. Such opinion should also cover the validity and lien of each item of the collateral offered.

(c) Certified copy of resolutions of applicant's board of directors or executive committee will be required showing the authority of the officers to execute and deliver the application.

20. When and if the application is approved, the following papers will be required for deposit with the security:

(a) Resolutions of the board of directors or executive committee of the applicant, and where necessary, of meetings of the stockholders, authorizing the execution and delivery of the obligations of the applicant evidencing the loan and pledge of the security described therein, pursuant to and under the terms of the application, and authorizing the designated officers to receive and receipt for the proceeds of the loan.

(b) Certificate of election and present incumbency in office of officers designated in the foregoing resolutions, such certificate to contain specimen signatures of such officers and to be duly acknowledged before a notary public.

(c) Final opinion by counsel for the applicant to the effect that he is familiar with the corporate powers of the applicant that the applicant is authorized to execute and deliver the notes or other obligations evidencing the same, and to pledge and hypothecate the securities described in the application; that the notes or other obligations so executed and so delivered constitute the valid and binding obligations of the applicant, secured by the collateral described in the application and indicating that the corporation will obtain a lien on such security of the rank and priority stated in the application. Such opinion should also cover the priority and lien of each item of the collateral offered.

21. In the case of applications by receivers, the application should be accompanied by the following:

(a) Certified copy of the order of court authorizing the receiver to make the application.

(b) Opinion of counsel for the receiver that such receiver is properly qualified and acting, and that he is authorized to make the application; that the court appointing such receiver has jurisdiction and may legally authorize execution of the obligations and pledge of the security as contemplated by the application; that if and when proper decree or order of the court is entered, the receiver or receivers will be authorized to execute such obligations or give the security contemplated in the application. Such opinion should also cover the priority and lien of each item of the collateral offered.

(c) If and when the application of the receiver is approved by the Corporation, the receiver will be required to deposit with the Corporation certified copies of the court orders and decrees authorizing him to execute and deliver the obligations, and to give the security under and according to the terms of the application, together with final opinion of counsel as to the validity of the obligation and the lien of the Corporation upon the security so pledged. Such opinion should also cover the priority and lien of each item of the collateral offered.

22. Under special circumstances, additional legal documents and information may be required.

Seventeen Agencies Set Up by Reconstruction Finance Board—Regional Offices Designated for Loan Applications Soon Operating — Treasury Pays \$150,000,000 Toward Government's \$500,000,000 Contribution to Capital—Railroad Aid Put First—Directors Also Agree to Take Any Necessary Part of \$15,000,000 Intermediate Credit Offering.

Directors of the \$2,000,000,000 Reconstruction Corporation, after a long plan-drafting session on Feb. 7, announced that 17 regional loan agencies would be set up in its program of reviving the credit energy of the country. At the same time it was disclosed that the Treasury had paid in to the Corporation \$150,000,000 of the \$500,000,000 capital to be provided by the Government. Continuing, a Washington dispatch Feb. 7 to the New York "Times" said:

Railroads will be among the first to benefit by the operations of the Corporation. Several applications of roads have been filed and have been forwarded to the Inter-State Commerce Commission for study, before loans are made.

The Corporation has agreed to take care of any part of an offering of \$15,000,000 of 5% debentures of the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, which are not handled in the usual banking channels, by Feb. 15. Under the law the Federal Corporation is permitted to handle this type of security. It represents short-term paper which is not now rediscountable at the Federal Reserve Banks, although these banks are permitted to buy and sell the debentures.

This is the first instance in which it has been formally stated that the Corporation is prepared to act under the powers conferred by Congress. As to loans to private interests, the policy will be not to announce the identity of any borrower.

Regional Agency Procedure.

All applications for loans will be received by the regional agencies, which will soon be operating in offices of Federal Reserve Banks or branches in the specified cities. Other agencies will be added as the developing need requires.

For each agency an advisory committee, with local representation, will serve. Several such committees have been appointed and have accepted. Application blanks for loans will be supplied at the agencies, where the applications will be studied and forwarded to headquarters here with recommendations.

The loan agencies designated and their managers are as follows:

Boston, Harry A. Saunders.
New York City, Charles A. Miller of Utica, N. Y.
Philadelphia, O. Howard Wolfe.
Cleveland, M. J. Fleming.
Richmond, R. H. Broaddus.
Atlanta, W. E. McLarin.
Chicago, Howard Sims.
St. Louis, O. M. Atterberry.
Kansas City, Roy L. Bone, of Topeka.
Dallas, Warren Andrews.
El Paso, E. W. Kayser.
San Francisco, William A. Day.
Los Angeles, F. C. Bold.
Portland, Ore., R. B. West.
Salt Lake City, W. L. Partner.
Seattle, C. R. Shaw.
Spokane, D. L. Davis.

Hope for Reserve Rediscount.

The Intermediate Credit Banks are affiliated with the Federal Farm Loan Bureau, of which Eugene Meyer, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board and Chairman of the board of directors of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, was formerly the head. In normal times the debentures of these banks have been marketed without difficulty. The present offering, it was said, was for the general use of the system.

Officials of the Federal Farm Loan Bureau are hopeful that the securities of the Intermediate Credit Banks will be made rediscountable at the Federal Reserve Banks by revision and adoption of the Glass banking bill. They believe that if this is done it will be no longer necessary to call upon the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for aid.

Confer With President.

General Dawes, President of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation; Ogden L. Mills and Mr. Meyer conferred with President Hoover to-day to report on the progress made in getting the work of the Corporation under way. They would not discuss their visit.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission, under the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act, is instructed to pass upon applications for loans by railroads before the Corporation gives assistance.

The Commission has issued an order requiring railroads subject to its jurisdiction to file with it information as to their financial condition in addition to that heretofore supplied in monthly reports. The new data required include a list of maturities becoming due within six months of the filing of the monthly report, loans outstanding, deposits receivable and payable, dividends paid, total assets and liabilities and income statistics. The report must be filed within forty-five days of the month to which it refers, so that the report for January will be due about March 15.

Co-operation of the Railroad Credit Corporation, organized to collect and distribute the \$100,000,000 which will accrue from the recent increase in freight rates, also has been sought by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in the matter of loan applications from railroads.

Congressional Representatives from Seven States Create Sub-Committee to Present Recommendations to Reconstruction Finance Corporation to Secure Emergency Funds for Rural Needs of Mid-West.

Representatives in Congress from seven States, at a conference Feb. 5, created a sub-committee to present a series of recommendations to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation designed to assure adequate credit to meet the rural needs of the Mid-West. The "United States Daily" of Feb. 6, reporting this said:

The sub-committee met later in the day to formulate their recommendations and they arranged to meet with the Corporation's President, Charles G. Dawes, on Feb. 8.

The meeting was called by Representative Knutson (Rep.), of St. Cloud, Minn. After the conference Mr. Knutson made public the following written statement:

"Upon call of Harold Knutson, of Minnesota, the Congressional delegation from Minnesota, Iowa, North and South Dakota, Montana, Idaho and Wyoming met this morning for the purpose of formulating a set of recommendations to be made to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation so as to insure that the credit needs of the Middle Western States would be adequately met by the Corporation.

"A sub-committee consisting of Representatives Knutson and Goodwin of Minnesota, Robinson of Iowa, Burtness of North Dakota, Williamson of South Dakota, Leavitt of Montana, French of Idaho and Carter of Wyoming, was appointed to meet with Gen. Dawes Monday morning at 10 o'clock. At that time the committee will recommend the setting up of local organizations in the various sections of the country to pass upon applications for loans, such organizations to be free of 'big city bank' domination, the idea being to decentralize as much as possible the organization having to do with rural loans, and thereby insure that the needs of agriculture be amply provided for."

The following further information is from the "United States Daily" of Feb. 9:

Proposals designed to assure the rural areas of the Mid-West "a fair proportion of the available loan assets of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation" as compared with aid to be accorded the larger banking institutions in the metropolitan centers were submitted to the Corporation by a group of Representatives in Congress Feb. 8. The recommendations, drafted by a committee representing members from 12 Mid-Western States, were submitted to the Corporation's President, Charles G. Dawes.

The written statement embodying the recommendations follows in full text:

At a conference of the Representatives of the States of Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Colorado, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana and Idaho, held in the House Office Building on Feb. 5 1932, with reference to the relief to be extended by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in the Mid-West, the following was adopted as expressing the consensus of opinion of those present:

1. That a fair proportion of the available loan assets of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation be set aside or reserved to finance the agricultural Mid-West.

Creation of Loan Committees Suggested.

2. That said Reconstruction Finance Corporation set up a division within its organization that shall be especially charged with the making of loans and advancements to banks and other credit agencies that are principally engaged in financing agriculture.

3. That the operations of the said Reconstruction Finance Corporation with respect to loans and advancements to country banks and other agencies engaged in financing the agricultural community in the Middle West be segregated and divorced from the large city banks which do not deal directly with the farmers in the making of loans, to the end that the making of loans and advancements to such rural banks or loan agencies may be accomplished without influence or direction from such city banks.

Bill in New Jersey Assembly Would Create Credit Board to Assure Liquidity of Assets of Building and Loan Associations—In Emergency, Pool Would Borrow from Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

A measure which would set up a "Credit Board" of 12 members headed by the State Banking Commissioner, and assure the permanent liquidity of the assets of building and loan associations by a pool of reserve funds, was introduced in the New Jersey Assembly on Feb. 8, according to a Trenton advice to the New York "Times," from which we also take the following:

The bill has the support of the Banking Commissioner and the New Jersey Building and Loan League.

After an executive session, the Senate decided to refer the measure to a joint committee instructed to report back to-morrow.

Under the plan, every association would set aside as a permanent reserve for the protection of its members one-quarter of 1% of its gross assets. These appropriations would cease when the reserve equaled 2% of the assets and decrease if the assets diminished. From the pool the members could draw to meet maturities and withdrawals, and in emergency it could be augmented by borrowing from outside sources, such as the Federal Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

Iowa Asks Immediate Action by Reconstruction Finance Corporation Toward Absorption of Farm Paper.

The following from Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 5, is from the "United States Daily":

Governor Dan W. Turner has wired Charles G. Dawes, head of the Reconstruction Corporation, asking immediate action by that agency looking toward absorption of "good, but slow agricultural paper."

The Governor's telegram made public Feb. 3, follows in full text:

"Very important that Reconstruction Corporation commence to function immediately in this State and that loans here be handled through an Iowa manager and committee. This State expects a prompt and liberal handling of a very serious situation.

"Out banks must have an outlet for good, but slow agricultural paper with as little red tape as possible. If it comes at once, will save the situation in Iowa. Don't want Illinois connected up with this Iowa situation. If it is, Chicago will get all the benefit and Iowa none."

New York Regional Loan Office of Reconstruction Finance Corporation Organizing.

Organization of the New York regional agency of the Reconstruction Finance Corp., under the management of Charles A. Miller, Utica banker, is being pushed with the collaboration and assistance of the National Credit Corp. said the New York "Times" of Feb. 10, which also stated:

Mr. Miller has established temporary quarters in the offices of the Credit Corporation on the sixth floor of the Federal Reserve Bank building.

The local agency of the Reconstruction Corporation will make its permanent establishment also on the sixth floor of the Reserve Bank Building in space adjoining that now occupied by the Credit Corporation.

Mr. Miller has prepared a list of members of the advisory committee to be created in this district and it is expected that the names will be approved by the authorities in Washington soon. It was explained in banking circles that pending the completion of the organization of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation the National Credit Corporation will continue to function.

Possible Offering to Public of Debentures of Reconstruction Finance Corporation — Considered as Step to Combat Money Hoarding.

Suggestions that public offering be made of a portion of the debentures of the Reconstruction Finance Corp. is reported as having been considered by Administration officials. The Washington correspondent of the New York "Journal of Commerce" on Feb. 9 said the proposal might have the double effect of releasing hoard money and in furnishing funds for the Corporation. A sort of Liberty Loan campaign at which corporation securities in denominations as low as \$50 would be available to the public has been mentioned it was added. The same paper in advices Feb. 10 from Washington stated:

While the Reconstruction Finance Corporation may authorize a limited issue of low denomination debentures to be sold to the public under a plan similar to distribution of the Liberty Loan drives of war days, it was not anticipated to-day that a considerable portion of the \$1,500,000,000 which may be sought through securities issues will be obtained in that way.

No decision has been reached by the Corporation as to the manner in which its debentures will be distributed. There were three alternatives: (1) sales to the Treasury; (2) to offer them publicly in the market in which distribution would be similar to that of ordinary Government securities in which most of the debentures would be taken by the banks for their own use and that of their customers, and (3) sale under the Liberty Loan drive plan.

Would Attract Hoarded Moneys.

The latter was advocated in some circles as a method of bringing back to general circulation the enormous amount of money in hoarding, variously estimated up to \$2,000,000,000.

Some officials oppose the Liberty Loan drive plan except for a limited block of debentures. They favored sale to the Treasury, which in turn would offer Government securities in the regular channels. This, it was held, would simplify the operation and would not change the situation actually, since all debentures are fully Government guaranteed.

Any issue that would be made for general distribution would bear a low interest rate, around that on bank savings deposits, and therefore, would not be attractive to the banks. Denominations as low as \$25, \$50 or \$100 were suggested. It would be a considerable problem, attended by heavy expense and loss of time to obtain any great sum of money in this way, although from the standpoint of reducing hoarding a limited issue might be advisable.

Has Authority for Public Issue.

Under the law the Corporation has full authority to issue debentures to the public as its directorate see fit.

Offering of New Issue of \$15,000,000 Federal Intermediate Credit Bank Debentures.

Public offering of a new issue of \$15,000,000 5% collateral trust debentures of the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks was at par on Feb. 8 through Charles R. Dunn, fiscal agent. The debentures are dated Feb. 15 1932 and are due in four months. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation will take all, or any portion of these debentures remaining unsold on Feb. 15 1932, it was announced. The 12 Banks were created under an Act of Congress approved March 4 1923, to provide agricultural credits for an intermediate period. Aside from the capital stock subscribed to by the United States Government, additional funds are obtained through the sale of collateral trust debentures which are direct ob-

ligations of the issuing banks, but all banks are liable under the conditions of the Act, for the debentures of the other banks. Loans and discounts securing debentures represent advances made for production and marketing of crops and livestock under the provision of the Congressional Act and are not more than 75% of a conservatively appraised value of the commodities with agreements providing for the maintenance of adequate margins. This week's offering was referred to in our issue of Feb. 6, page 952.

Federal Intermediate Credit Banks Announce Plan to Make Debentures Eligible Collateral for 15-day Loans by Federal Reserve Banks—Norbeck Bill Said to Have Approval of Treasury Department.

Congress is being urged to make debentures of Federal Intermediate Credit Banks eligible collateral for 15-day loans by Federal Reserve Banks to member banks, according to information made public on Feb. 8 through Charles R. Dunn, Fiscal Agent for the banks. It is also proposed that these debentures be made eligible collateral for note issue by the Federal Reserve Banks. This is being urged by the American Farm Bureau Federation, the National Grange, livestock loan and marketing associations and farmers' co-operative marketing associations as well as agricultural credit corporations. The immediate cause for this action is the recent gradual increase in loan and discount rates of the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks and the consequent increase in rates charged by local lending institutions discounting farmers' notes with them.

The last debenture issue bore 5% interest. Loan and discount rates of the issuing banks may be 1% higher than the debenture rate, which would now make the money cost local lending institutions 6%. The lending institution, in turn, may add up to 3% to that rate in making its rate to the borrower. So, under prevailing conditions, it is contended, if the banks and discounting institutions charge the maximum spread the credit costs the borrowing farmers and livestock producers as much as 9% where the State laws permit such a high rate. This situation is particularly interesting to the livestock farmers and ranchers as they are the largest borrowers through livestock loan companies and agricultural credit corporations.

It is estimated, said Mr. Dunn, that the debentures which bear an interest rate of 5% could be sold at around 3 to 3½% if they had the desired marketability. They are now eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve Banks when they have a maturity of not more than six months, and recent maturity dates on debentures sold have been six months or less. In the case of the \$15,000,000 debentures offered on Feb. 8, the maturity was four months.

In the Norbeck Bill now before the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, which, it is stated, has had the approval of Mr. Mellon and the Federal Farm Loan Board, it is proposed that, in addition to making the debentures more marketable, the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks be authorized to accept notes, drafts and bills of exchange drawn by farmers' co-operative marketing associations.

Mr. Mellon is quoted as saying to Senator Norbeck:

It seems desirable to permit debentures and other obligations of Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, when complying with the requirements for purchase by Federal Reserve Banks, to be used as security for advances by Federal Reserve Banks to member banks on their promissory notes for periods not exceeding 15 days. Such an amendment would be of great benefit to the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks because its immediate effect would be to broaden the market for the collateral trust debentures issued by these banks. These are high-grade investments and member banks would purchase them in greater volume if they could be used as a basis for temporary credit with the Federal Reserve Banks in the event of some emergency or need for funds. It is believed they would not be used in this manner to any great extent, but the fact that they could be would be very valuable in the sale of debentures, and would greatly facilitate the operations of the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks in extending credit to agriculture.

Summary of Provisions of Act Providing for Additional Capital of Federal Land Banks.

The newly-enacted measure amending the Federal Farm Loan Act so as to provide additional capital to the amount of \$125,000,000 for the Federal Land Banks was, as has already been indicated in these columns (Jan. 30, page 769), signed by President Hoover on Jan. 23. On the last-named date the new legislation was officially summarized as follows:

The amendment to the Federal Farm Loan Act, passed by Congress Jan. 21, provides the following changes:

Increase in Capital Stock.—The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized, upon the petition of the Board of Directors of any Federal Land Bank and with the approval of the Federal Farm Loan Board, to subscribe from time to time to the capital stock in the Federal Land Banks. The amount made available for this purpose is \$125,000,000.

This stock is non-voting. It is to be retired as the original stock subscribed by the Federal Government to Federal Land Banks, that is amortized over a long period or it may be retired from funds which become available in the banks, with the approval of the Federal Farm Loan Board. The repayments to the United States Treasury are to be held available for the purpose of making future stock subscriptions should the occasion arise.

Reserves.—The Federal Land Banks, semi-annually, must carry to the reserve account not less than 50% of their net earnings until their reserve account shall show a credit balance equal to the outstanding capital stock of the banks. Thereafter, they shall add to reserves at the rate of 10% of the net earnings. After making these deductions, a Federal Land Bank may declare a dividend or dividends to shareholders of the whole or any part of the balance of its net earnings, with the approval of the Federal Farm Loan Board.

National Farm Loan Associations much charge to their respective account 10% of their net earnings until their reserves shall show a credit balance equal to 25% of the outstanding capital stock of the Association; thereafter, at the rate of 5%. After making these deductions, the Association may, at its discretion, declare a dividend to shareholders of the whole or any part of the balance of said net earnings.

Extension of Obligations.—When, in the judgment of the directors of a Federal Land Bank, conditions justify it, they may extend in whole or in part any obligation that may be or become unpaid under the terms of any mortgage. They may accept payment of any such obligation during a yield of five years or less from the date of such extension in such amounts as may be agreed upon at the date of making the extension. The sum of \$25,000,000 (included in the \$125,000,000 stock subscription) shall be used exclusively for the purpose of supplying any bank with funds to use in its operations in place of any amounts of which such bank may be deprived by reason of granting extensions.

Reference to the enactment of the bill by Congress was made in our issue of Jan. 23, page 610.

Counsel for Secretary of Treasury Mellon Tells House Committee Secretary Holds only a Minority Interest in Any Corporation and Only 15% of Stock of Aluminum Co. of America—Statement in Answer to Representative Patman's Charges Concerning Colombian Loan and Barco Oil Concession.

The Secretary of the Treasury, Andrew W. Mellon, owns only a minority interest in any corporation, holds only 15% of the stock of the Aluminum Co. of America and has no personal holdings in any bank, although the Aluminum company does hold an interest in a bank at East St. Louis, Ill., the House Committee on the Judiciary was told by Mr. Mellon's counsel on Jan. 15. The "United States Daily" of Jan. 16 reported this and went on to say:

A. W. Gregg, formerly General Counsel of the Bureau of Internal Revenue in the Treasury and counsel for Mr. Mellon in the charges submitted by Representative Patman (Dem.), of Texarkana, Texas, on which the Committee is asked to determine whether there is basis for impeachment, presented a general defense of Mr. Mellon against any violation of law in connection with his incumbency of the office.

Presents Statement by Mr. Mellon.

The defense, after a two hours' hearing preceding the Committee's adjournment until 10 a. m. Jan. 18, also presented a statement dictated by Secretary Mellon in Mr. Gregg's presence, regarding the so-called Barco concession in Colombia.

Mr. Patman had charged that Secretary Mellon at a banquet given at Washington by the Secretary of State, Henry L. Stimson, had told the President of Colombia that Colombian credit would be improved if the oil situation there were straightened out and that subsequently Colombia granted a 50-year exclusive concession to subsidiaries of the Gulf Oil Co. in which Mr. Mellon owns some minority stock, and that the National City Bank loaned Colombia \$20,000,000.

Secretary Mellon's dictated statement read to the Committee was in full text as follows:

Tells of Olaya Conversation.

"Mr. Mellon says that he met President Olaya at one of the usual social functions and, of course, conversed with him, but such conversation was general and respecting financial and other conditions in Colombia. Mr. Mellon had no conversation with President Olaya that had to do with the so-called Barco concession nor the Gulf Oil Corp., nor with any suggestion whatever, alleged or implied, as to any support or assistance upon the part of this Government with respect to Colombia obtaining credit.

"Mr. Mellon has never had any conversation with officials of our State Department concerning the Colombian loan nor has he had any conversation with any bankers with respect to this loan."

Mr. Patman had presented his charges at previous sessions.

Question of Evidence Debated.

At the opening of the defense statement, Representative Hall (Rep.), of Bloomington, Ill., said he assumed the statements presented by Mr. Patman and by counsel for Mr. Mellon are not evidence, that it is for the Committee to determine what shall be admitted as evidence and that he objected to information being referred to as evidence when not subject to the rules of evidence.

Chairman Sumners (Dem.), of Dallas, Tex., agreed that the statements are made on the high responsibility of those presenting them, but that "the chair does not regard the gentlemen who have spoken or who will speak as witnesses," as the Committee at this stage of the proceeding is to determine whether to impeach or not. Representative Michener (Rep.), of Adrian, Mich., interpolated that he recalled an impeachment hearing when the person making the charges was asked to make his statements under oath and that the person immediately left the room and was never heard from again.

Proceeding with the defense in which Mr. Gregg was assisted by E. D. Shepard, Mr. Gregg said it is admitted that Mr. Mellon owns a minority interest in numerous corporations engaged in inter-State commerce, but that whether he is interested in 300 corporations with assets totaling \$3,000,000,000 he, Mr. Gregg, did not know and he thought it is immaterial in this matter. He said he did not know how much stock the Mellon family may own in these corporations, which he also said is not material, nor how much is owned by his "business associates," whatever that term comprehends.

Stock Ownership Described.

"Mr. Mellon owns less than a majority of the stock of the Aluminum Company of America and he and his family, including R. B. Mellon, of Pittsburgh, owns less than a majority of the stocks of that company," he said. "He is not now and never has been a stockholder of the American Metals Company nor of the United Metals Selling Company. He does not own any stock of any bank, banking institution or trust company. He does not own all the stock of any corporation. He and the members of his family do not own all of the stock of any corporation carrying on the business of trade or commerce. He owns less than a majority of the stock of the Gulf Oil Corporation. He is not now and never has been a stockholder in the Jones and Laughlin Steel Company. He owns less than 25% of the stock of the Koppers Company and he and his family do not own a majority of its stock. The Standard Steel Company, of which he was formerly a stockholder, is now out of existence.

"As to sea vessels, he is not the owner in whole or in part of any sea vessel. He does own minority stock interests in the Aluminum Company of America, the Gulf Oil Corporation and other corporations which possibly own the vessels."

Mr. Gregg said Mr. Mellon not only does not personally own stock in any bank but had disposed of all his bank holdings before he became Secretary of the Treasury and did not sell them to any corporation in which he was interested. He said as a result of his checking up he found Mr. Mellon in selling his bank stock had "no strings" on the sale, no option or arrangement for its purchase back later on.

Aluminum Company Interests.

Mr. Mellon owns no stock in the Mellbank Corporation, a Pittsburgh concern, according to Mr. Gregg. Mr. Gregg added that the Aluminum Company of America owns 100 shares of the East St. Louis Bank out of the 6,000 shares of that company, and Mr. Mellon's interest in the Aluminum Company is 15% of its stock. As to the Overholt Distillery, Mr. Gregg said Mr. Mellon, before taking office as Secretary of the Treasury had created an irrevocable trust in Pittsburgh for the Overholt company.

Regarding the Koppers Company, counsel said the Koppers Construction Company had furnished drawings for certain operations in Russia, for which it had received \$300,000, a contract it had entered into in the interest of giving employment.

Denies Interest In Imports.

Mr. Mellon is not personally interested in any importations into the United States, although some of the corporations in which he is a minority stockholder might be, Mr. Gregg said. In this connection, he argued that the commissioner of Customs is in no sense an employee of the Secretary of the Treasury; that the Commissioner and his employees are independent in their oaths of office and their duties, although the Commissioner may consult the Secretary on such policies as administrative regulations, which do not have anything to do with specific rates of duties.

As to the charge that the Secretary is owner in part of the Gulf Oil Company and the Aluminum Company, Mr. Gregg reiterated that Mr. Mellon does own stock interest in these two companies and that he does not personally own any vessels operating in trade with the United States.

Regarding the charge that the tax laws are administered in secret, under the direction of the Secretary, and that large refunds amounting to tens of millions of dollars are made under his direction, Mr. Gregg also entered a denial of the Secretary having any responsibility in connection with refunds.

Submits Data On Refunds.

Tracing the course of refund procedure, reviews and rereviews and so on including reference of refund claims of \$75,000 or more to the Joint Congressional Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation, he said that never yet has a refund been made by the Treasury over any protest from the Joint Committee.

He submitted for the record a memorandum regarding the refunds of Federal income taxes made to Mr. Mellon during the years 1921-1925 inclusive and additional Federal taxes he has paid, showing a total for that period of \$209,299 additional taxes and refunds totaling \$91,026. The only refund of any considerable size he said was in 1926 when Mr. Mellon received a refund of \$72,359, his other refunds being \$16,982 in 1924 and \$1,685 in 1927.

Mr. Gregg said the Federal Government has never bought a dollar's worth from the Aluminum Company. He said he had asked Mr. Mellon regarding the charge that he was interested in mills in Soviet Russia and had violated the law in respect to importation of convict-made goods and that Mr. Mellon had never heard of the matter referred to in the charges.

He argued that ownership of stock in the corporations in which he now has minority interests does not disqualify Secretary Mellon from holding office and that there is nothing in his holdings that would so disqualify him under section 243 of the Revised Statutes.

He traced the history of Mr. Mellon's accepting office in 1924. When the proffer was made him, he consulted Judge Reed in Pittsburgh as counsel, and also Senator Knox of Pennsylvania and was advised he must dispose of his bank holdings and resign from directorship but would not have to sell his other stock holdings. He had also been similarly advised by a Washington law firm, Faust & Wilson, that ownership of the stocks he now holds in minority interests would not disqualify him but that bank stock must be disposed of and he followed the advice Mr. Gregg said.

Cites Ownership By Predecessors.

He cited ownership of stocks by former secretaries of the Treasury. He mentioned in this connection that Alexander Hamilton and Salmon P. Chase had owned stock in corporations. He said Lyman J. Gage owned stock in the First National Bank of Chicago and that Leslie M. Shaw was one of the largest stockholders in a big corporation.

Others he mentioned were Daniel Manning, stock in the Argus Corporation, and the Albany Electric Aluminum Company; George B. Cortelyou, who held dividend paying stocks in a corporation; Franklin MacVeagh, who owned stock in a trust company; William G. MacAdoo, who held stock in the General Gas and Electric Company and the Donald Steamship Line; David F. Houston, who held stock in a number of corporations including the General Electric Co. and power and electric concerns; Hugh McCullough; Carter Glass, who owns two newspapers and one of the largest stockholders in an enterprise in his home town of Lynchburg, Va.

A resolution calling for the impeachment of Secretary Mellon "for high crimes and misdemeanors" during his term as Secretary of the Treasury was introduced in the House of Representatives on Jan. 6 by Representative Patman (Democrat) of Texas. The resolution was referred to the Judiciary Committee, which has since been conducting hearings in the matter.

In again appearing before the Committee (Jan. 18), Mr. Gregg restated that Secretary Mellon does not own control

of any corporation, whatever industrial interests he has are of a minority character and he is not interested in any power company in Chicago, as alleged. Reporting the hearing on that day, the "United States Daily" of Jan. 19 said:

Corrects Previous Statement.

Mr. Gregg told the committee that he was in error in previously stating that the Commissioner of Customs was not appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury and that in checking up his statement he found that while the collectors and appraisers of customs are appointed by the President, the Commissioner in charge in the Treasury is appointed by the Secretary. Mr. Gregg had made the previous statement in support of his contention that the Commissioner functioned independently of the Secretary in passing on customs matters and was not an employee of the Secretary.

He said he had checked up with the Secretary about the charge that Mr. Mellon is interested in a power company in Chicago and finds that he is not personally, or through any corporation in which he has holdings, interested in any way in any power concern in Chicago. He said Mr. Patman had put into the record that Mr. Mellon had put up securities for the Union Gulf Corp. of Chicago and Mr. Gregg explained that Mr. Mellon had made a straight loan to the Union Gulf Co.

Explains Tax Refunds.

Respecting tax refunds to the Gulf Oil Co., he said application for the refunds was considered and decided before Mr. Mellon became Secretary, the mere issuance of the check being the only part of the transactions occurring after he took office; that it was all a routine transaction in accordance with law. The check in the case was not signed by Mr. Mellon.

Effects of Incorporation.

Chairman Sumners (Dem.) of Dallas, Tex., asked about legal constructions that a man owning substantial control of a business might evade responsibility by incorporation. Mr. Gregg replied that it would depend on how active a man might be in the corporations and that in Mr. Mellon's case "he does not own control of any corporation at all" and takes no part in any corporation management.

He said Mr. Mellon has never attended a meeting of stockholders of the Aluminum Co. of America since he has been Secretary of the Treasury, but said he thought Mr. Mellon had been represented by some one.

Chairman Sumners wanted to know who bought Secretary Mellon's bank stocks. Mr. Gregg said he would furnish that information.

Representative Dominick (Dem.) of Newberry, S. C., asked if Mr. Gregg would furnish the committee a list of Mr. Mellon's present stock holdings and the capital stock of those corporations. Mr. Gregg said he did not think any man wanted his private affairs spread on the public records. Representative Tucker (Dem.) of Lexington, Va., asked why Mr. Mellon sold the bank stocks when he took office, but not his other holdings. Mr. Gregg again pointed out that it was because the Federal Reserve Act requires divesting of bank stock only and that he had been advised by counsel that it was not necessary to dispose of other stocks.

Sale of Stocks Discussed.

"Do you know whether the sale of the bank stocks was through a broker or by a private sale in block?" asked Representative LaGuardia (Rep.) of New York City.

"I imagine it was a private sale in block," replied Mr. Gregg.

"What interest has Mr. Mellon in the Kopper company?" continued Mr. LaGuardia.

"He has a minority interest, but I think members of his family have a majority interest," replied Mr. Gregg.

Asked regarding the status of the Overholt company, Mr. Gregg repeated that Mr. Mellon had put all his holdings in that company in an irrevocable trust with the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh as trustee, and with Mr. Mellon as a beneficiary. He agreed that this trust agreement was entered into just before Mr. Mellon entered the Cabinet, but explained that the Overholt distillery had not operated for several years before because of the prohibition law. He said his putting his Overholt holdings into the trust was undoubtedly in anticipation of his becoming Secretary of the Treasury, and the same anticipation was true in respect to his disposition of his bank holdings.

"He did, then, realize the potentiality of the law on the subject?" asked Representative Michener (Rep.) of Adrian, Mich.

"Yes," replied Mr. Gregg, adding reference to the precautions Mr. Mellon took before taking office by asking advice of counsel regarding his holdings stocks, and the advice given him that holding of stock in corporations, except banks, does not disqualify for the office.

Mr. Gregg told the committee that Mr. Mellon had been very active in the management of the companies in which he was interested, prior to his becoming the Secretary of the Treasury, but he had since resigned from all boards of directors of these companies and his interest has been only passive. Chairman Sumners asked to whom that managerial and administrative interest had been shifted.

Mr. Gregg cited the names of Arthur Davis, Chairman of the board of the Aluminum Co. of America in connection with Mr. Mellon's aluminum holdings; R. B. Mellon, as having taken over the Mellon bank interests; W. L. Mellon, in respect to the Gulf Oil Co., and a Mr. Rust, in respect to the Koppers company, a public utility.

Chairman Sumners asked if in relinquishing these matters Mr. Mellon impressed on those who took them over what his policies were, and Mr. Gregg replied that Mr. Mellon did not do so.

References to the charges made by Representative Patman is made in another item in this issue of our paper.

House Committee Votes to Discontinue Impeachment Charges Against Secretary of Treasury Mellon—Hearings on Resolution Introduced by Representative Patman.

On Feb. 10 the House Judiciary Committee voted 17 to 4 in favor of the resolution to discontinue the impeachment hearings and charges brought against Secretary of the Treasury, Andrew W. Mellon, by Representative Patman of Texas. A Washington dispatch Feb. 10 to the New York "Times" stated that Chairman Hatton W. Sumners announced that the Committee had unanimously agreed there was no further reason to continue the impeachment hearings. The dispatch added:

Representatives Dyer and Gates were absent when the vote was taken. Representatives La Guardia, Browning, Tarver and Condon were said to

have been the four who voted against the resolution. The four dissenting votes resulted from the refusal of the Committee to include in the resolution certain statements which had been introduced during the recent hearings.

Mr. Sumners said that he had always felt that an impeachment was nothing more than an ouster proceeding and that in this case, as it now existed, there was nobody to oust.

The resolution adopted by the committee read:

Whereas Hon. Wright Patman member of the House of Representatives, filed certain impeachment charges against Hon. Andrew W. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury, which were referred to this committee; and

Whereas, pending the investigation of said charges by said committee, and before said investigation had been completed, the said Hon. Andrew W. Mellon was nominated by the President of the United States for the post of Ambassador to the Court of St. James, and the said nomination was duly confirmed by the United States Senate on the fifth day of February 1932, pursuant to law, and the said Andrew W. Mellon resigned the position of Secretary of the Treasury on the 00 day of February, 1932;

Be it resolved by this Committee, That the further consideration of the said charges made against the said Andrew W. Mellon, as Secretary of the Treasury, be and the same are hereby discontinued."

The date of resignation was left blank, as Secretary Mellon has not yet actually resigned.

On Jan. 6 the impeachment of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, was demanded by Representative Patman of Texas (Democrat) for "high crimes and misdemeanors" during his 11 years as Secretary of the Treasury. On the motion of Representative Joseph W. Byrns, Tennessee Democrat, the resolution immediately was referred to the Judiciary Committee of which Representative Sumners of Texas is Chairman. Hearings on the impeachment resolution were begun by the Committee on Jan. 13. On the previous day (Jan. 12) a dispatch from Washington to the New York "Times" said:

In making his charges in the House, Mr. Patman declared that Secretary Mellon had violated a statute enacted in 1789 by owning stock in about 300 corporations; that he owned in part, or wholly, certain shipping vessels, over which he maintained supervisory jurisdiction through the Coast Guard, and that he was a director in numerous banks.

Representative Hutton W. Sumners of Texas, Chairman of the committee, said that Mr. Patman would be the first witness to-morrow and that the Treasury Department has been asked to send a representative to the hearings.

Mr. Mellon has made no statement since the impeachment charges were made in the House.

Parliamentarians of the House have said that, under "customary procedure," the judiciary committee would be compelled to hold preliminary hearings under the resolution, but that it remained with that body to determine whether it should report to the entire house whether or not a more detailed investigation should be made.

The first session of the Committee on Jan. 13 was attended by all of its members, said a dispatch that day to the "Times," which also stated:

Mr. Patman's narrative was the same one that has been told before Congressional committees previously since Mr. Mellon was first named to become Secretary. It dealt with his wealth and alleged holdings in industrial and other stocks and bonds, which latter Mr. Patman charged was a direct violation of the law.

Much of the time was taken up with a recital of numerous alleged meetings by Secretary Mellon with the late James B. Duke, A. V. Davis, President of the Aluminum Co. of America, and G. G. Allen, representing the Duke interests in Canada.

Lays Active Part to Secretary.

These interests, it was declared, were composed of water power and aluminum plants which, Mr. Patman said, were in process of a merger with the Mellon American Aluminum holdings, and which, he declared, he related to show that Secretary Mellon took an active part in the management of his holdings.

He also charged that the Koppers Co. of Pittsburgh was owned by Secretary Mellon and three other persons, and that the company was now engaged in building a \$200,000,000 coke oven in Russia.

A. W. Gregg, former Solicitor General of the Treasury Department, and D. D. Shepard, attorney of Pittsburgh, represented Secretary Mellon, but only Mr. Gregg addressed the Committee. He said that they admitted stock ownership, but denied that Secretary Mellon owned controlling interest in any of the questioned corporations.

As to the hearing on Jan. 14, the "United States Daily" said:

Representative Patman concluded the presentation of his evidence on his resolution (H. Res. 32) which asks the House to impeach Mr. Mellon on the grounds that he has broken a 1789 law forbidding the Secretary of the Treasury to engage directly or indirectly in commerce. Adjourning until Jan. 15, the Committee announced it would hear at that time counsel for Mr. Mellon.

Cites Columbia Oil Case.

Representative Patman also charged that Mr. Mellon at a banquet given in Washington by the Secretary of State, Henry Stimson, told the president of the Republic of Colombia that the credit of his Nation would be improved if the situation centering in the oil resources was straightened out; that subsequently the republic granted a 50-year exclusive concession to subsidiaries of the Gulf Oil Co. in which Mr. Mellon owns stock, and at the same time the National City Bank loaned Colombia \$20,000,000. Representative Patman cited these allegations from a statement made Aug. 7 by the president of Colombia.

In offering to produce a witness who would show that officials of the Bureau of Internal Revenue were intimidated, Representative Patman said a worker in the Bureau who had three times returned the audit of an income tax refund case as correct finally was visited by his superior who said, "Don't you know these are Mellon corporations?"

Asks Calling of Witness.

Asked by the Committee if he knew whether the worker revised his report after his chief's visit, Representative Patman said he did not know but suggested that the Committee call the witness.

He also alleged that files of income tax refund cases were marked "This is a Mellon case," and that this fact was demonstrated before a Senate Committee presided over by Senator Couzens (Rep.) of Michigan.

Alexander W. Gregg, former solicitor of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, who represented Mr. Mellon, objected, saying that only one such file had been shown to have that label. In that instance, he said, the file was marked by a subordinate and his superior crossed the words out in disapproval.

Representative Patman, referring to Mr. Mellon, said, "He had not been in office long before he had granted himself substantial tax returns. They aggregate tens of millions of dollars. That can safely be said."

Points to Alleged Refunds.

The Gulf Oil Co., in which Mr. Mellon owns stock, has received "many millions" in tax refunds, according to Mr. Patman, and the Aluminum Co. of America, another Mellon interest, finally received \$15,000,000 for depreciation of its machinery during war work, although before Mr. Mellon took office it had asked for only \$6,000,000, later increasing its demand to \$18,000,000.

In response to a question from the Committee, Representative Patman declared he had evidence showing that on one occasion Mr. Mellon had been credited personally with \$72,300 in tax refunds and on another recent occasion with \$90,000. He admitted that he had no proof that Mr. Mellon himself passed on the cases, but contended that the principle was the same if Mr. Mellon's agents passed on them.

Ethics of Refunds Discussed.

Asked if the Secretary of the Treasury should not accept justifiable tax refunds to himself, Representative Patman said he would not criticize Mr. Mellon for honest returns to himself, but he would criticize him for returns to corporations in which he held stock. All such evidence, Representative Patman explained, was being introduced to show that Mr. Mellon was indirectly aiding his corporations while holding office.

"No man should be in the position of passing upon returns of his own companies," Representative Patman argued. "No honest man would want to be in such a position, and no dishonest man should be allowed to be in such a position."

At the beginning of the hearing Jan. 14, Representative Patman continued testimony given the day before to show that Mr. Mellon through the office of the Treasury's Supervising Architect was fostering the use of aluminum in Government buildings at the same time that he held stock in the Aluminum Co. of America. Representative Patman charged that a publication issued by the Treasury Department under the title of "The Federal Architect" infers by illustrations and articles that if architects "wish to please the Secretary of the Treasury" they will specify aluminum.

Promises Aid in Fuller Inquiry.

At the close of his testimony Representative Patman asked to be allowed to answer counsel for Mr. Mellon after their case was presented. He added that, if the Committee decided to conduct a formal investigation into the charges in his resolution, he would aid it in any way possible, but he does not feel it is his duty to assume full responsibility for a more prolonged inquiry.

Referring especially to the case of the Colombian oil concession, Representative Patman warned the Committee, "offenses like this, if committed, are not committee before witnesses. The only way you can prove offenses like this, if you can prove them at all, is by circumstantial evidence."

The answers to Representative Patman's charges, made in behalf of Secretary Mellon by his counsel, A. W. Gregg, are given under another head in this week's issue of our paper. On Jan. 18, Secretary Mellon's answer to the impeachment charges was concluded before the Committee, but they were immediately renewed by his accuser, Representative Patman. Associated Press accounts from Washington on that day (Jan. 18) said:

Alexander W. Gregg, representing the Secretary of the Treasury, made a sweeping disavowal of all the charges, submitted to questions by committee members and indicated his willingness to be questioned by Mr. Patman.

Such procedure, however, was ruled out of order by Chairman Sumners on the suggestion of Representative Dyer, Missouri, Republican. It was agreed, however, that Mr. Patman might suggest questions to the committee members for propounding to Gregg.

Before he left the stand, Mr. Gregg was directed to supply a list of the present holdings of the bank stock Mr. Mellon sold when appointed Secretary. He demurred, however, to a suggestion that all Mr. Mellon's holdings be presented and the request was not pressed.

Mr. Patman, who will continue before the committee to-morrow, renewed his charges that Mr. Mellon "brought pressure" to obtain the Barco concession in Colombia for the Gulf Oil Co. after admitting he was without proof.

Mr. Mellon had denied discussing the concession with President Olaya of Colombia or a credit extension to the Republic with bankers.

A loan by Secretary Mellon of his personal securities to the Union Gulf Corp. was described to the committee by Mr. Gregg. He said it was entirely legal.

Representative Patman presented the stock transaction as evidence to support his contentions that Mr. Mellon engaged in business in violation of law.

Mr. Gregg said Mr. Mellon had supplied part of the securities lent to the Union Gulf Corp. to be used as collateral for a bond issue.

"It was a straight loan for a consideration and did not constitute engaging in business," Mr. Gregg said.

Chairman Sumners questioned Mr. Gregg, who opened his argument last Friday, on application of the law to stock ownership.

"I think it would depend on how active the stockholder was," Mr. Gregg replied. "If he continued to run a company he would be barred, whether he owned 99 or 1% of the stock. Mr. Mellon has not taken any active part. He does not own control in any corporation."

"Mr. Mellon has never attended even a stockholders' meeting of any corporation since he has been Secretary. He has given his proxy."

President Olaya's Oil Version Disputed by Secretary Mellon—No Colombian Loan Hint Recalled—Senator Johnson Produces Bogota Interview with Chief Executive Concerning Visit Here.

A dispatch to the New York "Times" from Washington Jan. 15 is quoted in part as follows:

A statement by President Enrique Olaya Herrera of Colombia on Aug. 7 1931, as reported in "El Tiempo," a Bogota newspaper, that in 1930 Secretary Mellon had advised him to settle Colombia's oil disputes as a means of hastening Colombia's economic recovery was produced to-day by Senator Johnson of California at the Senate Finance Committee's investigation into the flotation of foreign securities in this country.

At the same time, a spokesman for Mr. Mellon read before the House Judiciary Committee, which is studying impeachment charges against the Secretary, a statement dictated by Mr. Mellon in which he denied

having discussed the Barco oil concession with President Olaya, or having implied that any Government assistance would be rendered to Colombia.

The statement by President Olaya reported in "El Tiempo," and a brief able dispatch to the New York "Times" from Bogota, printed on Aug. 8 1931, dealing with the same subject, were put into the record by Senator Johnson.

"Bogota Lawyer" Sent Copy.

Colombia's oil legislation in 1931 included ratification of the Barco concession, valued at \$300,000,000 to \$2,000,000,000 and owned principally by the Gulf Oil Co., a Mellon property. The concession was ratified last June, ten days prior to the payment of a final credit of \$4,000,000 to Colombia by a banking syndicate headed by the National City Co. of New York.

The granting of the concession and the payment of the credit came partially as a result of efforts by the State Department, according to previous testimony, although officials of the State Department have disclaimed any connection between them.

Senator Johnson also put into the record during cross-examination of Francis White, Assistant Secretary of State, a message to the Colombia House of Representatives from President Olaya, dated June 19 1931, the date of ratification of the concession by that body, which termed ratification "one of the necessary steps in the complicated and difficult work to bring about the economic rehabilitation of the country."

This address, Senator Johnson said, was sent to him, together with the copy of "El Tiempo," by a "prominent lawyer" in Bogota, whom he did not name. The newspaper interview concerned President Olaya's first year in office and his efforts to rehabilitate Colombia.

President Olaya was quoted as saying that his conversation with Secretary Mellon concerning oil took place when he was seated beside Secretary Mellon at a dinner given by Secretary of State Stimson, while President Olaya was visiting the United States as President-elect of his country.

**Governor Roosevelt of New York on Rising Taxes—
Cites 39 Counties Which Have Increased Rates
Despite State Aid.**

"The mounting expenses of Government and the correspondingly increasing load of taxation present a problem that is not merely serious—it is menacing," said Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, in an address broadcast at Albany on Feb. 8 over Station WGY. "The whole tax bill of the people of the State of New York for State and local purposes," he said, "had been more than \$1,000,000,000 for each of the last few years." He pointed out that in the period from 1913 to 1928, the general property tax levy in the 57 counties, outside New York City rose from \$74,000,000 to \$288,000,000. "The State," the Governor noted, "assumed in 1930, burdens of expense to the amount of \$31,000,000 that the counties had borne in 1928, but the counties in 1930 spent, not less, but \$13,000,000 more than they had spent in 1928, so that in effect the cost of local Government in these 57 counties increased over \$44,000,000 over its cost in 1928. That is the appalling fact." He likewise said:

There are, it is true, some brighter spots in the picture. Of the 932 towns represented in these counties, 535 show small decreases in the general property tax levies of 1930 as compared to 1928 and 18 counties out of the 57 show decreases which amount in the aggregate to \$13,326,688. But the other 39 counties all increased their levies, and the aggregate amount of their increases is \$26,426,453.

... I don't propose to give to local spending authorities any more and further opportunity to waste State funds until they show that they know how to deal fairly with the taxpayer in the use of the State funds that are now being given them. There is a demand from a certain type of politician that further amounts of cash be sent from Albany to be expended in the localities by local officials. I am resolutely opposed to any such policy. The officials in 39 counties of the State have shown that they are not to be trusted and I am absolutely against the State's acting as a collection agency for them until they have demonstrated a new attitude and a new conception of their duty.

The text of the Governor's speech, as given in the New York "Herald Tribune" of Feb. 9 follows:

Citizens of the State of New York:

As I have done on a number of other occasions since I became Governor of the State, I have sought this opportunity to talk to you by radio on a subject I think of vital importance to you. All of you within reach of my voice, share in some manner the burden of maintaining government, just as you all share in the benefits which government brings to you in the form of preserving order, protecting life and property, caring for the unfortunate, providing education, building and maintaining roads, promoting and regulating trade and commerce, and so on. All of you are interested in seeing that you get good service from your government and seeing too that you get dollar for dollar in service rendered for the money you pay out in taxes.

It is that matter of getting your money's worth for your tax dollar that I wish to speak to you about to-night. I have arranged for this opportunity to speak to you because what I have to say needs to be said now. There is a situation before us that needs your attention and needs it without delay. It is a matter for the attention of the final authority in the affairs of the State—the voting citizens, and I take this means of getting as large an audience as possible consistent with my remaining here on duty at the capitol of the State while the Legislature is in session.

Just now attention is being concentrated on the Legislature and the Governor in connection with the budget for the next year's expenditures of the State government. This intensity of interest in public finances is of intermittent occurrence. Hard times and falling revenues, with the prospect of new forms of taxation, stir it to life. This is a silver lining to the cloud.

I welcome this attention. I wish only that it were more regularly sustained, and that it would direct itself in a more intelligent and better-informed way to the roots of the problem.

The mounting expenses of government and the correspondingly increasing load of taxation present a problem that is not merely serious. It is menacing. I am here not to minimize that problem, but to emphasize it. The executive budget for State expenses, because it consolidates and organizes into one formidable sum a part of the cost of government in the State affords a shining target to shoot at. But it is only a small portion of the whole story of governmental expense in the State. You

have a right to be concerned over the State budget, but you have an even greater duty and responsibility over the great mass of local expenditures that represent the major portion of your tax bill. Over this mass of local expenditures, the State Legislature, and I as Governor of the State have no direct control and only such influence as we may exert through you citizens and taxpayers by helping you to examine your problems.

Division of State Funds.

The whole tax bill of the people of the State of New York for State and local purposes has been more than a \$1,000,000,000 for each of the last few years. The State budget this year is in the neighborhood of \$300,000,000, but \$100,000,000 of that will go back to localities in the form of school and highway aid, so that the share of the State Government for carrying on its State-wide services will be less than \$200,000,000—less than a fifth, in other words, of the whole State and local tax bill.

The real property tax—the tax on land—is the base of our tax structure and the main source of revenue for local purposes. Is it clear in all of your minds that not one penny of the tax on real property, whether on farms or on city lots, goes to the State or is used for any State purposes?

Apparently, it is not clear even to some local officials, for only yesterday I learned of a farmer who had made complaint that his tax bill was too high and was told by a supervisor that this was because both the State and county levies were high this year. I hope none of you listening to-night are so ill-informed as to accept any such falsehood. Let me repeat that there is not one penny of State tax on your property tax bill and hasn't been since 1928.

Let me give you a simple picture of the cost of real property taxes outside of New York City over a period of years. The general property tax levy in the other 57 counties in the State rose from \$74,000,000 in 1913, to \$146,000,000 in 1920, and to \$288,000,000 in 1928. That means that your real-estate taxes doubled in the first seven years, and then doubled again in the next eight years. On an average, they are nearly four times as high as they were less than a generation ago.

Farmers Driven from Homes.

That was the situation that faced us at the beginning of the year 1929. Nobody seemed greatly alarmed. Those were accounted prosperous times. We wanted better roads; we wanted to improve our schools; we wanted to take better measures to protect our health and we forgot all these things would cost money.

But it was realized by some of us that this accumulating load of public expenditure was bearing with cruel and unjust force on one portion of our population. It was driving farmers from their homesteads; it was robbing others of a decent living.

This was the first problem that faced the Agricultural Advisory Commission which I appointed soon after my election in 1928. This non-salaried body is made up without partisan distinction of practical farmers, educators, heads of State departments and members of the Legislature.

The Advisory Commission recommended some remedial legislation to lighten the tax burden of the farmer. As a result of their recommendations, which I promptly transmitted to the Legislature, important new tax legislation was enacted in 1929 and 1930. The object of this legislation was to relieve counties and towns, and through them the rural taxpayer, of heavy burdens of expenditure they had hitherto borne and to transfer these burdens to the State budget, where they would be met by form of taxation other than property taxes.

I do not say that the effect was to reduce substantially local taxation and farm taxation. It should have done that, but it has done it only in some localities.

Tax Levies Considered.

Let us now delve into some figures which will show us the actual workings of these laws and their effect on local taxation. Consider tax levies of the years 1928 and 1930, leaving out of the reckoning the five counties which constitute the City of New York.

The first item is that the State in 1929, for the first time in 12 years, abolished the direct property levy for State purposes. It has not been employed since then. The counties outside New York City were thus relieved of a burden of \$4,763,313.

The second item is that counties were freed of the obligation to pay 35% of the cost of construction of county highways and bridges. This in 1930 decreased county expenditures outside New York City by \$6,914,800.

The third item is that towns and villages were relieved of annual charges for State highway maintenance which in 1930 amounted to \$596,873.

The fourth item is that the cost to the counties of grade crossing elimination was reduced for the year 1930 by \$731,583.

The fifth item is of increased aid to rural schools. Under chapters 357 and 358 of the Laws of 1929 special additional assistance was given to the small rural schools of one to four teachers. The additional aid so granted amounted in 1930 to \$2,927,973.

Highway Aid Increases.

The sixth item is that an increase was effected in the amount of State aid for the construction and improvement of town highways. The amount so granted which should have operated to reduce town highway levies of 1930 was \$772,178. That aid, by the way, was so distributed as to be of special help to the poorer towns.

The seventh item consisted of a direct contribution of funds to the localities for highway purposes from the proceeds of the 2-cent gasoline tax, adopted on recommendation of the Advisory Commission. The amount thus shared to counties outside New York City in 1930 was \$4,396,212.

The sum of these seven items of expenditures taken off the books of the counties and localities by the State in 1930 above and beyond the State contributions to them in 1928 was \$21,402,933. These were all results of the new legislation in 1929 and 1930. But there were in addition other gains by the counties in 1930 as compared to 1928 which should have been expressed in reduction of local taxation. The State shares with the localities personal income taxes, business corporation taxes, motor vehicle registration fees and mortgage taxes, and in 1930 the revenue to the localities, outside New York City, from these sources increased over 1928 by \$4,108,404. And one more item: State aid for schools and highways, under old laws, increased in the year 1930 over 1928 by \$6,593,347.

Here is a total in these nine items representing gains to counties and localities outside New York City in 1930 as compared to 1928 of \$31,804,684. Every penny of this could have been passed on in the form of savings to the property owners who pay taxes for the support of local government. That is the real point I want you to understand.

County Levies Increased.

But what actually did happen? Were taxes in the 57 counties outside New York City actually reduced by something like this amount? No; they weren't reduced in this amount nor in any amount. The fact is that they were actually increased. The net amount of this increase for the 57 counties was \$13,000,000, instead of a decrease of \$31,000,000.

Mark what this means: The State assumed in 1930 burdens of expense to the amount of \$31,000,000 that the counties had borne in 1928, but the

counties in 1930 spent, not less, but \$31,000,000 more than they had spent in 1928, so that in effect the cost of local government in these 57 counties increased \$44,000,000 over its cost in 1928. That is the appalling fact.

There are, it is true, some brighter spots in the picture. Of the 932 towns represented in these counties, 535 show small decreases in the general property tax levies of 1930 as compared to 1928, and 18 counties out of the 57 show decreases which amount in the aggregate to \$13,326,688. But the other 39 counties all increased their levies and the aggregate amount of their increases is \$26,426,453.

In the list of counties which have increased their tax levies, in spite of the millions of additional State help given to them, a handful stand out as major offenders. They are Westchester, with an increase of more than \$9,000,000; Nassau, with an increase of more than \$5,000,000; Albany, with an increase of more than \$2,000,000; Suffolk, with \$1,750,000 increase; Onondaga, with more than \$1,500,000; Broome, with more than \$1,000,000, and Oneida, with nearly \$750,000.

The other counties on this roll of shame are Alleghany, Cayuga, Chautauqua, Chemung, Clinton, Cortland, Dutchess (my own county, so you see I am paying no favorites), Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Lewis, Montgomery, Niagara, Ontario, Orange, Oswego, Otsego, Putnam, Rensselaer, Rockland, St. Lawrence, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Schuyler, Seneca, Sullivan, Tioga, Ulster, Warren, Washington and Yates.

It is true that some of these counties increased their levies only in relatively small amounts—Hamilton County, for instance, by only \$4,600—but Hamilton County got \$120,600 of additional help from the State in 1930 as compared to 1928 and should have reduced taxes instead of increasing them. And that is true of every one of this list of 39 counties I have read to you. Every one received large sums in additional aid from the State in 1930 as compared to 1928, and every one of them withheld every penny of that aid and piled on added burdens of taxation besides.

But the record is not all black. There are 18 counties in the State which did not increase their tax levies in 1930 over those of 1928, and in this number there are three, and only three, which reduced their levies by an amount more than equal to the whole sum of the additional State aid given to them. These three counties, which deserve a place on a special honor roll of the counties of the State, are Erie, Genesee and Wayne. Erie County made a cut of eleven and a half millions in the tax levy, and after allowance is made for two millions of additional State aid is still nine and a half millions on the right side. Genesee cut the tax levy more than \$200,000 and is \$13,500 to the good after the State help is deducted, while Wayne County made a cut of \$276,000 and created a surplus benefit of \$7,900 for her taxpayers.

Thirty nine Counties Censured.

Fifteen other counties of the State passed back a part of the savings granted by the State, but only a part. They showed some little appreciation of what had been done for them, but not full appreciation. The other 39 counties whose names have been read to you paid no attention at all to their obligation to give the taxpayers the benefit of the extra State assistance. By additional spending in 1930 they absorbed all the State aid and billed the taxpayers of their counties for still another 26,000,000 of dollars. I submit that the record of these 39 counties is a disgrace to the administration of public affairs in this State.

Note the position in which this puts the farmers and rural taxpayers of the State. They asked me and asked the Legislature for measures of relief from heavy property taxation. We counseled with them and worked out a plan to give it to them. Some it reached in the full amount, but very few of them. A few others got a part of it, but not all, while most of them got none of it. The great bulk of the relief stuck in the hands of the messengers to whom we entrusted its delivery, faithless boards of supervisors or faithless town boards.

Now, until we get a more trustworthy delivery service, I, for one, am not going to send any more valuables that way. The risk is too great and loss is too heavy.

To speak in plainer language, I don't propose to give to local spending authorities any more and further opportunity to waste State funds until they show that they know how to deal fairly with the taxpayer in the use of the State funds that are now being given them. There is a demand from a certain type of politician that further amounts of cash be sent from Albany to be expended in the localities by local officials. I am resolutely opposed to any such policy. The officials in 39 counties of the State have shown that they are not to be trusted and I am absolutely against the State's acting as a collection agency for them until they have demonstrated a new attitude and a new conception of their duty.

You have asked and you are continuing to ask for further relief from excessive taxation. I think you are right in that demand and I support it. I believe, and I think you will agree with me, that the 20 cents of the tax dollar that is being spent by the State for State purposes is being spent inefficiently.

Calls Experiment Futile.

Your demand for relief should be concentrated on the 80 cents that is obviously being spent very inefficiently, whether you own property or pay taxes in the form of rent. Your heaviest burden is property taxation, all of which is locally collected for local purposes and of which the State gets not one penny. We have tried a method by which the State sought to relieve your burden of local taxation by giving aid to the localities. It hasn't worked well enough under our present organization of local government to justify our pushing the experiment further.

We need to give our local governments more attention than we have been giving them. At the least we need a housecleaning. Maybe we need a rebuilding.

I have enough faith in democracy and enough faith in you as citizens to believe that we can do better when we once put our minds to the problem and put our hearts into the fight.

As a final word, let me add that I have had a table prepared showing the amount of the additional State aid to counties in 1930, the increases and decreases in the tax levies and the amount of increased cost of local government by counties. I shall be happy to send a copy of this table to any citizen who writes to me for it.

From the New York "Times" we take as follows the table made public by the Governor:

County—	Additional Help by State, 1930 Over 1928.	Increase or Decrease In General Property Tax, 1930 Over 1928.	In Cost of Local Government.
Albany	490,400	\$2,132,900	\$2,797,500
Alleghany	490,400	89,400	579,800
Broome	633,200	1,106,600	1,739,800
Cattaraugus	703,500	-173,900	329,600
Cayuga	532,800	158,000	690,800
Chautauqua	862,100	44,900	907,000
Chemung	285,200	19,500	304,700
Chenango	337,000	-17,800	319,200
Clinton	437,900	110,700	548,600
Columbia	366,900	-25,700	341,200
Cortland	246,500	155,400	401,900

County—	Additional Help by State, 1930 Over 1928.	Increase or Decrease In General Property Tax, 1930 Over 1928.	In Cost of Local Government.
Delaware	597,200	-61,100	536,100
Dutchess	530,400	355,500	935,900
Erie	2,010,500	-11,564,400	-9,554,900
Essex	342,000	-53,300	288,700
Franklin	410,300	121,900	532,200
Fulton	222,900	115,600	338,500
Genesee	209,100	-222,600	-13,500
Greene	231,700	-28,600	203,100
Hamilton	120,600	4,600	125,200
Herkimer	402,200	-141,500	260,700
Jefferson	598,200	-16,000	582,200
Lewis	419,900	121,500	541,400
Livingston	326,200	-37,100	289,100
Madison	292,200	-201,400	90,800
Monroe	1,649,900	-88,600	1,561,300
Montgomery	393,000	77,500	470,500
Nassau	1,838,400	5,382,700	7,221,100
Niagara	812,900	280,000	1,092,900
Oneida	884,900	738,700	1,623,600
Onondaga	1,199,100	1,597,000	2,796,100
Ontario	330,100	22,600	352,700
Orange	558,300	60,000	618,300
Orleans	213,000	-63,200	149,800
Oswego	474,700	187,700	662,400
Otsego	536,100	66,700	602,800
Putnam	158,200	112,300	270,500
Rensselaer	626,700	246,200	872,900
Rockland	253,000	415,100	668,100
St. Lawrence	908,100	198,800	1,106,900
Saratoga	388,300	388,200	776,500
Schenectady	683,400	123,200	806,600
Schoharie	211,800	47,000	258,800
Schuyler	158,000	28,100	186,100
Seneca	112,100	37,500	149,600
Steuben	630,000	-138,500	491,500
Suffolk	780,600	1,755,300	2,535,900
Sullivan	399,800	247,800	647,600
Tioga	341,800	10,300	352,100
Tompkins	418,700	-82,500	336,200
Ulster	518,000	281,600	799,600
Warren	447,900	174,600	622,500
Washington	411,500	18,000	429,500
Wayne	268,300	-276,200	-7,900
Westchester	2,129,900	9,364,900	11,494,800
Wyoming	323,500	-133,200	190,300
Yates	321,800	28,100	349,900
Total	\$31,804,700	\$13,099,800	\$44,904,500

First column includes State aid, locally shared State taxes and State assumed functions of local government. Figures compiled from New York State tax reports, and records of various State departments.

New York Senate Votes Stock, "Gas" Rises—Bills Add 2 Cents to Transfer Levy and 1 Cent to Gasoline.

Two of the special tax levies recommended by Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt as necessary to balance the State's budget, were rushed through the New York Senate on Feb. 10 and sent to the Assembly for similar action. Associated Press advices from Albany Feb. 10 further reported:

An increase from 2 to 3 cents in the impost on gasoline was proposed in one bill, approved by a 35 to 16 vote in the Upper House. The second tax measure would raise the levy on the stock transfer tax from 2 to 4 cents. Five Republican Senators opposed this bill at the outset and later were joined by a sixth majority party member, giving a final vote in the Senate of 42 to 6.

Grenville Clark on Railroad Situation—Aid From Reconstruction Finance Corporation of Temporary and Emergency Character—Sees Constructive Plan in Inter-State Commerce Commission's Decision of Last October in 15% Rate Case.

Citing as measures of a "temporary and emergency character," the contemplated Government aid in behalf of the railroads from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and "the emergency rate increases which were granted for the express purpose of aiding the roads to meet fixed charges," this terminating on Mar. 31 1933, Grenville Clark, of Root, Clark & Buckner, New York City, before the Eastern Savings Conference, in New York City on Jan. 28, under the auspices of the Savings Division, American Bankers Association, said:

These measures are highly essential. I do not deprecate their importance, but I must point out that they are not directed to that real stabilization of earning power which alone can permit the roads to meet their requirements by the sale of securities to the public.

In respect of a program having more fundamental and longer-view purposes, the most comprehensive statement of a constructive plan is to be found in the last section of the Inter-State Commerce Commission's decision of Oct. 1931, in the so-called 15% rate case under the heading "The Railroad Future." Here will be found a far-reaching set of recommendations the adoption of which would go a long way towards placing railroad credit on a solid footing. Recognizing that there is no single and easy panacea, the Commission has recommended a series of steps designed, when taken together, to accomplish a great result. Without going into detail, I mention briefly the chief points of this program:

First: The amendment of Sec. 15a of the Inter-State Commerce Act to repeal the recapture of earnings both for the future and retroactively, and further to prescribe a new general formula for rate regulation which would recognize in substance that railroad rates should be maintained in good times in order to permit the carriers to lay by reserves against times of adversity.

Second: The "proper regulation" in the public interest of all competitive forms of transportation. Here the Commission refers not only to regulation of highway carriers as to rates and service, but makes the vital suggestion of "such taxation of trucks and buses as may be necessary to impose upon them a fair share of the burden of the public highways which they use." Under this head also comes the regulation of water traffic, both inland and coastwise. As to the latter, the Commission refers to the regulation of "the port-to-port rates of common carriers by water, which are now subject to no effective regulation." The Commission mentions specifically the lines operating through the Panama Canal and suggests that a

greater measure of public control "may be in the interest of the water carriers themselves as well as in the general interest." The far-reaching character of these recommendations is apparent.

Third: Relief of the railroads from expenditures required by law, which do not contribute to their earnings. Under this head, the Commission refers to the fact that the railroads have been "called upon to invest great amounts of capital in alterations of their properties which are often from a strictly railroad point of view largely non-productive," and suggests that this burden, which obviously includes the great expense of grade crossing elimination "should justly be shifted from the shoulders of railroad users" to those of the general public.

Fourth: "Drastic measures" to lessen the "staggering deficit" incurred in the passenger service. On this subject the Commission mentions that it may be necessary for some companies "to retire from the passenger business entirely," and evidently contemplates the necessity of the abandonment of a large amount of unprofitable passenger traffic.

Fifth: "Radical changes" in freight rates and service, as to which the Commission recommends that the managements "give new thought" to the entire rate structure in the light of existing conditions.

Sixth: The elimination of wasteful competitive practices and in general greater unity of action on the part of the managements in every respect. Here the Commission states that "the waste both in service and in rates" which has marked the railroads' own competition is "of very large proportions." The Commission lays great stress on the necessity of management co-operation in these matters and throughout the railroad field, and refers to such co-operation as having been made essential by the trend of the times.

I do not say that this program is complete and perfect, but I do say that in its total effect its translation into practice would be a long step forward towards achieving the desired result.

Thus the difficulty, as it seems to me, is not so much a lack of sufficient thought as to fundamental measures required to rehabilitate the credit of the railroads or even the lack of a definite program. Rather, the difficulty is the lack of a sufficiently integrated, organized and united effort to put a great constructive program in effect. I regret to say that one is unable to observe sufficient or adequate efforts to mobilize and unite in an effective manner all the interests and agencies which must be brought together before this problem can be effectively dealt with. It is true that under the pressure of necessity, the managements have been at last able to unite, measurably at least, for certain specific purposes such as in the recent national rate case and in the effort to reduce costs through a reduction in wages. But there still remains remnants of the old separatist policies on the part of railroad managements which, to a considerable extent in my judgment, have brought about the present state of affairs. As a first condition of securing the adoption in the next few years of a great series of measures designed to put the industry on its feet, I place the necessity of a new spirit of unity in railroad management itself through a whole-hearted change in attitude, whereby all the managements will recognize that they are in the same boat and must pull together to a single end.

Such a new spirit will not be enough unless effective machinery is devised to give it practical effect. It is clear that the existing railroad associations have been too cumbersome and diffuse in their operation to deal with the present crisis. There is a strong analogy between the lack of a consistent and co-ordinated strategy on the part of the Allies in the Great War and the present corresponding lack of such strategy in the railroad situation. In my judgment, nothing less will suffice than the creation by the railroad managements of a small central council with the broadest powers to control and direct their policies in a united manner. Such a result is likely to be compelled by the pressure of necessity which ultimately forced a united command in the Great War. But the question is: How long must we wait for it?

Beyond this necessity of a far more complete unity among the managements, there must function in translating any great program into actuality various other interests and agencies—including the national executive administration itself, the Inter-State Commerce Commission, the great shipping organizations, the great labor organizations and the appropriate committees of Congress. In my judgment, if we are to look for any true solution of the railroad problem, all these agencies must be brought into collaboration and counsel in the general public interest with the mission of adopting, backing up and putting through to completion a great program along the lines already recommended by the Inter-State Commerce Commission. It is my belief that the problem will not be solved through any laissez faire policy but only by wise leadership and a high form of statesmanship.

In my judgment, the situation has gone to a point where the lead must come from the national administration. I do not mean by that that the national administration alone should attempt to adopt and put through a program, but that it should take the initiative for the purpose of insisting that the various interests and agencies which I have mentioned shall be brought together in a concrete way to frame, recommend and support a comprehensive national program.

In the hearings before the Inter-State Commerce Commission in the 15% rate case, a suggestion of this sort was made on behalf of the security holders. In its decision, the Commission took notice of the suggestion and referred to the fact that this procedure had been followed in England and was about to be followed in Canada. The Commission, however, in view of its lack of authority to constitute such a body, stated that it was "not in a position to follow up this suggestion." The national administration—doubtless because of preoccupation with pressing emergency measures—has so far not taken any initiative in this direction. The trend of events in the last few months, however, lends added force to the suggestion; and it is significant that in Canada there is now sitting a body of able men performing this very function. Now that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation bill has become law, is not the time ripe to proceed to more fundamental measures in the railroad field?

The truth is that what is now in progress in this country in respect of the railroad situation is, first, a series of temporary emergency measures of great importance but not directed to the fundamentals, and second, a scattered and uncoordinated discussion as to what ought to be done looking to the future. Unfortunately, one hears cynical remarks to the effect that the country is so vast in extent and so subject to inertia in the face of a crisis that there must be a literal breakdown before any co-ordinated start of the sort which I am suggesting can be undertaken. This is a counsel of defeatism to which none of us will wish to subscribe.

The problem I regard almost entirely as one of leadership. The facts of the railroad situation have been the subject of intensive public discussion for months, so that no intelligent person can plead ignorance of them. Comprehensive and constructive plans have been proposed. The question now is that of obtaining action instead of continuing in a policy of uncoordinated drift.

The points I have wished to enforce are (1) that the railroad situation may be summed up as involving the rehabilitation of credit through the restoration of earning power; (2) that when we seek to appraise the adequacy of measures directed to a real solution of that problem, we should judge them by the test of whether they offer a prospect of restoration of earning power and (3) that the translation into practical effect of a program to this

end is dependent on a well-conceived and united effort by all interests and agencies concerned.

Holding these views, I am neither a pessimist nor an optimist on the railroad situation. Rather I am a meliorist, which by definition is one who believes that the course of events will depend on the quality and wisdom of the effort which is made to meet the situation. Some of the measures necessary for the restoration of railroad credit will be of a drastic nature, possibly more so than have yet been seriously contemplated. But let us find out as soon as possible through the findings of an authoritative body what these measures are. Let a concrete program be formulated and let those in authority proceed to put it in effect. Whether prompt steps are taken to accomplish this result or whether the present incomplete and disunited efforts to deal with the situation shall be permitted to continue is, I think, the crux of the railroad situation.

State Marketing Agency for New York City Notes Proposed—Bill Would Set up Public Credit Corporation—Termed "Rochester Plan"—Clearing House for Municipal Issues and Bank Deposits.

A bill creating a State agency known as the Public Credit Corporation, empowered to buy, hold, sell and guarantee municipal notes and bonds, will be introduced in the State Legislature by Senator Cosmo A. Cilano and Assemblyman Haskell H. Marks, Republicans, of Rochester, said the New York "Herald-Tribune" of Feb. 8, from which the following is taken:

The Bill is designed to insure a ready market for municipal issues, some of which have gone begging in the last 3 or 10 months. Under the proposed law, the Public Credit Corp., backed by the State, would lend 75% of the value of bonds and notes issued by the municipalities of the State. The cities would have to keep within the constitutional debt provision, which fixes borrowing capacity at 10% of their assessed valuation.

The Bill was drafted after a series of conferences at the Rochester City Hall, at which Mayor Charles S. Owens presided, and its sponsors call it the Rochester credit plan.

Former Senator George F. Argetsinger, now Comptroller of Rochester; Clarence M. Platt, Rochester's corporation counsel, and Robert R. Reed, of the law firm of Reed, Hoyt & Washburn, of 49 Wall Street, bond counsel for Rochester, participated in the conferences at which the Bill was drafted.

Mayor Owens and his associates said that the apprehension on the part of the bond-buying public was due largely to the severe strain placed on local credit by large appropriations made to relieve the distress of unemployment.

Harry M. Bareham, of Rochester, Republican County Chairman of Monroe, will confer with Republican legislative leaders to obtain support for the proposed State Public Credit Corporation, whose scope and purposes are thus described by Mayor Owen:

"The Public Credit Corporation is to be an agency of the State with the capital supplied by State appropriations and possibly by the investment of certain State funds augmented by a guaranty fund representing 25% of the proceeds of municipal obligations acquired by the corporation and supplemented by five-year debentures, which shall be legal investment for public sinking funds as well as for savings banks and trust funds, all to be invested in one to five year unlimited tax obligations of New York municipalities.

"With this supersecurity of public capital and credit backed by unlimited taxing powers, the corporation may act as the depository of public and municipal funds, and if need be for the return of moneys which have been temporarily hoarded in this and other States.

"It is an effort not only to help in the restoration of public confidence, but to enable a State body acting for municipalities to deal directly with the banking and investing world in financing the essential needs of local government."

Assembly Committee of New York Legislature Reports Favorably Bill Creating Banking Board of Nine Members.

The Assembly Committee on Banks of the New York Legislature reported favorably on Feb. 9, in unamended form, the bill creating a banking board of nine members. The passage of the bill by the State Senate was noted in our issue of Jan. 16, page 432. From an Albany dispatch Feb. 9 to the New York "Journal of Commerce" we take the following:

The bill is strongly sponsored by the New York bankers and allows for the recommendation of banking laws by the commission on which the bankers would be represented. The Superintendent of Banks would head the commission.

The bill was favorably reported by the committee on a vote of 10 to 4. It is expected here that it will pass in the Assembly.

Several provisions of the bill have been opposed by Governor Roosevelt, and it has been indicated that if the bill does pass in the Legislature it will receive the veto of the Governor. Whether it can be passed over the veto of the Governor is uncertain.

The Governor wants the bill amended to permit the Banking Superintendent to issue charters to banks even though the grant is opposed by a majority of the members of the commission.

An item regarding the bill appeared in these columns Feb. 2, page 963.

Richard Whitney of New York Stock Exchange Opposes Bill in New York Legislature Increasing Stock Transfer Tax—Other Interests Oppose Gasoline and Truck Taxes.

Disapproval of the proposal in the New York State Legislature to raise new funds this year by increasing the tax on stock transfers among other things was voiced at Albany on Feb. 9 when Richard Whitney, President of the New York Stock Exchange, went before the public hearing after conferences with Governor Roosevelt and Republican

leaders. The New York "Journal of Commerce" in an Albany account said:

Mr. Whitney questioned the wisdom of the tax boost and said he feared a diminution rather than an increase in revenues, since heavier burdens of taxation might conceivably drive business away. "All students of taxation recognize that a sales tax—and a tax on the sale or transfer of stock is certainly a sales tax—is bound ultimately to reduce the number of taxable transactions," he declared.

Fears Loss of Sales.

Pointing out that New York, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania are the only three States which have a stock transfer tax, Mr. Whitney said that if the currently considered increase of the Federal transfer tax from 2c. to 4c. goes into effect the total tax in New York might drive the business to other States if it did not check it altogether. The tax per share would be 7c. if the increase goes through.

The proposed 1c. increase in the State gasoline tax also received attack when R. C. Holmes, President of the Texas Co., asserted that such taxes had become excessive in most States. The average tax of more than 4c. a gallon is more than the refiners receive for the gasoline at Middle West refineries.

Mr. Holmes said that if other industries in the State were taxed at the same rate as the gasoline sales industry total revenues would be \$2,800,000,000 a year.

Bus Taxes Hit.

Bus operators gathered here for the hearings protested strenuously against the tax increase considered for their vehicles, claiming that 500,000 more passengers would be needed annually to pay the tax and keep the companies out of red. Rates could not be raised without losing business to the railroads, according to Ernest Murphy, general manager of the United Traction Co.

Theodore D. Pratt, general manager of the Motor Truck Association of America, asserted vigorously that many hundreds of trucking companies would be driven out of business, and declared that 50,000 untaxed horse vehicles would be seen on the streets the moment the higher truck tax went into effect.

On motor trucks the bill provides a graduated tax according to their gross weight; that is, the combined weight of the truck and its capacity. The tax increases as the weight increases. The tax, in fact, grows faster in proportion than the weight.

**Bank Creditors in South Dakota Receive Fund.—
Nearly Million and Half Paid in Ten Months in
Liquidation of Closed Financial Institutions.**

The following by E. A. Ruden, Superintendent of Banks, State of South Dakota, is from the "United States Daily" of Feb. 10:

Approximately one and one-half million dollars (or \$1,408,222) was paid to the creditors of closed State banks from Feb. 25 1931 to Dec. 31 1931, or over a period of about 10 months. This payment includes dividends to deposit creditors preferred claims, closed bank funds, bills payable, public funds, &c. Present conditions are not favorable for speedy liquidation; however, funds derived from liquidation are distributed as rapidly as possible as the Department realizes that under present conditions the creditors of these closed banks approve the system of paying small dividends instead of trying to accumulate sufficient funds for the payment of a greater amount at some later date.

Several Banks Liquidated.

The termination of liquidation of several banks was completed in 1931. The work of liquidation is being consolidated whenever practicable, under a few examiners in charge. This is especially true where the liquidation has been under way for some considerable time. The examiners in turn employ assistants from time to time to assist in the work. Under this plan the personnel of the liquidating force is quite flexible and as the work diminishes the force is reduced accordingly. Under this system the personnel of the assistants may be changed without any loss of efficiency because the supervising examiner in each district has thoroughly familiarized himself with the details of the respective trusts and he is, therefore, able to carry on the work in an efficient manner even though there is a change in his force of assistants.

Outside Examiners Appointed.

Contrary to general belief, it has been demonstrated that in most instances an examiner in charge who was not a former resident of the community in which the closed banks are situated, obtains the best results in liquidation work. A diligent and wide awake examiner in charge can and often does realize substantial amounts of liquidation that might be overlooked by others that more than offsets the total cost of liquidation. Sometimes an examiner in charge or a local liquidating agent shows a very small expense account, yet so far as the trust is concerned, he may prove the most expensive through his neglect of enforcing collections. This is especially apt to be the case where the liquidating agent is a debtor of the trust or where he is too closely associated through relationship or otherwise with the former officers and stockholders of the bank. Naturally such a liquidating agent would be handicapped in trying to enforce collections against his former associates and personal friends.

The Department employs a special counsel in the office at Pierre and all litigation and legal work is handled under his advice and direction, thus reducing the payment of attorneys' fees to a minimum. All legal and routine matters in connection with the sale of real estate and personal property are handled directly by the Department.

Security Valuation Basis Announced in Kansas.

Topeka (Kan.) advices Jan. 30 to the "United States Daily" said:

The State Insurance Commissioner, C. F. Hobbs, has announced that he had adopted the policy of accepting valuation of securities owned by insurance companies at their market values as of June 30 1931, except those purchased subsequent to that date. The latter will be valued at the purchase price, providing they have not declined in value, in which event the Dec. 31 market price will be used as the basis of valuation.

Mr. Hobbs said he had not made a ruling on whether fire and casualty companies will be permitted to amortize their bonds. He will probably make a statement on this after studying the annual reports of the companies, he stated.

Railroads Earned 1.98% on Their Investment in 1931.

Class I railroads in 1931 had a net railway operating income of \$531,095,960, which was a return of 1.98% on their property investment, according to complete reports for the year just filed by the carriers with the Bureau of Railway Economics and made public on Feb. 10. The net railway operating income in 1930 was \$884,856,141 or 3.36% on their property investment. Property investment is the value of road and equipment as shown by the books of the railways, including materials, supplies and cash. The net railway operating income is what is left after the payment of operating expenses, taxes and equipment rentals but before interest and other fixed charges are paid. This compilation as to earnings in 1931 is based on reports from 171 Class I railroads representing a total mileage of 242,847 miles.

This reduction in the net railway operating income in 1931 compared with the preceding year, resulted from a decline in traffic largely resulting from business conditions that existed during the year. Compared with a reduction in 1931 of nearly 20% under 1930, in the volume of freight traffic carried by the railroads was a decrease of 20.7% in gross revenues and a decrease of nearly 18% in operating expenses. Passenger traffic in 1931 was the smallest for any year since 1904. Passenger revenues in 1931 amounted to \$551,054,239, which was a decrease of \$178,565,065 or 24.5% compared with 1930.

Gross operating revenues of the class I railroads in 1931 amounted to \$4,236,587,351 compared with \$5,343,665,635 in 1930, a decrease of 20.7%. Operating expenses in 1931 totalled \$3,265,662,354, compared with \$3,976,605,062 in 1930, a decrease of 17.9%. Class I railroads in 1931 paid \$307,707,254 in taxes, a decrease of \$45,854,536, or 13%, under the total tax bill of the class I railroads in 1930. Forty-one class I railroads operated at a loss in 1931, of which 14 were in the Eastern, 8 in the Southern and 19 in the Western district.

For the months of December 1931, the net railway operating income of the class I railroads amounted to \$21,263,164, which was at the annual rate of return of 1.29% on their property investment. In December 1930, their net railway operating income was \$49,330,478 or 3.06% on their property investment. Gross operating revenues for the month of December amounted to \$288,631,424, compared with \$377,958,233, in December 1930, or a decrease of 23.6%. Operating expenses in December totalled \$241,439,258 compared with \$397,961,977 in the same month the year before, or a decrease of 19%.

Eastern District.

The net railway operating income for the class I railroads in the Eastern district in 1931 totalled \$277,215,330, which was at the rate of return of 2.26% on their property investment. In 1930 their net railway operating income was \$447,765,546 or 3.75% on their property investment. Gross operating revenues of the class I roads in the Eastern district in 1931 totalled \$2,122,214,066, a decrease of 20.3% below 1930, while operating expenses totalled \$1,630,727,212, a decrease of 17.8% below 1930.

Class I railroads in the Eastern district for the month of December had a net railway operating income of \$14,165,125, compared with \$22,159,999 in December 1930.

Southern District.

Class I railroads in the Southern district in 1930 had a net railway operating income of \$44,657,073, which was at the rate of return of 1.34% on their property investment. In 1930, the net railway operating income amounted to \$88,924,747, which was a return of 2.68%. Gross operating revenues of the class I railroads in the Southern district in 1930 amounted to \$517,344,511, a decrease of 19.6% under 1930, while operating expenses totalled \$425,661,591, a decrease of 15.6%.

The net railway operating income of the class I roads in the Southern district in December amounted to \$3,678,196, while in the same month in 1930, it was \$8,824,537.

Western District.

Class I railroads in the Western District in 1931 had a net railway operating income of \$209,223,557, which was a return of 1.86% on their property investment. In 1930, the railroads in that district had a net railway operating income of \$348,165,848, or a return of 3.14% on their property investment. Gross operating revenues of the class I railroads in the Western district in 1931 amounted to \$1,597,028,774, a decrease of 21.7% under the years before, while operating expenses totalled \$1,209,273,551, a decrease of 18.7% compared with 1930.

For the month of December, the net railway operating income of the class I railroads in the Western district amounted to \$3,419,843. The net railway operating income of the same roads in December 1930 totalled \$18,345,942.

CLASS I RAILROADS—UNITED STATES.

Month of December—	1931.	1930.
Total operating revenues.....	\$288,631,424	\$377,958,233
Total operating expenses.....	241,439,258	297,961,977
Taxes.....	16,205,826	20,131,703
Net railway operating income.....	21,263,164	49,330,478
Rate of return on property investment.....	1.29%	3.06%
Operating ratio.....	83.65%	78.83%
<i>Twelve Months Ended Dec. 31—</i>		
Total operating revenues.....	\$4,236,587,351	\$5,343,665,635
Total operating expenses.....	3,265,662,354	3,976,605,062
Taxes.....	307,707,254	353,561,790
Net railway operating income.....	531,095,960	884,856,141
Operating ratio.....	77.08%	74.42%
Rate of return on property investment.....	1.98%	3.36%

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, &C.

Arrangements were made to-day for the sale of four New York Stock Exchange seats through the purchase of rights at a price equivalent to \$135,000 per seat, and for the sale of a seat ex-rights at \$134,000.

Arrangements were reported made for the sale of two New York Curb Exchange memberships; one for \$36,000, and the other for \$35,000. Last preceding sale \$38,000.

Arrangements were reported made for the sale of two Chicago Stock Exchange memberships for \$5,000 each. Last preceding sale \$5,800.

A petition of members of the New York Stock Exchange to the Governing Committee to close the Exchange to-day (Feb. 13), incident to yesterday's holiday (Lincoln's Birthday), was not granted. Other Exchanges that are open to-day are: the New York Cotton Exchange, the National Raw Silk Exchange, the Chicago Board of Trade, and the Chicago Live Stock Exchange. The Chicago Live Stock Stock Exchange was also open yesterday (Lincoln's Birthday). The New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange will be closed to-day.

The annual dinner given by the New York Stock Exchange to those employees participating in athletic activities of the Exchange was held Feb. 10 in the Luncheon Club. James C. Auchincloss, a Governor of the Exchange, acted as toastmaster and introduced the speakers, including Benjamin Friedman, who was the guest of honor. Raymond Sprague, also a Governor of the Exchange, made the presentation of prizes to the members of the different teams.

William G. Laemmel, Vice-President and Secretary of the Chemical Securities Corp., was elected an Assistant Vice-President of the Chemical Bank & Trust Co., at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors held to-day.

An announcement in which he stated that the Manufacturers Trust Co. and Chatham Phenix National Bank and Trust Co. of New York, began operation as one bank on Feb. 10 under the name of Manufacturers Trust Co. was issued by Harvey D. Gibson, President of Manufacturers Trust Co., on the 10th inst. Mr. Gibson's statement further said:

Four offices of the Chatham Phenix have been amalgamated with the nearest branches of Manufacturers Trust Co. and at the same time seven of the Manufacturers Trust branches have been amalgamated with the nearest Chatham Phenix offices, thereby resulting in the immediate elimination of eleven existing branches, leaving the enlarged institution with 59 offices including the head office at 55 Broad Street.

As a result of the merger the capital of Manufacturers Trust Co. has been increased from \$27,500,000 to \$32,935,000. At the close of business yesterday, (Feb. 9) surplus and undivided profits of the enlarged bank was \$27,188,362.06; reserves were \$13,351,353.38; and deposits were \$374,822,595.67. Total resources were \$502,829,800.26.

Huron Holding Corporation.

The plan of the merger provides for a new holding corporation, called Huron Holding Corporation, which has taken over for ultimate liquidation certain assets of both heretofore acquired at various times during the course of years, which might be considered not suitable to be carried for an indefinite time in a commercial bank. The total face value at which such assets were originally carried on the books of the individual banks before such reserves as were provided for from time to time in the past, amounted to approximately \$30,000,000. Huron Holding Corporation has issued \$4,000,000 of its debentures to Manufacturers Trust Co., which will be carried on the bank's books at \$1.00. This amount of debentures has been determined in an attempt to thereby capitalize the earnings which at this time will accrue to Huron Holding Corporation on such of the assets transferred to it as are now paying interest or dividends. Certificates of interest in the stock of the Huron Holding Corporation will be issued on a share for share basis to holders of stock in the merged Manufacturers Trust Company. This stock will participate in all present and future equities of Huron Corporation above the amount of the debentures.

Officers of Huron Holding Corporation will be Harvey D. Gibson, Chairman of the Board of Directors, H. C. Von Elm, Vice-Chairman, Ernest Stauffen, Jr., President, J. Lawrence Gilson and William P. Dunn, Jr., Vice-Presidents and Charles M. Close, Secretary and Treasurer.

The directors of the enlarged bank were indicated in our issue of Jan. 23, page 623.

The First National Bank of New York has elected Harold S. Vanderbilt a Director. Mr. Vanderbilt succeeds the late Lewis Cass Ledyard.

Incident to the recent annual meeting of the Chemical Bank & Trust Co. of New York, and the report of Percy H. Johnston respecting the bank's affairs, Mr. Johnston's modesty in crediting the favorable showing to "luck" has prompted the following in a recent issue of the "American Banker":

There were congratulations from the stockholders at the meeting for the splendid showing which the bank management has made in the past two difficult years. Major charge-offs, such as have been announced by many other banks were avoided, and net earnings kept substantially above dividend requirements.

Said Mr. Johnston, as nearly as we can quote him from memory: "All that I can say is that we have been very fortunate. We were lucky. Much of it was luck."

Call it "luck" if you will. But we should like to pass the prescription along to some of the institutions which have been unlucky.

Perhaps the very unassuming modesty and humbleness of such an explanation explains in itself why results at Chemical are such as they were. But Mr. Johnston dropped a few other phrases which may tend to explain why Chemical's appraisal of the 1929-30-31 turn in the business cycle was safe and sane from the start, as his associates testify. Said he to his stockholders.

"Please remember, banking is the business of writing risks. None of us is infallible."

Can any banker go far wrong if he approaches each separate transaction in the taking of deposits and the making of loans and investments with such a watchword and such a realization that mistakes are possible? Can any bank go far wrong when this thought permeates its entire organization?

If any one has been lucky in connection with Chemical Bank & Trust Co., it has been the stockholders. May their "luck" continue, and may all bank stockholders share in a little like it.

President Johnston's report submitted at the meeting was referred to in our issue of Jan. 23, page 622.

At a meeting this week of the board of trustees of the Excelsior Savings Bank of New York City General Louis W. Stotesbury was elected to the board.

The Brooklyn "Daily Eagle" of Jan. 26 stated that "Justice Edward Riegelmann in Queens Supreme Court Jan. 26 reserved decision on a motion by John P. Lamerdin, attorney, for reargument of an application for permission to examine the books and other records of the old National Bank of Ridgewood, Borough of Queens." The bank was merged last Aug. 31 with the Richmond National Bank, as was noted in the "Chronicle" of Sept. 5, page 1558. We further quote from the "Eagle" as follows:

It is Lamerdin's contention that the meeting of stockholders of the National Bank of Ridgewood at which the merger was ratified was illegal.

To-day's motion is incidental to a suit Lamerdin has filed against the officers and directors of the National Bank of Ridgewood for an accounting.

In a letter to the "Eagle" Lamerdin said he and his wife purchased 20 shares of the bank's stock in 1926. When he read of the merger he said he demanded permission to examine the agreement, lease, &c., and the names of individuals who had borrowed more than \$1,000,000 from the bank, mostly without security.

Information was refused, he declared. He added the merger was ratified because "a majority of the stock was controlled by the President and the immediate members of his family and by the board of directors."

The President of the bank was John F. Pitz. John F. Pitz Jr. and Robert G. Pitz were directors.

It was noted in the New York "Times" of Feb. 4 that "Justice Riegelmann handed down a decision on Feb. 3 denying the motion by Mr. Lamerdin for permission to inspect the books and documents of the Ridgewood National Bank."

An application dated Jan. 26, filed with the New York State Banking Department by the Chase Safe Deposit Co., New York, for permission to open a branch office in Paris, France about May 1, was approved by the Department on Jan. 28. The new branch will be located at No. 31 Avenue George V.

On Jan. 25 application was filed by the National Bank of Greece Agency with the New York State Banking Department for permission to move its office from 51 Maiden Lane to 497-499 Seventh Ave., in New York.

The New York State Banking Department approved on Jan. 20, plans to reduce the capital stock of the Gotham Loan Co., 206 Broadway, New York, from \$1,000,000 to \$224,460. At the same time the Banking Department also approved the certificate to change the name of the company to the Gotham Industrial Banking Co.

The Hellenic Bank & Trust Co., 51 Maiden Lane, New York, has filed an application, dated Jan. 25, with the New York State Banking Department for permission to change the location of its place of business to 497-499 Seventh Ave., New York.

Announcement was made Feb. 5 that the People's Trust Co. of Malone, N. Y., will become a member of the Marine Midland Group of Banks. Directors of the bank have unanimously accepted the offer of the Marine Midland Corp., Buffalo, N. Y. The addition of the People's Trust Co. of Malone to the Marine Midland Group of Banks gives the Group a total of 20 banks located throughout New York State. The People's Trust Co. has a capital of \$300,000 and surplus and undivided profits of over \$450,000. Resources

are in excess of \$3,700,000. Senator N. M. Marshall is Chairman of the Board and C. E. Kilburn is President of the People's Trust Co. Senator Marshall has served in the State Senate for six years, and was State Treasurer in 1920 and 1921. Walter W. Schneckenburger, Executive Vice-President of the Marine Midland Group, Inc., in commenting upon the announcement, said:

"The People's Trust Co. is one of the oldest institutions in the so-called North Country Section of New York State. It was established in 1851. Marine Midland Banks now cover the major part of the State, and the addition of this strong unit gives the Group representation near the northern boundary."

Henry Oliver Smith, President of Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., and William W. Foster, President of the Union Trust Co. of Rochester, N. Y., were elected to the Board of Directors of Marine Midland Corp., of Buffalo, at the annual meeting, yesterday, held in Wilmington, Del., according to the New York "Evening Post" of Feb. 4.

Concerning the affairs of the Merchants' Trust Co. of Waterbury, Conn., the closing of which, on Dec. 23 last, was noted in our issue of Dec. 26, a dispatch by the Associated Press from Waterbury, under date of Feb. 5, contained the following:

Total assets of \$7,538,764 on the day it closed are shown in the balance sheet of the defunct Merchants' Trust Co., filed in Superior Court to-day. However, the figures on this statement are merely the book values of the assets at that time and do not represent the appraisal values now being set by the appraisers appointed by the Court.

More important is the statement to-night by Attorney Francis T. Reeves, counsel for the receiver, to the effect that the opinion of himself and those who have examined the concern's affairs that after making liberal allowance for listed securities that cannot be cashed in full, the bank is solvent and will ultimately pay depositors every penny owed them.

The Menotomy Trust Co. of Arlington, Mass., an institution controlled by the Old Colony Trust Associates, Boston, has increased its capital from 20,000 shares of the par value of \$10 a share (\$200,000) to 30,000 shares (\$300,000), according to the Boston "Transcript" of Feb. 9, from which we quote further as follows:

The additional 10,000 shares were offered to shareholders at \$20 a share on the basis of one new share for each two shares owned. Stock not taken by shareholders was purchased by the Old Colony Trust Associates at \$20 a share. On Sept. 30 1931, Old Colony Trust Associates owned 10,863 of the then outstanding 20,000 shares of Menotomy Trust Co. stock.

The affairs of the Pikesville National Bank at Pikesville, Md., a Baltimore suburb, were taken over by a representative of the Comptroller of the Currency after the institution had failed to open on Feb. 3, according to the Baltimore "Sun" of Feb. 4, from which we quote further as follows:

William M. Taylor, National Bank Examiner, posted a notice on the bank's door. He was informed Tuesday (Feb. 2) by the bank's directors that they had decided to close the institution as the best means of preserving the depositors' interests.

The bank was founded 25 years ago, and Harry M. Benzinger, Baltimore attorney, has been its President for 15 years. On Dec. 31, the date of the last report, the bank had deposits of \$872,694. It has a capital of \$40,000.

Two Maryland banks—the Queenstown Bank of Maryland, at Queenstown (Queen Anne County), and the Provident State Bank, of Preston (Caroline County)—reopened for business on Feb. 1 and Feb. 3, respectively, under a depositors' limited withdrawal plan. Both the banks closed in the early part of October 1931. The Baltimore "Sun" of Jan. 31, from which the above information is obtained, continuing, said:

According to John D. Hospelhorn, Deputy State Banking Commissioner, depositors of the two institutions have agreed that their withdrawals will not be more than stated amounts and will be made at minimum intervals specified in the agreement. Several additional banks in different parts of the State are planning to reopen under the same plan, Mr. Hospelhorn said.

Robert P. Simpson, a Vice-President of the Baltimore Trust Co., Baltimore, Md., died at his home in that city on Feb. 5. The deceased banker, who was 77 years of age, was born in Virginia but went to Baltimore as a lad in 1868, where he entered the employ of Poole & Hunt as an office boy. He remained with the firm until 1881, when he accepted a position in the mechanical department of the Mexican Central RR. He later became master mechanic of the Mexican division and also was placed in charge of the main shops of the line. After spending four years in Mexico, Mr. Simpson returned to Baltimore and again went to work for the firm of Poole & Hunt, later known as the Poole Engineering & Mechanical Co. On the death of George Poole, Mr. Simpson succeeded him as President and Treasurer, resigning this position four years later when the company changed ownership. He then devoted most of his attention to the newly-formed Bank of Hampden, of Baltimore, becoming its first

President. He held this position until the institution was merged with the Baltimore Trust Co., of which he was named a Vice-President (the office he held at the time of his death), although he remained the Executive Officer of the Hampden Bank.

The "Jersey Observer," in its issue of Feb. 6, stated that plans were reported completed on that day for the payment of an initial dividend of 50% in the liquidation of the Bergenline Trust Co., of Union City, N. J., one of the four banks of the A. M. Henry chain, closed on Aug. 6 1931 by the State and Federal banking officials. The closing of this bank along with the three other Hudson County banks controlled by Mr. Henry was noted in our issue of Aug. 8, page 898.

The Plainfield National Bank of Plainfield, N. J., and the Guaranty Trust Co. of that city, were consolidated under date of Feb. 6. The enlarged institution, which continues the title of the Plainfield National Bank, is capitalized at \$175,000 with surplus and undivided profits of \$92,865. Frank H. Smith, whose term of office as State Commissioner of Banking and Insurance expires this month, heads the new organization, and the other officers are as follows: Arthur E. Crone, 1st Vice-President; William G. Debele, 2d Vice-President; George E. Volk, Cashier, and Edson B. Day, Assistant Cashier.

The taking over on Feb. 4 by the Pennsylvania State Banking Department of the Midvalley Trust Co. of Olyphant, Pa., was reported in the following advices by the United Press from Scranton, Pa.:

The Midvalley Trust Co., of Olyphant, recently formed by the merger of the Olyphant and Throop State banks, was taken over by the State Banking Department to-day. The Midvalley company has deposits of \$2,870,108 and was capitalized at \$150,000.

Associated Press advices from Scranton on the same date, Feb. 4, contained additional information concerning the closing of the institution, as follows:

The trust company was organized recently and took over the accounts of the Olyphant Bank, of Olyphant, and the Throop State Bank of Throop. Deposits of the institution totaled over \$3,000,000. It was capitalized at \$150,000 and had a surplus of \$200,000.

The closing of the trust company, of which James J. O'Hara, head of the Throop borough schools, was President, leaves Olyphant Borough without a bank.

Closing of the Archbald Bank at Archbald, Pa., near Scranton, was indicated in the following United Press dispatch from Harrisburg, Pa., on Feb. 8:

Dr. W. D. Gordon, State Secretary of Banking, announced to-day (Feb. 8) that he had taken possession of the Archbald Bank, Archbald, Lackawanna County. Directors of the closed bank concurred in the action. Total resources were \$1,242,895; deposits, \$909,240; capital, \$50,000; surplus, \$100,000, and undivided profits, \$80,081.

Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Co., of Philadelphia, Pa., gross and net earnings, for the year ended Dec. 31 1931 were the largest in the history of the company. Gross for the year was \$5,969,594. After operating expenses, Federal, State and city taxes totaling \$2,933,795, net earnings for the year were \$3,035,798. These figures compare with gross of \$5,215,410 and net of \$2,398,068 in 1930, gains, respectively, of \$754,184 and \$637,730. The annual report of the company was presented to the stockholders at their annual meeting on Feb. 9 by William P. Gest, Chairman. Net earnings in excess of dividends, together with a large part of undivided profits, were used to set up a reserve of \$5,083,198 against depreciation of securities. Commenting on this action, Mr. Gest said:

"The present financial depression has continued for over two years and has occasioned a depreciation in the securities belonging to your company which necessitates an adjustment. The State Banking Department has adopted methods for the appraisal of securities under present conditions, but your Board has thought it conservative to provide more liberally for such depreciation than these methods would render necessary. The current net earnings of the company during the past year, in excess of dividends, together with a large part of the undivided profits, have been applied for this purpose. In view of the fluctuations of the market it has been thought wiser, instead of charging down each security on the balance sheet, to set up from the above sources the reserve against depreciation of securities, as shown in this report. Capital and surplus remain as before."

With reference to the affairs of the Lancaster Trust Co., of Lancaster, Pa., advices from that city on Feb. 8 to the Philadelphia "Ledger" contained the following:

More than \$2,000,000 has been raised to reopen the Lancaster Trust Co., it was announced to-day. Depositors with \$5,685,554.31 in the bank have pledged themselves to buy stock valued at \$1,895,184.77, and new subscriptions total \$417,020. More than half of the depositors have already agreed to take stock equivalent to not less than 25% or more than 33 1/3% of their holdings.

Suspension of the trust company was indicated in our Jan. 16 1932 issue, page 455.

William J. Ruof, former Vice-President of the First Central Trust Co. of Akron, Ohio, on Feb. 8 pleaded guilty to embezzlement alleged to have aggregated \$400,000, and was sentenced by Federal Judge Samuel H. West to 16 years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$24,000. Associated Press advices from Cleveland, Ohio, reporting this, furthermore said:

Ruof became one of seven Vice-Presidents when the First Central Trust was formed last November in the \$75,000,000 merger of the Central Depositors' Banking & Trust Co. and the First City Trust & Savings Bank. His alleged embezzlements were discovered in the process of consolidating and reorganizing the banks.

He had been in the county jail here since Dec. 3, when he was arrested in a downtown hotel. He was unable to raise bond of \$75,000.

The warrant issued against Ruof charged embezzlement of \$80,000, but Harry Williams, President of the First Central Trust Co. of Akron, said the audits revealed a shortage of \$400,000, all of which was covered by insurance.

Ruof was prominent in Akron's banking circles for years and bankers there said his difficulties began when he attempted to recoup stock market losses.

Discovery of the shortage at the First Central Trust Co. of Akron and the arrest of Mr. Ruof was noted in our issue of Dec. 12 last, page 3916.

Associated Press advices from Wilmington, Ohio, on Jan. 30 stated that the defunct Citizens' National Bank of Wilmington had that day paid 15% to depositors. This payment is the second to be made since the institution was closed last March, the dispatch said.

On Feb. 1 Philip K. Wrigley was made a director of the Boulevard Bridge Bank of Chicago to succeed his father, the late William Wrigley, Jr., according to the Chicago "Post" of that date.

The St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" of Jan. 29 stated that the First National Bank of Freeburg, Ill., which had closed Jan. 28 because of the suicide of its President, Russell E. Hamill, President of the institution and of the St. Clair County Bankers' Association, was to reopen on that day with the approval of National Bank Examiners. Continuing, the paper mentioned said:

An examination, ordered by Chief Bank Examiner Kane of St. Louis, following Hamill's suicide yesterday morning, showed the bank is in sound condition. The examination was completed late last night and the directors held a meeting at which, on advice of the examiners, they decided to reopen this morning.

Hamill's suicide was attributed to personal financial difficulties. Miss Susie M. Wolf, Cashier of the bank, said Hamill had been attempting to pay interest on defaulted bonds, the purchase of which he had recommended to investors, from his own resources, and was having trouble.

The Citizens National Bank of Appleton, Wis., capitalized at \$250,000, was placed in voluntary liquidation on Dec. 16 1931. The institution was taken over by the First National Bank of Appleton.

Two small Wisconsin banks, the Citizens' Bank and the State Bank, both of Chilton, have consolidated, according to advices from Chilton on Feb. 5 to the Milwaukee "Sentinel." The new institution will be known as the Citizens' State Bank, it was said.

The annual meetings of the Wisconsin Bankshares Corp. (headquarters Milwaukee) were held Tuesday of this week, Feb. 9. The stockholders met and elected the directors, who in turn re-elected the following officers: Walter Kasten, President; Louis Schriber, Vice-President; Fred K. McPherson, Vice-President; Edward A. Bacon, Vice-President and Treasurer; Robert W. Baird, Vice-President; George B. Luhman, Vice-President; William H. Correll, Secretary; Charles M. Scudder, Assistant Secretary; Francis W. Dickey, Assistant Secretary, and William F. Style, Comptroller. The official announcement goes on to say:

The Wisconsin Bankshares Group at present comprises 53 financial institutions in the State of Wisconsin. The combined resources of the Group are over \$300,000,000. The combined net earnings after provision for dividends on underlying preferred stock, income taxes and minority interests were announced on Jan. 19 at the time the President's report to stockholders was released and notices of the annual meeting mailed, as 20.6 cents per share on the outstanding capital stock. On Dec. 31 there were 9,836,367 shares outstanding.

Commenting on the business outlook in his remarks at the stockholders' annual meeting, President Kasten said:

There are concrete indications of better business sentiment. For example, the business interests of the country have reacted very favorably, indeed, to the public statement of the leaders in Congress that the Federal taxes for 1931 would not be increased, retroactively. All business men necessarily regard their taxes as very important obligations; prudent business men provide for taxes in the planning and carrying out of current operations. It is a severe blow to business interests when the taxes applicable to a year are increased if the operations of that year have been concluded. Hence, the public statement of the leaders of Congress is particularly statesmanlike under present conditions. This is one of several things that have recently occurred to give more stability to the efforts of business men.

From the information that comes to me, I judge that business interests look forward with confidence to the operations of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation under the leadership of Mr. Meyer and General Dawes. It is thought that the Government will extend its powerful aid to those business enterprises that are reorganized on present-day levels. Worthwhile financial assistance will be given by the Government to those business men who have organized themselves to cope with present and future conditions in such matters of internal business economy as prices, wages and elimination of extravagance and waste. Leadership of the Finance Corporation in this direction will be particularly welcome to bankers like those in our Group who are determined to extend credit to business men who deserve the credit because their affairs are reorganized on present-day levels. Of course, the Government credits could be sadly abused if they were used in any attempt to slow the liquidation of businesses that still maintain the extravagance and waste of attempting to maintain former levels in the face of present conditions. Happily, the leadership at Washington promises to avoid all such abuses of Government credit and to wisely use Government credit in the reconstruction of sound business enterprises.

All bankers, including ourselves, will be very glad to march in step with such a wise program. In any event, and under any circumstances, we, ourselves, are determined to do everything that we can do to help the business interests of Wisconsin that are in the sound position of working on present-day levels to meet present-day conditions.

Closing of the Kittson County State Bank, of Hallock, Minn., was announced on Feb. 6 by J. N. Peyton, State Banking Commissioner for Minnesota, according to the "Minneapolis Journal" of the same date, which, continuing, said:

The action was taken by the Board of Directors because of frozen assets. The bank had deposits of \$230,000, capital of \$30,000, and surplus of \$6,000.

The Sedalia Trust Co. at Sedalia, Mo., a member of the Federal Reserve System, was closed by order of its directors on Feb. 8, as reported in a dispatch by the United Press from Sedalia on that date. The advices went on to say:

Charles O. Evans, Secretary-Treasurer of the company, ended his life with a bullet on Jan. 28.

The Dec. 31 statement of the bank showed total resources of \$638,689.69; demand deposits of \$238,749.44 and savings deposits of \$215,840.97.

On Jan. 28 1932 the National Bank of Decorah, Iowa, capitalized at \$50,000, went into voluntary liquidation. The institution has been absorbed by the Decorah State Bank of the same place.

A new bank opened for business in Louisville, Ky., on Jan. 30 last, under the title of the Bank of Commerce. The new institution is located at Fourth and Chestnut Streets, and is capitalized at \$200,000. Its officers are: Henry J. Angermeier, President; T. O. Morton, Vice-President, and F. M. Rassinier, Cashier.

That the McLean County Bank, at Beech Grove, Ky., was expected to reopen within a few days, was indicated in Associated Press advices from Frankfort, Ky., on Feb. 4, which said:

C. S. Wilson, State Banking Commissioner, announced to-day that the McLean County Bank, at Beech Grove, which closed Jan. 8, probably will be reopened this week or early next week with capital of \$15,000 and surplus of \$10,000. W. V. Bohannon is President and J. T. Coffman, Cashier.

The Citizens' Bank of Cairo, Ga., which suspended operations in December last, would reopen for business on Feb. 8, according to Associated Press advices from Cairo on Feb. 5, which went on to say:

The announcement said the reorganization would be perfected Friday. It is understood the institution will reopen with capital stock, surplus and undivided profits of \$61,871.65.

J. L. Kelley, for the past 20 years a Vice-President of the Tennille Banking Co. of Tennille, Ga., has been made President of the institution to succeed the late Dr. D. E. McMaster, according to a dispatch from that place on Feb. 5, printed in the Atlanta "Constitution." The advices listed the other officers of the institution as C. F. Brown, Vice-President, and W. F. Mobley, Cashier.

W. P. Holland, former Vice-President of the Planters' National Bank of Clarksdale, Miss., charged with misapplication of National bank funds, was freed on an indictment containing five counts in the Federal Court, on Feb. 4, when Judge Allen Cox ordered the jury to render a verdict in favor of the defendant. A press dispatch from Clarksdale to the Jackson "News," containing the above, also said:

The directed verdict came immediately after the Government had concluded its testimony and after counsel for the defense had filed a motion to exclude testimony upon the ground that the loans made by Holland as Vice-President of the closed Planters' National Bank and upon which the indictment was drawn were properly secured and all approved by the Board of Directors of the institution.

Closing of the Farmers' Bank of Vero Beach, Fla., was indicated in advices by the Associated Press from Tallahassee, Fla., on Feb. 4, from which we quote in part as follows:

The institution is the only bank in Indian River County. It recently took advantage of the new State law allowing it to limit withdrawals to 20% of deposits.

Banking department officials here said plans are under way for a reorganization and reopening in the future. They said new deposits placed in the bank since it invoked the 90-day 20% withdrawal clause are protected 100%.

The bank was capitalized at \$75,000 and had \$422,272.46 on deposit when it issued its last statement of condition recently. W. F. Graves, of Vero Beach, was President.

Announcement was made at Crowley, La., on Feb. 1 that a new banking institution, to be known as the Bank of Commerce & Trust Co., with capital of \$100,000, has replaced the Bank of Acadia, which failed to open for business on Dec. 16 last. Associated Press advices on Feb. 1 from Crowley, reporting the matter, furthermore said:

The announcement was made by Edward Daigle, President of the Bank of Commerce, which purchased the assets of the failed bank and will liquidate the bank's affairs.

Definite plans were announced to return depositors of the Bank of Acadia 100 cents of the dollar of deposits, beginning with an initial payment probably Monday, Feb. 8.

Payments will be made over a period of four years.

The suspension of two Abbeville, La., banks, on Feb. 3—the Bank of Abbeville and the First National Bank—was reported in a dispatch from that place on Feb. 4, which said, in part:

L. O. Broussard, President of the Bank of Abbeville, which did not open for business this morning, stated the bank had been closed pending a meeting of the Board of Directors with the State Banking Commissioner, at which time future plans for the institution were to be discussed. Mr. Broussard said the operation of the bank had been halted as a precautionary move. He said the Bank of Abbeville "has more than the required reserve and sufficient securities."

The First National Bank at Abbeville, which had opened for business at the usual hour Wednesday morning, closed about 10 o'clock. President J. N. Green said the closing of the Bank of Abbeville had resulted in a "run" on the First National and it was deemed best to close the latter bank until further action could be decided.

According to a dispatch from Winnfield, La., to the New Orleans "Times-Pucayune," A. L. Bryan, former President of the Bank of Commerce of Winnfield, now in liquidation, who was convicted by a Winn Parish jury of accepting deposits when he knew the institution was insolvent, was sentenced by Judge Wiley R. Jones to serve from five to seven years in the penitentiary. The advices went on to say:

A motion for new trial was overruled and defense attorneys took steps to appeal to the Supreme Court. The Bank of Commerce was ordered closed by the State Banking Department in November 1930.

The Comptroller of the Currency on Feb. 2 granted a charter to the First Coleman National Bank of Coleman, at Coleman, Texas. J. P. McCord and S. H. Gray are President and Cashier, respectively, of the new institution, which is capitalized at \$100,000.

The First National Bank and the Nichols National Bank, both of Kenedy, Tex., have consolidated under the title of the First Nichols National Bank. The consolidated institution is capitalized at \$100,000, with surplus fund of \$25,000. A press dispatch to the Houston "Post" on Feb. 5, from which the above information is obtained, named the officers of the new bank as follows: J. W. Nichols, Chairman of the Board; E. P. Ruhmann, President; C. Reasoner and John W. Thames, Vice-Presidents; John B. Cannon, Active Vice-President; H. W. McGoldrick, Vice-President and Cashier, and E. D. Holchalk, P. R. Goff Jr., Roy Young and W. H. Atkinson, Assistant Cashiers.

The Kansas State Banking Department on Feb. 2 announced the closing of the Farmers' State Bank of Sylvan Grove, Kan., by order of its Board of Directors, according to the Topeka "Capital" of Feb. 3, which furthermore said:

Depleted reserves was given as the reason. Albert Hilmer is President of the bank and F. C. Larsen, Cashier. T. Clarke Key, Deputy Bank Commissioner, has been placed in charge.

Effective Feb. 1 1932 the First National Bank of McCune, Kan., with capital of \$25,000, was placed in voluntary liquidation. The liquidating bank has no successor.

The First National Bank of Vian, Okla., was placed in voluntary liquidation on Dec. 31 last. This bank, which had a capital of \$25,000, was succeeded by the Vian State Bank of the same place.

Depositors in the Bank of Yampa, at Yampa, Colo., on Feb. 2 were mailed checks for a 15% dividend by Grant McPerson, State Bank Commissioner, according to the Denver "Rocky Mountain News" of Feb. 3. The payment amounted to \$11,965.78. The bank closed its doors a year ago, and this is the first dividend paid, the paper mentioned said.

Reorganization and reopening of the Bloomington State Bank at Bloomington, Neb., was announced on Jan. 28. Lincoln, Neb., advices by the Associated Press, reporting this, went on to say:

The reorganization provides for the payment of all depositors in full upon a restricted monthly basis. A. H. Byrum, former State Legislator, is President, and C. H. Moffett, Cashier.

The Cashmere State Bank at Cashmere, Wash., was taken over by the State Commissioner of Banking for Washington on Jan. 30, according to advices from that place to the Seattle "Post-Intelligencer." The dispatch also said:

Deposits as of Dec. 31 1931 amounted to \$506,864. Capital was \$50,000, surplus and undivided profits \$26,383. George Sussex Jr. was President.

William Favill Tuke, formerly Vice-Chairman of Varclays Bank, Ltd., London, has been elected Deputy Chairman of the bank in place of the late Sir Herbert Hambling.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Quiet and irregular price movements characterized the trading on the New York stock market during the forepart of the present week with the trend of prices generally downward until Wednesday, when a brisk upward turn carried prices to a higher level. Further improvement was apparent on Thursday, when trading became fairly buoyant and the gains ranged from 2 to 15 or more points. The turnover was particularly heavy and the tape for the first time in many weeks fell behind the transactions on the floor. Considerable selling was apparent during the early part of the week, but this gradually simmered down as the market turned upward. Brief periods of improvement in the railway shares and industrial issues were apparent on Monday and Tuesday, but the gains failed to hold and much of the improvement was canceled as the trend of prices gradually moved lower. Unfilled orders of the United States Steel Corp. on Jan. 30 showed a decline of 87,293 tons to a new low since 1910 of 2,648,150 tons. This is the tenth consecutive month in which the backlog of the corporation receded. The weekly statement of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York issued at the close of business on Thursday shows a further drop of \$19,000,000 in brokers' loans in this district. This is the twenty-third consecutive recession in these loans. Call money renewed at 2½% on Monday and remained unchanged at that rate for the rest of the week.

Pressure on the railroad shares and sharp declines on the specialties were the outstanding features of the trading during the abbreviated session on Saturday. The market had an extremely weak appearance, though considerable support was accorded to the industrial issues. Prices were lower as the market opened, but showed some improvement during the late trading though the gains were unimportant. Auburn Auto which lost 8 points on the preceding day added another 10 points to its recessions and closed at 106. New lows for the current movement were recorded by Hudson Motors, Crucible Steel, General Electric and Peoples Gas of Chicago, and while there was a very moderate rally near the close, there was little change in the final quotations. Railroad stocks were particularly weak practically the whole group moving downward. Chesapeake & Ohio made a new low and Norfolk & Western, Union Pacific and Atchison were sharply down. United States Steel, American Can and du Pont were also conspicuous for their lack of support. At the close, the market was fairly steady but quiet with many of the speculative favorites off fractionally on the day.

The market was dull and uninteresting on Monday, and aside from an occasional spurt by some special stock, the prices were little changed. There was a flurry of buying during the early trading, but this quickly petered out and many stocks continued under slow selling pressure during the greater part of the day. Auburn Auto furnished the only feature of the day as it fluctuated between 111 and 103, finally closing at the latter rate with a loss of 3 points. The principal movements on the side of the decline were Atchison, 2 points to 73¾; J. I. Case, 2¾ points to 27¾; Delaware & Hudson, 2 points to 69¾; Peoples Gas, 3½ points to 97; Pacific Tel. & Tel., 2½ points to 94, and New York Central, 1½ points to 25½. Pressure against the stock market was again apparent on Tuesday, though the declines were somewhat shorter than on the preceding day. Many stocks moved into new low ground, including many highly favored issues that have resisted pressure for weeks. Selling was particularly sharp in stocks like du Pont, International Business Machines, Auburn Auto, J. I. Case and

Peoples Gas forcing these stocks sharply downward, and numerous other prominent issues closed fractionally off on the day. While most of the advances were among the preferred stocks, the declines included a number of speculative favorites, such as Allied Chemical & Dye, 1 point to 64 7/8; Amer. Tel. & Tel., 1 point to 111; American Tobacco, 4 points to 105, and Coca Cola, 1 3/4 points to 103 3/4. United States Steel was driven down 1 1/4 points to 38 1/2 and stocks like American Can, General Motors and General Electric were down fractionally from the preceding close.

Pressure against high priced market favorites was again in evidence as trading opened on Wednesday, but most of these issues showed considerable resistance and moved ahead as the rally got under way later in the session. United States Steel common led the upward swing, followed by the railroad shares, and for a brief period numerous substantial advances were recorded among the speculative favorites. Selling again broke out toward the end of the day and some of the earlier advances were cancelled. The volume of trading was somewhat larger, the total turnover approximating 1,303,048 shares. The final changes were small and generally on the side of the decline, and included such prominent stocks as Allied Chemical & Dye 1 3/8 points to 63 1/2, Auburn Auto 3 1/4 points to 94, Consolidated Gas 1 1/8 points to 54 1/2, Reading 1 1/8 points to 29 1/8 and Public Service of New Jersey 1 3/8 points to 48 1/4.

On Thursday the stock market was positively buoyant following the Congressional proposal to release \$2,000,000,000 for business, and prices soared upward from 2 to 15 or more points. Trading on the New York Stock Exchange was the heaviest in several weeks, the total reaching 2,563,411 shares. Auburn Auto was one of the sensational performers and shot upward about 15 3/4 points to 109 3/4. United States Steel surged upward 5 3/4 points to 43 7/8, American Can forged ahead 5 3/8 points to 62 3/8 and American Tel. & Tel. ran upward 7 3/8 points to 118 3/4. Other noteworthy gains included such stocks as Air Reduction, 4 3/4 points to 51 1/2; American Tobacco, 3 7/8 points to 73 1/8; Aetehison, 5 1/8 points to 77 1/2; J. I. Case, 5 points to 31 1/2; du Pont, 5 3/8 points to 52 1/2; Eastman Kodak, 3 3/8 points to 72 7/8; Southern Pacific, 3 1/4 points to 31 1/4; Peoples Gas, 4 1/2 points to 100; Johns-Manville, 3 points to 20 7/8; National Biscuit, 4 1/4 points to 42 1/4; New York Central, 3 points to 38 1/4, and Norfolk & Western, 6 1/2 points to 124. The market closed firm and fairly active with the leaders close to their tops for the day.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Week Ended Feb. 12 1932.	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad and Miscell. Bonds.	State, Municipal & For'n Bonds.	United States Bonds.	Total Bond Sales.
Saturday	660,300	\$2,594,000	\$1,474,000	\$591,000	\$4,659,000
Monday	1,150,924	4,332,000	2,437,000	1,191,500	8,010,800
Tuesday	1,156,241	4,879,000	2,295,000	3,185,500	10,359,500
Wednesday	1,303,048	4,231,000	2,571,000	1,916,650	8,712,650
Thursday	2,563,411	5,410,000	2,491,000	1,033,000	8,934,000
Friday		HOLIDAY	Lincoln's Bir	thday.	
Total	6,833,924	\$21,446,000	\$11,318,000	\$7,911,950	\$40,675,950

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended Feb. 12.		Jan. 1 to Feb. 12.	
	1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.
Stocks—No. of shares.	6,833,924	17,499,899	46,390,810	67,018,791
Bonds.				
Government bonds.	\$7,911,950	\$4,795,000	\$89,859,750	\$28,636,900
State & foreign bonds.	11,318,000	12,333,000	92,365,000	90,368,500
Railroad & misc. bonds	21,446,000	28,097,000	202,790,000	230,427,000
Total	\$40,675,950	\$45,225,000	\$385,014,750	\$349,432,400

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week Ended Feb. 12 1932.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	15,558		12,868	\$18,000	867	\$2,400
Monday	25,868	\$5,000	14,832	30,000	701	1,000
Tuesday	30,415	2,000	20,504	20,500	902	
Wednesday	26,401	8,000	22,753	50,100	1,237	
Thursday	5,932	6,000	4,485		1,039	
Friday		HOLIDAY		HOLIDAY		HOLIDAY
Total	104,174	\$21,000	75,442	\$118,600	4,746	\$3,400
Prev. week revised	109,476	\$18,000	102,013	\$108,600	3,443	\$6,300

In addition, sales of rights were: Wednesday, 75.

THE CURB EXCHANGE.

There was a decided turn for the better in to-day's trading on the Curb Exchange, good recoveries being recorded from the lower prices made in the forepart of the week. Trading broadened somewhat and was in better volume. Among the utilities weakness in the Insull issues was a feature. Commonwealth-Edison Co. dropping from 109 3/4 to 101 and recovering to-day to 106 1/4, with the close at 105 3/4. Middle West Utilities, com. sold to a new low record for the year,

dropping from 4 3/8 to 3 5/8 and to-day selling up to 4 1/2 with the close back to 4 3/8. Amer. Gas & Elec., com. eased off from 32 1/2 to 31 7/8, recovered to 34 7/8 and closed to-day at 34 5/8. Electric Bond & Share, com. weakened from 10 1/4 to 9 3/4, advanced to 11 3/8 and finished to-day at 11 1/8. The \$6 pref. was off at first from 56 1/8 to 55 5/8 but sold up to-day to 57. New York Steam, com. after early loss from 47 5/8 to 47 jumped to 52 to-day, the close being at 50 1/2. Northern States Power, com. sold up from 70 to 73. Good recoveries were made in a number of the preferred stocks. Oil shares were dull. Humble Oil & Refg. weakened from 43 to 42 3/8 but sold back to 43 finally. Standard Oil (Indiana) declined from 15 1/8 to 14 5/8 and to-day advanced to 15 3/8, ex-div. Gulf Oil of Pa. sold down from 27 1/4 to 26 1/8 and to-day recovered to 28. Industrial and miscellaneous issues made good recoveries. Aluminum Co., com. after a drop from 48 1/4 to 45 sold up to 52 1/2. Cord Corp. declined from 5 7/8 to 4 3/4 and recovered to 6. Deere & Co., com. fell from 8 3/8 to 7 1/2 and to-day sold up to 9 1/8. Glen Alden Coal receded from 17 to 14 1/2 and recovered to 16 finally. Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea, com. after a loss of about 4 points to 139 3/4 advanced to 148. Despite the omission of dividends on Insull Utility pref. stocks the common gained about 1 1/2 points to 3.

A complete record of Curb Exchange transactions for the week will be found on page 1179.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB EXCHANGE.

Week Ended Feb. 12 1932.	Stocks (Number of Shares).	Bonds (Par Value).			
		Domestic.	Foreign Government.	Foreign Corporate.	Total.
Saturday	110,825	\$1,710,000	\$44,000	\$36,000	\$1,790,000
Monday	175,045	2,407,000	88,000	173,000	2,668,000
Tuesday	219,000	2,320,000	46,000	112,000	2,478,000
Wednesday	171,573	2,131,000	92,000	84,000	2,307,000
Thursday	233,197	2,946,000	65,000	121,000	3,132,000
Friday		HOLIDAY	Y—LINC	OLN'S BIR	THDAY.
Total	909,640	\$11,514,000	\$335,000	\$526,000	\$12,375,000

Sales at New York Curb Exchange.	Week Ended Feb. 12.		Jan. 1 to Feb. 12.	
	1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.
Stocks—No. of shares.	909,640	2,877,220	6,760,387	13,908,120
Bonds.				
Domestic	\$11,514,000	\$15,130,000	\$82,171,000	\$111,777,000
Foreign Government	335,000	743,000	3,496,000	4,164,000
Foreign corporate	526,000	926,000	3,928,000	4,728,000
Total	\$12,375,000	\$16,799,000	\$89,595,000	\$120,669,000

COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Bank clearings this week will again show a decrease as compared with a year ago. Preliminary figures compiled by us, based upon telegraphic advices from the chief cities of the country, indicate that for the week ended to-day (Saturday, Feb. 13), bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be 41.4% below those for the corresponding week last year. Our preliminary total stands at \$4,501,542,822, against \$7,687,827,620 for the same week in 1930. At this center there is a loss for the five days ended Friday of 44.7%. Our comparative summary for the week follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ending Feb. 13.	1932.		1931.		Per Cent.
	1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.	
New York	\$2,042,375,538	\$3,691,437,356			-44.7
Chicago	145,098,234	293,612,094			-50.6
Philadelphia	170,000,000	257,000,000			-33.9
Boston	135,000,000	233,000,000			-42.1
Kansas City	41,580,129	73,146,609			-43.2
St. Louis	40,600,000	70,100,000			-42.1
San Francisco	63,117,000	95,957,000			-34.2
Los Angeles	No longer will report clearings.				
Pittsburgh	60,374,605	107,061,705			-43.6
Detroit	39,655,382	76,577,508			-48.2
Cleveland	38,961,937	68,023,501			-42.7
Baltimore	35,637,019	62,399,839			-42.9
New Orleans	21,223,903	36,544,102			-41.9
Twelve cities, five days	\$2,833,623,747	\$5,064,859,714			-44.1
Other cities, five days	592,828,605	679,603,830			-12.8
Total all cities five days	\$3,426,452,352	\$5,744,463,544			-40.4
All cities one day	1,075,090,470	1,943,364,076			-44.7
Total all cities for week	\$4,501,542,822	\$7,687,827,620			-41.4

Complete and exact details for the week covered by the foregoing will appear in our issue of next week. We cannot furnish them to-day, inasmuch as the week ends to-day (Saturday) and the Saturday figures will not be available until noon to-day. Accordingly, in the above the last day of the week has to be in all cases estimated.

In the elaborate detailed statement, however, which we present further below, we are able to give final and complete results for the week previous—the week ended Feb. 6. For that week there is a decrease of 29.7%, the aggregate of clearings for the whole country being \$5,903,527,449, against \$8,396,398,766 in the same week of 1931. Outside of this city there is a decrease of 31.6%, the bank clearings at this

center recording a loss of 28.6%. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located, and from this it appears that in the New York Reserve District, including this city, there is a contraction of 28.1%, in the Boston Reserve District of 38.3% and in the Philadelphia Reserve District of 31.4%. In the Cleveland Reserve District the totals record a diminution of 30.7% in the Richmond Reserve District of 22.2% and in the Atlanta Reserve District of 23.5%. The Chicago Reserve District suffers a loss of 43.5%, the St. Louis Reserve District of 20.0% and the Minneapolis Reserve District of 24.7%. In the Kansas City Reserve District the decrease is 30.5%, in the Dallas Reserve District 22.2% and in the San Francisco District 24.0%.

In the following we furnish a summary of Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Table with columns: Week Ended Feb. 6 1932, 1932, 1931, Inc. or Dec., 1930, 1929. Rows include Federal Reserve Districts (1st Boston, 2nd New York, etc.), Total (117 cities), Outside N. Y. City, and Canada (32 cities).

We now add our detailed statement, showing last week's figures for each city separately, for the four years:

Main table of bank clearings with columns: Clearings at—, Week Ended Feb. 6, 1932, 1931, Inc. or Dec., 1930, 1929. Rows are organized by Federal Reserve District (First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, etc.) and city.

Table of bank clearings with columns: Clearings at—, Week Ended Feb. 6, 1932, 1931, Inc. or Dec., 1930, 1929. Rows are organized by Federal Reserve District (Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth) and city.

a No longer reports weekly clearings. b Clearing House not functioning at present. d Figures smaller due to merger of two largest banks.

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. 27 1932:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against notes amounted to £120,762,514 on the 20th inst. as compared with £120,761,529 on the previous Wednesday.

Political unrest has restricted operations in gold in Bombay and the shipment made by the steamer which left that port last week was consequently less than usual and is reported as under £1,000,000.

In the open market, the small amounts offered during the week have been taken for the Continent.

Quotations during the week:

Table with columns: Date, Per Fine Ounce, Equivalent Value of £ Sterling. Rows include Jan. 21, Jan. 22, Jan. 23, Jan. 25, Jan. 26, Jan. 27, and Average.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of gold registered from mid-day on the 18th inst. to mid-day on the 25th inst.:

Table with columns: Imports, Exports. Rows include Netherlands, Iraq, British South Africa, British India, British West Africa, Australia, Straits Settlement and dependencies, Other countries.

SILVER.

Prices have fluctuated, but a recovery was made from the low level touched at the end of last week. Sellers were inclined to hesitate and bear covering orders from China and India, with some buying for the Continent, raised prices to 19½d. for cash and 19 11-16d. for two months delivery by the 22nd inst.

After a slight reaction the following day, these prices were again quoted on the 25th inst. but subsequently the tone became easier. Reflecting the improvement in sterling, freer offerings were made by America and quotations yesterday were each 3-16d. lower at 19 5-16d. and 19 3-16d.

On the 22nd inst. the difference between the two prices narrowed and from that date cash has been at a discount of 3-16d. The market has, on the whole, been quiet and the outlook appears rather undecided.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of silver registered from mid-day on the 18th inst. to mid-day on the 25th inst.:

Table with columns: Imports, Exports. Rows include United States, Canada, Aden and dependencies, France, British South Africa, Other countries.

Quotations during the week: 888,254 £21,111

Table comparing silver prices in London and New York from Jan. 21 to Jan. 27, including average rates.

The highest rate of exchange on New York recorded during the period from the 21st to the 27th was \$3.47 and the lowest \$3.42.

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

Table showing Indian currency returns in Lacs of Rupees for Jan. 22, Jan. 15, and Jan. 7.

The stocks in Shanghai on the 23rd inst. consisted of about 55,700,000 ounces in sycee, 169,000,000 dollars and 5,700 silver bars, as compared with about 55,500,000 ounces in sycee, 169,000,000 dollars and 4,040 silver bars on the 16th inst.

PRICES ON BERLIN STOCK EXCHANGE.

The Berlin Stock Exchange is closed.

New York quotations for German and other foreign unlisted dollar bonds as of Feb. 11:

Table listing various bonds with columns: Bid, Asked. Includes bonds from Anhalt, Bavaria, Brandenburg, British, etc.

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:

Large table listing stock prices on the Paris Bourse from Feb. 6 to Feb. 11, 1932.

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 of daily closing quotations for securities in London from Saturday, Feb. 6 to Thursday, Feb. 11, 1932.

The price of silver in New York on the same days has been:

Table showing silver prices in New York from Feb. 6 to Feb. 11, 1932.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

Bank Notes—Changes in Totals, of, and in Deposited Bonds, &c.

We give below tables which show all the monthly changes in National bank notes and in bonds and legal tenders on deposit therof:

Table showing National Bank Circulation and Bonds on deposit to secure Federal Reserve Bank Notes.

\$2,830,140 Federal Reserve bank notes outstanding Feb. 1 1932, secured by awful money, against \$3,077,872 on Feb. 2 1931.

The following shows the amount of each class of United States bonds and certificates on deposit to secure Federal Reserve bank notes and National bank notes Jan. 30 1932.

Table showing U.S. Bonds Held Jan. 30 1932 to Secure—Bonds on Deposit, National Bank, etc.

The following shows the amount of National bank notes afloat and the amount of legal tender deposits Jan. 2 1932 and Feb. 1 1932 and their increase or decrease during the month of January:

National Bank Notes—Total Afloat—
Amount afloat Jan. 2 1932 \$710,611,896
Net increase during January 5,152,720

Amount of bank notes afloat Feb. 1 \$715,764,616
Legal-Tender Notes—
Amount on deposit to redeem National bank notes Jan. 2 45,813,585
Net amount of bank notes issued in January 15,370,293

Amount on deposit to redeem National bank notes Feb. 1 1932 \$61,183,878

San Francisco Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at San Francisco Stock Exchange, Feb. 6 to Feb. 11, both inclusive (Friday, Feb. 12, being Lincoln's Birthday and a holiday on the Exchange), compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1 (Low, High). Lists various stocks like Alaska Juneau Gold Mining, Anglo Calif Trust, etc.

National Banks.—The following information regarding national banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

CHARTERS ISSUED.

Feb. 2—First Coleman National Bank of Coleman, Coleman, Tex \$100,000
President, J. P. McCord; Cashier, S. H. Gray.

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS.

Feb. 1—The National Bank of Decorah, Iowa, 50,000
Effective Jan. 28 1932. Liquidating agent, W. F. Baker, Decorah, Iowa.

Feb. 1—The First National Bank of Vian, Okla., 25,000
Effective Dec. 31 1931. Liquidating agent, R. W. Armstrong, Vian, Okla.

Feb. 2—The Citizens National Bank of Appleton, Wis., 250,000
Effective Dec. 16 1931. Liquidating committee: H. W. Tuttrup, J. I. Monaghan, V. F. Marshall, Roy H. Marston, John D. Watson, H. H. Denton, and J. H. Neller, care of the liquidating bank.

Feb. 2—The First National Bank of McCune, Kan., 25,000
Effective Feb. 1 1932. Liquidating agent, Harold Jones, McCune, Kan.

CONSOLIDATIONS.

Feb. 6—The Plainfield National Bank, Plainfield, N. J., 100,000
Guaranty Trust Co., Plainfield, N. J., 250,000
Consolidated under the Act of Nov. 7 1918 as amended

Feb. 25 1927, under the charter and corporate title of "The Plainfield National Bank," No. 13174, with capital stock of \$175,000 and surplus of \$75,000.

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:

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per Sh. Lists securities like 27 Phila. Nat. Bank, par \$20, 18 Central-Penn National Bank, par \$10, etc.

By A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per Sh. Lists securities like 10 International Rustless Iron, par \$1, 10 Zenda Gold Mines, par \$1, etc.

By Adrian H. Muller & Son, New York:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per Sh. Lists securities like 530,000 Chic. R. I. & Pac. RR., 900 tr. ds. 2002, stpd. to the effect that all payments have been made, etc.

By R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per Sh. Lists securities like 15 Atlantic Nat. Bank, par \$25, 10 U. S. Trust Co., par \$25, 20 Pepperell Mfg. Co., 34 3/4, etc.

By Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per Sh. Lists securities like 33 Plymouth Cordage Co., 49 1/2-50, 18 units First Peoples Trust, etc.

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends are grouped in two separate tables. In the first we bring together all the dividends announced the current week. Then we follow with a second table, in which we show the dividends previously announced, but which have not yet been paid.

The dividends announced this week are:

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Lists dividends for various companies like Canadian Pacific, Ft. Wayne & Jackson, etc.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Public Utilities, Banks, and Miscellaneous.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes section for Miscellaneous (Continued).

Below we give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends announced this week, these being given in the preceding table.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Railroad (Steam), Public Utilities, and various utility and service companies.

Table with 6 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Included, Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Included. The table is split into two columns for readability, with 'Miscellaneous (Continued)' headers at the top of each section. It lists various companies and their financial details, including payment dates and interest rates.

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, Feb. 11, 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.

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, FEB. 10 1932.

Table with 12 columns representing dates from Feb. 10 1932 to Feb. 11 1931. Rows are categorized into RESOURCES (Gold, Gold redemption fund, Gold held exclusively, etc.) and LIABILITIES (F. R. notes, Deposits, etc.).

*Revised figures.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS FEB. 10 1932

Table with 12 columns for cities: Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran. Rows include RESOURCES and LIABILITIES for each bank.

Table with 14 columns: Two Cities (00) Omitted, Total, Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran. Rows include RESOURCES (Concluded), U. S. Government securities, Bonds, Treasury notes, Certificates and bills, Total U. S. Govt. securities, Other securities, Foreign loans and gold, Total bills and securities, Due from foreign banks, F. R. notes of other banks, Uncollected items, Bank premises, All other resources, Total resources, LIABILITIES, F. R. notes in actual circulation, Deposits, Member bank reserve account, Government, Foreign bank, Other deposits, Total deposits, Deferred availability items, Capital paid in, Surplus, All other liabilities, Total liabilities, Memoranda, Reserve ratio (per cent), Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents.

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE STATEMENT.

Table with 14 columns: Federal Reserve Agent at—, Total, Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran. Rows include Federal Reserve notes: Issued to F.R. Bk. by F.R. Agt., Held by Federal Reserve Bank, In actual circulation, Collateral held by Agt. as security for notes issued to bank: Gold and gold certificates, Gold fund—F. R. Board, Eligible paper, Total collateral.

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 1108, immediately preceding which we also give the figures of New York and Chicago reporting member banks for a week later.

Beginning with the statement of Jan. 9 1929, the loan figures exclude "Acceptances of other banks and bills of exchange or drafts sold with endorsement, and include all real estate mortgages and mortgage loans held by the bank. Previously acceptances of other banks and bills sold with endorsement were included with loans, and some of the banks included mortgages in investments. Loans secured by U. S. Government obligations are no longer shown separately, only the total of loans on securities being given. Furthermore, borrowing at the Federal Reserve is not any more subdivided to show the amount secured by U. S. obligations and those secured by commercial paper, only a lump total being given. The number of reporting banks is now omitted: in its place the number of cities included (then 10), 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 FEB. 3 1932 (in millions of dollars).

Table with 14 columns: Federal Reserve District—, Total, Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran. Rows include Loans and investments—total, Loans—total, On securities, All other, Investments—total, U. S. Government securities, Other securities, Reserve with F. R. Bank, Cash in vault, Net demand deposits, Time deposits, Government deposits, Due from banks, Due to banks, Borrowings from F. R. Bank.

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 Feb. 10 1932, in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

Table with 4 columns: Feb. 10 1932, Feb. 3 1932, Feb. 11 1931. Rows include Resources—Gold with Federal Reserve Agent, Gold redemp. fund with U. S. Treasury, Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes, Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board, Gold and gold cdfs. held by bank, Total gold reserves, Reserves other than gold, Total reserves, Non-reserve cash, Bills discounted, Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations, Other bills discounted, Total bills discounted, Bills bought in open market, U. S. Government securities, Bonds, Treasury notes, Special Treasury Certificates, Certificates and bills, Total U. S. Government securities, Other securities (see note), Foreign loans on gold, Total bills and securities (see note). Rows include Reserves (Concluded)—Due from foreign banks (see note), Federal Reserve notes of other banks, Uncollected items, Bank premises, All other resources, Total resources, LIABILITIES—Fed. Reserve notes in actual circulation, Deposits—Member bank reserve acct., Government, Foreign bank (see note), Other deposits, Total deposits, Deferred availability items, Capital paid in, Surplus, All other liabilities, Total liabilities, Ratio of total reserves to deposit and Fed. Reserve note liabilities combined, Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents.

NOTE.—Beginning with the statement of Oct. 17 1925, two new items were added in order to show separately the amount of balances held abroad and amounts due to foreign correspondents. In addition, the caption "All other earnings assets," previously made up of Federal Intermediate Credit Bank debentures was changed to "Other securities," and the caption "Total earnings assets" to "Total bills and securities." The latter term was adopted as a more accurate description of the total of the discount acceptances and securities acquired under the provisions of Sections 13 and 14 of the Federal Reserve Act, which it was stated are the only items included therein.

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Wall Street, Friday Night, Feb. 12 1932.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 1150. Stock Exchange sales this week of shares not in detailed list:

Table with columns: STOCKS, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Rows include Railroads (Central RR of N.J., Detroit & Mackinac, etc.), Indus. & Miscell. (Affiliated Products, Amer Chain, etc.), and Warrants (Crown Cork & Seal, etc.).

United States Liberty Loan Bonds and Treasury Certificates on the New York Stock Exchange.

Table with columns: Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices, Feb. 6, Feb. 8, Feb. 9, Feb. 10, Feb. 11, Feb. 12. Rows include First Liberty Loan (3 1/2% bonds), Second converted 4% bonds, Fourth Liberty Loan (4 1/4% bonds), and Treasury (4 1/4% bonds).

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were: 4th 4 1/4s 98 1/2 to 99 1/2

Quotations for United States Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, &c.

Table with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked. Rows include Sept. 15 1932, Mar. 15 1932, June 15 1932, Sept. 15 1932.

Foreign Exchange.—

To-day's (Thursday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 3.43 @ 3.43 1/2 for checks and 3.43 1/2 @ 3.43 3/4 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight, 3.42 1/2; sixty days, 3.39 1/2 @ 3.40 1/2; ninety days, 3.37 1/2 @ 3.38; and documents for payment, 3.39 1/2 @ 3.40 1/2. Cotton for payment, 3.42 1/2, and grain, 3.42 1/2. To-day's (Thursday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 3.93 1/2 @ 3.93 11-16 for snort. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 40.31 @ 40.35. Exchange for Paris on London, 87.27; week's range, 87.65 francs high and 87.27 francs low. The week's range for exchange rates follows: Sterling, Actual— High for the week 3.45 1/2, Low for the week 3.41 1/2. Checks 3.45 1/2, Cables 3.41 1/2. Paris Bankers' Francs— High for the week 3.93, Low for the week 3.93 7-16. Cables 3.94, 3.93 3/4. Germany Bankers' Marks— High for the week 23.76, Low for the week 23.71. Cables 23.78, 23.73. Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders— High for the week 40.37, Low for the week 40.25. Cables 40.38, 40.27.

The Curb Exchange.—The review of the Curb Exchange is given this week on page 1151.

A complete record of Curb Exchange transactions for the week will be found on page 1179.

CURRENT NOTICES.

Goldman, Sachs & Co. announced on Monday of this week that they had absorbed the commercial paper business of Hathaway & Co. The New York partners of Hathaway & Co.—Howard C. Smith, Stewart S. Hathaway, J. Norrish Thorne and G. Bruce Wallace—will make their offices with Goldman, Sachs & Co. in New York, while Alfred E. Hamill, the Chicago partner of Hathaway & Co., will become associated with Goldman, Sachs & Co. in Chicago, in charge of the firm's Western business. The Chicago office of the firm will move to the present quarters of Hathaway & Co. at 208 South La Salle St. Henry P. Meyers, now with the Chicago office of Goldman, Sachs & Co., will assist Mr. Hamill hitherto in the conduct of the combined Western commercial paper business hitherto carried on separately by the two firms, and John McCarthy and Arnold M. Ellert will make their offices with the firm in Chicago. Rudolph Guenther-Russell Law, Inc., announces the inauguration of a general advertising division in their agency under the direction and management of L. Jay Hannah. Mr. Hannah has had long and varied experience in general advertising and merchandising work, having been manager of the Chicago office of The Campbell-Ewal Co. and for the past five years President of the Price-Hannah Co. also of Chicago. This department represents a distinct departure from the agency's business as specialists in financial advertising. The activities of this division will include all forms of advertising, including radio broadcasting. Special emphasis will be placed upon merchandising and creative sales work in which Mr. Hannah has had a long and successful career. An entire new personnel will be added to the present staff of the agency for this purpose. Formal announcement was made of the consolidation of Russell, Miller & Co. and Walsh, O'Connor and Barneson, effective Feb. 20. The business of the two firms will be combined and conducted under the firm name of Russell, Miller & Co. In the formation of the new firm, Kenneth Walsh, George O'Connor and Eric Pedley of Walsh, O'Connor and Barneson will become general partners of Russell, Miller & Co. Western activities of the new firm will be under the supervision of H. P. Russell, William G. Devereux, resident partners on the Pacific Coast; John Clark Burgard, partner in charge of the Pacific Northwest offices, and Walter G. Van Pelt, partner in charge of the Southern California offices. The New York partners are L. McK. Miller, George G. Bass, C. R. C. Steers and Harry Butcher. Allied General Corp. has added to its wholesaling staff: V. Alan Hodder, working with James Mandeville in New England; R. E. Tenner, working with Dean J. Almy in the metropolitan area of New York; Robert Jennings, working with P. D. Brown in Chicago, and Wickliffe Shreve in Baltimore and Washington. Arthur Winston, formerly statistician for Sterling Securities Corp., is now affiliated with them in their New York office. Enyart, Van Camp & Feil, Inc., brokers in stocks and bonds, formally opened their offices at 39 South La Salle Street, Chicago, this week. The officers of the company are C. E. Enyart, President; Owen V. Van Camp and Peter V. Feil, Vice-Presidents; Paul M. Ohnemus, Secretary; J. A. Horacek, Treasurer. All were formerly associated with Otte & Co. Belzer & Co., Land Title Building, Philadelphia, have prepared and are distributing an analysis of Philadelphia and leading New York bank and trust company stocks containing comparative data on capital, surplus, undivided profits, book value, earnings per share, and dividends. Hoit, Rose & Troster, 74 Trinity Place, New York, have issued their February circular listing industrial, chain stores, public utilities and investment trust stocks and industrial, public utilities and real estate bonds. The American Institute of Accountants has chosen Kansas City, Mo., as the place of its next annual meeting, which will be held in October (17-19), 1932. A. O. Allyn & Co. announce that Allan D. Converse has been elected a Vice-President of the company, making his headquarters in the New York office. The Northern Pacific Ry. Co. is the subject of an analysis by J. A. Sisto & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange. Shakespeare & Co. of New York announce that Frank J. Bowyer has joined their bond department. T. L. MacDonald & Co. announce the removal of their offices to 29 Broadway, New York. Charles W. Merrill is now affiliated with George H. Burr & Co.

FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE SECOND PAGE PRECEDING.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday Feb. 6 to Friday Feb. 12) and rows for various stock prices per share.

Table with columns for 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE', 'PER SHARE Range for Year 1932', and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1931'. Lists various companies and their price ranges.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-dividend. ‡ Ex-rights.

FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE THIRD PAGE PRECEDING.

Table with columns for HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday to Friday) and PER SHARE Range for Year 1932 (Lowest, Highest) and PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1931 (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like Briggs & Stratton, Brockway Mot Truck, Brooklyn Union Gas, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-dividend and ex-rights.

FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE FOURTH PAGE PRECEDING.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and price ranges for various stocks. Includes sub-sections for 'Stock Exchange' and 'Lincoln's Birthday'.

Sales for the Week.

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Vertical text listing stock names and their corresponding sales figures for the week.

PER SHARE Range for Year 1932 On basis of 100-share lots

Table with columns for 'Lowest' and 'Highest' prices for the year 1932 for various stocks.

PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1931

Table with columns for 'Lowest' and 'Highest' prices for the previous year (1931) for various stocks.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights. b Ex-dividends.

FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE FIFTH PAGE PRECEDING.

Table with columns for High and Low Sale Prices (per share, not per cent.), Stocks (New York Stock Exchange), Per Share (Range for Year 1932, On basis of 100-share lots), and Per Share (Range for Previous Year 1931). Rows include various stock listings such as Hamilton Watch, Haulia pref new, Harbison-Walk Refracs, Hartman Corp, Class A, Hawaiian Pineapple Co Ltd, Hayes Body Corp, Helme (G W), Hercules Motors, Hercules Powder, Hershey Chocolate, Hoe (R) & Co, Hollander & Sons, Homestake Mtn. ng., Houdaille-Hershey of B No par, Household Finance par of .50, Houston Oil of Tex tem cts100, Voting trust cts new, Hove Sound, Hudson Motor Car, Hupp Motor Car Corp, Indian Motorcycle, Indian Refining, Industrial Rayon, Ingersoll Rand, Inland Steel, Inspiration Cts Copper, Insurshares Cts Inc, Insurshares Corp of Del, Intercant Rubber, Interlake Iron, Internat Agricult, Prior preferred, Int Business Machines, Internat Carriers Ltd, Internat Cement, Internat Comb Eng Corp, Internat Harvester, Internat Hydro-El Sys of A, Internat Match pref, Internat Mercantile Marine cts, Int Nickel of Canada, Internat Paper 7% pref, Internat Pap & Pow of A, Class B, Class C, Int Printing Ink Corp, Internat Salt, Internat Shoe, Internat Silver, Int Telp & Teleg, Interstate Dept Stores, Intertype Corp, Investors Equity, Island Creek Coal, Jewel Tea Inc, Johns-Manville, Karstadt (Rudolph), Kaufmann Dept Stores, Kayser (J) Co v t c, Kelly-Springfield Tire, 8% preferred, Kelsey Hayes Wheel, Kelvinox Corp, Kendall Co pref, Kennecott Copper, Kimberley-Clark, Kinney Co, Kresge (S S) Co, Kresge Co, Kreuzer & Toll, Kroger Groc & Bak, Lambert Co, Lane Bryant, Lee Rubber & Tire, Lehigh Portland Cement, Lehigh Valley Coal, Lehn & Fink, Libby Owens Glass, Liggitt & Myers Tobacco, Series B, Link Belt Co, Lily Tulp Cup Corp, Lima Locomot Works, Liquid Carbonic, Loew's Incorporated, Loft Incorporated, Long Bell Lumber A, Loose-Wiles Biscuit, Lortillard, Louisiana Oil, Preferred, Louisville G & El A, Ludlum Steel, MacAndrews & Forbes, Maek Trucks Inc, Macy Co, Madison Sq Garden, Magna Copper, Mallison (H R) & Co, Manati Sugar, Manhattan Shirt, Maracaibo Oil Explor, Marine Midland Corp, Martin-Rockwell, Marmon Motor Car, Marshall Field & Co, Martin-Parry Corp.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. * Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE SIXTH PAGE PRECEDING.

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALES PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday Feb. 6 to Friday Feb. 12), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range for Year 1932, and PER SHARE for Previous Year 1931. Lists various stocks like Indus. & Miscell., Matheson Alkal Works, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. b Ex-dividend and ex-rights. x Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights

FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE SEVENTH PAGE PRECEDING

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday Feb. 6, Monday Feb. 8, Tuesday Feb. 9, Wednesday Feb. 10, Thursday Feb. 11, Friday Feb. 12), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range for Year 1932, and PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1931. Includes various stock listings like Pittsburgh Coal, Pitted Screw & Bolt, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE EIGHTH PAGE PRECEDING.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday Feb. 6 to Friday Feb. 12), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Indus. & Miscell. (Concl.) Par, Texas Pacific Land Trust, etc.), PER SHARE Range for Year 1932 (Lowest, Highest), PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1931 (Lowest, Highest).

* Bid and asked prices. n sales on this day. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights

On Jan. 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now "and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Name, Price, Range, and other financial details. Includes sections for U.S. Government, State and City Securities, Foreign Govt. & Municipals, and Bonds.

c Cash sale. e On the basis of \$5 to £ sterling. s Deferred delivery.

Table with columns: Bonds, Interest Period, Price, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes sections for Foreign Govt. & Municipals, Railroad, and various municipal bonds.

Table with columns: Bonds, Interest Period, Price, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes sections for N. Y. Stock Exchange, various municipal bonds, and railroad bonds.

c Cash sale. * Deferred delivery

Main table containing bond listings with columns for 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE. Week Ended Feb. 12.', 'Price Thursday Feb. 11.', 'Week's Range or Last Sale.', 'Range Since Jan. 1.', and 'Interest Period.' The table is split into two columns and contains numerous rows of bond data.

c Cash sale. s Deferred delivery.

Main table containing bond listings for 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' with columns for 'Bonds', 'Price', 'Week's Range', 'Range Since', 'Interest', 'Bonds Sold', and 'Range Since'. Includes sub-sections for 'INDUSTRIALS' and 'BONDS'.

c Cash sale. d Due May. e Due August. s Deferred delivery.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price (Bid/Ask), Week's Range, Range Since Jan. 1, and various other market data.

• Cash sales. • Deferred delivery. * Union Oil 5s series C 1935 sold on Dec. 5, \$1,000 at 73 "deferred delivery."

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Boston Stock Exchange, Feb. 6 to Feb. 11, both inclusive (Friday, Feb. 12, being Lincoln's Birthday and a holiday on the Exchange), compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Thurs. Last Sale Price, Weeks. Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes sections for Railroads, Miscellaneous, and Bonds.

* No par value. z Ex-dividend.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange, Feb. 6 to Feb. 11, both inclusive (Friday, Feb. 12, being Lincoln's Birthday and a holiday on the Exchange), compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Thurs. Last Sale Price, Weeks. Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes various industrial and utility stocks.

Table with columns: Stocks (Continued) Par, Thurs. Last Sale Price, Weeks. Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes various industrial and utility stocks.

Table of stock prices for various companies including Wacker Drive Bldg Corp, United Ptrs & Pubs, U S Gypsum, etc. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

* No par value. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

Toronto Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Toronto Stock Exchange, Feb. 6 to Feb. 11, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for Toronto Stock Exchange, including Abitibi Pow & Paper com, Alberta Pacific Grain, Asbestos Corp, etc. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

*No par value.

Toronto Curb.—Record of transactions at the Toronto Curb, Feb. 6 to Feb. 11, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for Toronto Curb, including Blissell Co T E com, Brewing Cyns pref, Can Bud Breweries com, etc. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table of stock prices for various companies including Honey Dew com, Humbertstone Shoe com, Imperial Tobacco ord, etc. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

* No par value.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Feb. 6 to Feb. 11, both inclusive (Friday, Feb. 12, being Lincoln's Birthday and a holiday on the Exchange), compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for Philadelphia Stock Exchange, including American Stores, Bell Tel Co of Pa pref, Budd (E G) Mfg Co, etc. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

*No par value.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, Feb. 6 to Feb. 11, both inclusive (Friday, Feb. 12, being Lincoln's Birthday and a holiday on the Exchange), compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for Baltimore Stock Exchange, including Appalachian Corp, Black & Decker com, Ches & Pot Tel of Blt pf 100, etc. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

*No par value.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, Feb. 6 to Feb. 11, both inclusive (Friday, Feb. 12, being Lincoln's Birthday and a holiday on the Exchange), compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par., Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes stocks like Allegheny Steel, Amer Fruit Growers, etc.

* No par value.

Cleveland Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange, Feb. 6 to Feb. 11, both inclusive (Friday, Feb. 12, being Lincoln's Birthday and a holiday on the Exchange), compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par., Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes stocks like Apex Electrical Mfg, Central United Natl, etc.

* No par value.

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange, Feb. 6 to Feb. 11, both inclusive (Friday, Feb. 12, being Lincoln's Birthday and a holiday on the Exchange), compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par., Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes stocks like Am Laund Mach com, Amer Rolling Mill com, etc.

* No par value.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange, Feb. 6 to Feb. 11, both inclusive (Friday, Feb. 12, being Lincoln's Birthday and a holiday on the Exchange), compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par., Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes stocks like Bank & Trust, Boatmen's Nat'l Bank, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded), Par., Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes stocks like Miscellaneous, Brown Shoe com, etc.

* No par value.

Los Angeles Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Los Angeles Stock Exchange, Feb. 6 to Feb. 11, both inclusive (Friday, Feb. 12, being Lincoln's Birthday and a holiday on the Exchange), compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par., Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes stocks like Barnsdall Oil A, Byron Jackson, etc.

* No par value.

San Francisco Stock Exchange.—See page 1154.

New York Produce Exchange Securities Market.—Record of transactions at New York Produce Exchange Securities Market, Feb. 6 to Feb. 11, both inclusive (Friday, Feb. 12, being Lincoln's Birthday and a holiday on the Exchange), compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par., Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes stocks like Admiralty Alaska Gold, Bagdad Copper, etc.

* No par value.

New York Curb Exchange—Weekly and Yearly Record

In the following extensive list we furnish a complete record of the transactions on the New York Curb Exchange for the week beginning on Saturday last (Feb. 6 1932) and ending the present Thursday (Feb. 11 1932) (Friday, Feb. 12, being Lincoln's Birthday and a holiday on the Exchange). It is compiled entirely from the daily reports of the Curb Exchange itself, and is intended to include every security, whether stock or bonds, in which any dealings occurred during the week covered.

Table with columns: Week Ended Feb. 12., Stocks—, Par., Thurs. Last Sale Price., Week's Range of Prices., Sales for Week., Range Since Jan. 1., Stocks (Continued) Par., Thurs. Last Sale Price., Week's Range of Prices., Sales for Week., Range Since Jan. 1. Lists various stocks like Acetel Prod conv A, Agfa Anso Corp com, etc.

Table with columns: Bonds (Continued), Thurs. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., and Bonds (Concluded). It lists various financial instruments like Nat Food Products, Texas Gas Util, and many others with their respective prices and dates.

* No par value. † Correction. n Sold under the rule. o Sold for cash. s Deferred delivery. ‡ Ex-rights and bonus. w When issued. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

e See alphabetical list below for "Under the Rule" sales affecting the range for the year. Bulova Watch pref., Feb. 2, 10 at 12 1/2. Cities Service, pref. B, Jan. 11, 10 at 5.

z See alphabetical list below for "Deferred Delivery" sales affecting the range for the year. Acetol Prod. conv. A, Jan. 6, 100 at 6. Associated Gas & Elec. deb. 5s, 1956, Feb. 10, \$3,000 at 34 1/2.

Quotations for Unlisted Securities

Public Utility Bonds.

Table of Public Utility Bonds with columns for Bid, Ask, and various utility company names like Am Com'th P 5 1/2% '53 M&N, Amer S P S 5 1/2% 1948 M&N, etc.

Investment Trusts (Concluded).

Table of Investment Trusts with columns for Bid, Ask, and various trust names like Public Service Trust Shares, Representative Trust Shares, etc.

Public Utility Stocks.

Table of Public Utility Stocks with columns for Bid, Ask, and various utility company names like Alabama Power \$7 pref., Arizona Power 7% pref., etc.

Industrial Stocks.

Table of Industrial Stocks with columns for Bid, Ask, and various industrial company names like Adams Mills \$7 pref., Acollan Co \$7 pref., etc.

Investment Trusts.

Table of Investment Trusts with columns for Bid, Ask, and various trust names like ABC Trust Shares ser D, Amer Brit & Cont \$6 pref., etc.

Telephone and Telegraph Stocks.

Table of Telephone and Telegraph Stocks with columns for Bid, Ask, and various company names like Am Dist Tel of N J \$4, Bell Tel (Can) 8% pref., etc.

Chain Store Stocks.

Table of Chain Store Stocks with columns for Bid, Ask, and various company names like Boback (H C) Inc com., Butler (James) common, etc.

* No par value. d Last reported market. d New stock. x Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

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Sugar Stocks.

Table with 3 columns: Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Fajardo Sugar, Haytlan Corp Amer, Savannah Sugar com, 7% preferred.

New York Bank Stocks.

Table with 3 columns: Bid, Ask. Includes Bank of Yorktown, Chase, Chatham-Ph Nat Bk & Tr, City (National), Columbus Bank, Comm'l Nat Bank & Tr, Fifth Avenue, First National of N Y, Flatbush National, Grace National Bank, Harbor State Bank, Harriman Nat Bk & Tr, Industrial Bank, Kingsboro Nat Bank, Lafayette National.

Trust Companies.

Table with 3 columns: Bid, Ask. Includes Banca Comm Italiana Tr, Bank of Sicily Trust, Bank of New York & Tr, Bankers, Bronx County, Brooklyn, Central Hanover, Chemical Bank & Trust, Clinton Trust, Cont Bk & Trust New, Corn Exch Bk & Trust, County, Empire, Fulton, Guaranty, Hibernia Trust, Irving Trust, Kings County, Lawyers Title & Guar, Manufacturers, Mercantile Bank & Tr, New York, Title Guarantee & Trust, Trust Co of N A, Underwriters Trust, United States.

Chicago Bank Stocks.

Table with 3 columns: Bid, Ask. Includes Central Republic, Chic Bk of Commerce, Continental Ill Bk & Tr, Fifth National, Harris Trust & Savings, Northern Trust Co, Peoples Tr & Sav Bank, Strauss Nat Bank & Tr.

Industrial and Railroad Bonds.

Table with 3 columns: Bid, Ask. Includes Adams Express, American Meter, Amer Tobacco, Am Type Fdrs, Debenture, Am Wire Fab, Bear Mountain-Hudson, River Bridge, Biltmore Comm, Chicago Stock Yds, Consol Coal, Consol Mach Tool, Consol Tobacco, Continental Sugar, Equit Office Bldg, Fisk Tire Fabric, Haytlan Corp, Hoboken Ferry, Internat Salt, Journal of Comm, Kans City Pub Serv, Loew's New Brd Prop, Merchants Refrig, Middle States Oil, N O Gr No RR, N Y & Hob Ferry, N Y Shipbldg, Piedmont & No Ry, Pierce Butler, Realty Assoc Sec, Securities Co of N Y, 61 Broadway, So Indiana Ry, Stand Text Pr, Struthers Wells Titusville, Tol Term RR, U S Steel, Ward Baking, Witherbee Sherman, Woodward Iron.

Insurance Companies.

Table with 3 columns: Bid, Ask. Includes Aetna Casualty & Surety, Aetna Fire, Aetna Life, Agricultural, American Alliance, American Colony, American Constitution, American Equitable (new), American Home, American of Newark, American Re-Insurance, American Reserve, American Surety, Automobile, Baltimore Amer Insurance, Bankers & Shippers, Boston, Bronx Fire, Brooklyn Fire Insurance, Carolina, Chicago Fire & Marine, City of New York, Colonial States Fire, Columbia National Life, Connecticut General Life, Consolidated Indemnity, Constitution, Continental Casualty, Cosmopolitan Insurance, Eagle, Excess Insurance, Federal, Fidelity & Deposit of Md, Firemen's, Franklin Fire, General Alliance, German Insurance, Glens Falls Fire, Globe Republic, Globe & Rutgers Fire, Great American, Great Amer Indemnity, Halifax Insurance, Hamilton Fire, Hanover, Harmonia, Hartford Fire, Hart St'm Boiler Ins&Irs, Home, Home Fire Security, Homestead, Hudson Insurance, Importers & Exp of N Y, Independence, Independence Indemnity, Kansas City Life, Knickerbocker com, Knickerbocker (new), Lincoln Fire (new), Lloyds Casualty, Voting trust certs, Majestic Fire, Maryland Casualty, Mass Bonding & Ins, Merchants Fire & Assur com, Merch & Mfrs Fire Newark 5, Missouri State Life, Morris Plan Insurance, National Casualty, National Fire, National Liberty, National Union Fire, New Amsterdam Casual, New Brunswick, New England Fire, New Hampshire Fire, New Jersey, New York Fire com, North River, Northern, Northwestern National, Pacific Fire, Peoples National Fire, Phoenix, Preferred Accident, Providence-Washington, Public Fire, Public Indemnity (formerly Hudson Casualty), Reliance Insur of Phila, Republic (Texas), Rhode Island, Rochester American, St Paul Fire & Marine, Seaboard Fire & Marine, Security New Haven, Springfield Fire & Marine, Standard Accident, Stuyvesant, Sun Life Assurance, Transportation Indemn'y, Transportation Insurance, Travelers Fire, U S Casualty, U S Fidelity & Guar Co, U S Fire, U S Merch & Shippers, Victory, Westchester Fire.

Realty, Surety and Mortgage Companies.

Table with 3 columns: Bid, Ask. Includes Bond & Mortgage Guar, Empire Title & Guar, Franklin Surety, Guaranty Title & Mortgage, Home Title Insurance, International Germanic Ltd, Lawyers Mortgage, National Title Guaranty, State Title Mtge (new).

Aeronautical Stocks.

Table with 3 columns: Bid, Ask. Includes Alexander Indus, American Airports Corp, Aviation Sec of New Engl, Central Airport, Cessna Aircraft com, Curtiss Reid Aircraft com, Federal Aviation, General Aviation 1st pref, Kinner Airplane & Mot new, Maddux Air Lines, Sky Specialties, Southern Air Transport, Swallow Airplane, Warner Aircraft Engine, Whittelsey Manufacturing.

Quotations for Other Over-the-Counter Securities

Short Term Securities.

Table with 3 columns: Bid, Ask. Includes Allis-Chal Mfg, Alum Co of Amer, Amer Metal, Amer Rad deb, Am Roll Mill, 4 1/2% notes 1933, Amer Thread, Amer Wat Wks, Bell Tel of Can, Baldwin Loco, Cud Pkg deb, Edison Elec, 4% notes Nov '32, 5% notes Jan '33, Gulf Oil Corp, Debenture 5%, Debenture 5%.

Railroad Equipments.

Table with 3 columns: Bid, Ask. Includes Atlantic Coast Line, Equipment 6 1/2%, Baltimore & Ohio, Equipment 4 1/2% & 6%, Buff Roch & Pitts equip, Canadian Pacific, Central R.R. of N J, Chesapeake & Ohio, Equipment 6 1/2%, Equipment 5%, Chicago & North West, Equipment 6 1/2%, Cle R I & Pac, Equipment 6%, Colorado & Southern, Delaware & Hudson, Erie 4 1/2% & 5%, Equipment 6%, Great Northern, Equipment 5%, Hoeking Valley, Equipment 6%, Illinois Central, Equipment 6%, Equipment 7% & 8 1/2%, Kanawha & Michigan, Kansas City Southern, Louisville & Nashville, Equipment 6 1/2%, Michigan Central, Equipment 6%, Minn St P & SS M, Equipment 6 1/2% & 7%, Missouri Pacific, Equipment 6%, Mobile & Ohio, New York Central, Equipment 6%, Equipment 7%, Norfolk & Western, Northern Pacific, Pacific Fruit Express, Pennsylvania R.R. equip, Pittsburgh & Lake Erie, Reading Co, St Louis & San Fran, Seaboard Air Line, Southern Pacific, Equipment 7%, Equipment 7 1/2%, Southern Ry, Equipment 6%, Equipment 7%, Toledo & Ohio Central, Union Pacific.

Water Bonds.

Table with 3 columns: Bid, Ask. Includes Alton Water, Ark Wat 1st, Ashtabula W, Atlantic Co Wat, Birm W, 1st m 5s 1954 ser B, 1st 5s 1957 ser C, Butler Water, City W (Chat), Commonwealth Water, 1st 5s 1956 B, 1st m 5s 1957 ser C, Davenport W, E S L & Int W, 1st m 5s 1942 ser B, 1st 5s 1960 ser D, Hunt'on W, 1st m 5s 1954 ser B, Joplin W, Kokomo W, Monon Con W, Monon Val W, Richm'd W, St Joseph Wat, South Pitts Water, 1st 5s 1955, 1st & ref 5s '60 ser A, 1st & ref 5s '60 ser B, Terre H'te W, 1st m 5s 1956 ser B, Texarkana W, Wichita Wat, 1st m 5s '56 ser B, 1st m 5s 1960 ser C.

Investment Trust Stocks and Bonds.

Table with 3 columns: Bid, Ask. Includes American & Continental, Bankers Nat Invest com A, Beneficial Indus Loan pref, Colonial Investors Shares, Continental Metropol Corp A, Continental Secur Corp, Preferred, Industrial & Pow Sec, Invest Fund of N J, Mohawk Invest, Nor American Trust Shares, Old Colony Inv Tr, Shawmut Association com, Shawmut Bank Invest Trust, 4 1/2%, 5%, 5 1/2%, Standard Oil Trust Shares A, Class B.

* No par value. a And dividend. d Last reported market. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

East Kootenay Power Co.

Table with columns for Month of December and 9 Mos. End. Dec. 31, showing Gross earnings, Operating expenses, and Net earnings.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle June 13 '31, p. 4408

Equitable Office Building Corp.

Table with columns for 9 Mos. End. Jan. 31 and 1931-1930, showing Total revenue, Operating profit, Depreciation, and Total income.

Net profit... \$1,644,550... Equivalent after dividend requirements on 67 shares of 7% pref. stock...

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle June 6 '31, p. 4249

Globe-Wernicke Co.

Table showing Net loss after interest, &c. for 7 Months Ended Dec. 31 1931.

Gould Coupler Co.

Table with columns for 1931-3 Mos., 1930, and 1931-12 Mos., showing Net deficit and Net loss.

Net loss... \$298,170... After depreciation, selling and general expenses, provisions or reserves and for State and Federal taxes.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Mar. 23 '31, p. 2401

Gulf Power Co.

Table with columns for Month of December and 12 Mos. End. Dec. 31, showing Gross earnings, Oper. expts., and Net income.

Houston Electric Co.

Table with columns for Month of December and 12 Mos. End. Dec. 31, showing Gross earnings, Operation, Maintenance, and Net oper. revenue.

During the last 31 years, the company has expended for maintenance a total of 13.27% of the entire gross earnings over this period...

Illinois Bell Telephone Co.

Table with columns for Month of December and 12 Mos. End. Dec. 31, showing Telep. oper. revenues, Telep. oper. expenses, and Net telep. oper. revs.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Feb. 13 '32, p. 1194

Industrial and Power Securities Co.

Table showing Earnings for Period July 1 1931 to Dec. 31 1931, including Interest earned, Dividends earned, and Total income.

Iowa Public Service Co.

Table with columns for Month of December and 12 Mos. End. Dec. 31, showing Gross earnings, Oper. expenses & taxes, and Net earnings.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Apr. 11 '31, p. 2761

Middlesex & Boston Street Ry.

Table showing Revenue passengers carried for 1931-3 Mos. and 1930-12 Mos.

Mississippi Power Co.

Table with columns for Month of December and 12 Mos. End. Dec. 31, showing Gross earnings, Oper. expts., and Net income.

Note.—The above figures for 1930 do not include operations of transportation companies sold Dec. 31 1930.

Nebraska Power Co.

Table with columns for Month of December and 12 Mos. End. Dec. 31, showing Operating revenues, Oper. expt., and Net rev. from oper.

New Jersey Zinc Co.

Table with columns for Period End. Dec. 31, showing Income and Dividends.

Balance, deficit... \$434,881... Income (including dividends from subsidiary companies) after deducting for expenses, taxes, depreciation, maintenance, repairs, depletion and contingencies.

Northern Texas Electric Co.

Table with columns for Month of December and 12 Mos. End. Dec. 31, showing Gross earnings, Operation, Maintenance, and Net oper. revenue.

During the last 29 years, the company has expended for maintenance, a total of 13.36% of the entire gross earnings over this period...

Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co.

Table with columns for Month of December and 12 Mos. End. Dec. 31, showing Telep. oper. revenues, Telep. oper. expenses, and Net telep. oper. revs.

Southern Canada Power Co., Ltd.

Table with columns for Month of December and 3 Mos. End. Dec. 31, showing Gross earnings, Operating expenses, and Net earnings.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Dec. 5 '31, p. 3790

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 (COMPANY ONLY).

Table with columns for 1931 and 1930, divided into Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Real estate, Mat's & suppl., Accts. receivable, etc. Liabilities include Capital stock, Subscribed, Underlying prior lien bonds, etc.

Total 215,374,805 190,542,268 Note.—The principal and interest of the following mortgage bonds are guaranteed by the company

Ogden Gas Co. 1st mtg. 5% gold bonds, due May 1 1945, \$6,000,000. The interest on this issue is deducted from income and not charged to bond interest.

The Indiana Natural Gas & Oil Co., ref. mtg. 5% gold bonds, due May 1 1936, \$6,000,000.

Chicago & Illinois Western RR. gen. mtg. 6% gold bonds, due July 1 1947, \$196,333.

The Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co. purchased a one-third interest in the Chicago & Illinois Western RR. and assumed a guarantee of the principal and interest of the above amount of bonds.

The interest on the bond issues of Indiana Natural Gas & Oil Co. and of Chicago & Illinois Western RR. was not a charge against Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co. for the year ended Dec. 31 1931.

The bond issues referred to in this note are not listed as liabilities on the balance sheet of Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 (INCL. SUB. COS.)

Table with columns for 1931 and 1930, divided into Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Prop. plant and equipment, Misc. investm'ts, Special funds, etc. Liabilities include Capital stock, Subscribed, Funded debt, etc.

Total 233,884,184 211,070,586

Note.—The Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co. has guaranteed as principal and interest the following bonds: Chicago & Illinois Western RR. 6% general gold bonds, due July 1 1947, \$196,333

The interest on the above issue has not become a charge against the Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co.—V. 134, p. 676.

Childs Co., New York.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.)

William A. Barber, Chairman of the Board, says in substance: Company presents this year a balance sheet and earnings statement for Childs Co. and all subsidiary companies in consolidation; for this reason

some of the figures are not directly comparable with those of previous years. The accounting practice for a number of years has been to consolidate only the restaurant operating companies. In line with modern accounting methods, it has seemed desirable at this time to consolidate in one statement the results of all the activities of the company. In the following summary of the results of operation, the figures for the year 1930 do not agree with those published in last year's report, as the latter figures have been recalculated on the basis of complete consolidation for the purpose of comparison.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF OPERATION SHOWN COMPARATIVELY FOR YEARS 1931 AND 1930.

Summary of Results of Operation table comparing 1931 and 1930. Rows include Sales and rentals, Cost of sales, Income from operation, Total income, Interest, Federal income taxes, Depreciation, Other deductions, Net profit.

Note.—The net profit shown for the year 1930 in the annual report for the year ended Dec. 31 1930 (see below) was \$1,187,448. The difference between this figure and the figure of \$933,385 for the same year, shown above, is due principally to dividends declared by the real estate companies which represented the accumulated earnings of these companies and inter-company transactions.

The balance sheet has been adversely affected by certain necessary adjustments, as well as by unsatisfactory earnings. The current assets have been reduced (a) by the payment of \$1,000,000 Childs Dining Hall Co. 4-year notes, which matured in March, and which it had been the intention to refund by the sale of an equivalent amount of Childs Co.'s 15-year debts; but which sale was made impossible by the condition of the securities market at that time; (b) the investment of approximately \$1,000,000 in plants and improvements, including the opening of two new restaurants and the remodeling of three others in New York City and the remodeling of one in Pittsburgh; (c) cancellation of subscriptions under employees' stock purchase plan, which reduced "accounts receivable, employees' stock purchases" by the amount of approximately \$450,000.

The current position also is made to appear less favorable by the removal of repurchased securities from current assets, which change seemed desirable on account of the great shrinkage in the market values of these securities. Referring to the consolidated statement of profit and loss and surplus, the principal adjustments to surplus which require explanation are the writing down to stated value (i. e., the book value of outstanding stock) of 35,328 shares of Childs Co.'s common stock, originally purchased for resale to employees and held by Childs Real Estate Co. for future disposition, and the writing down to par value of 12,679 shares of Childs Co.'s 7% cum. pref. stock held by the same subsidiary. These adjustments place the repurchased securities of the company, which appear as assets, at the same value at which the issued securities of the company appear on the liability side of the balance sheet.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Restaurant sales, Building rentals, Miscellaneous sales, Total sales, Cost of restaurant sales, Cost of building rentals, Cost of miscell. sales, Total cost of sales, Gross inc. from restaurants and buildings, Less other departmental loss and expense, Gross inc. from oper'n, Fed. & State tax reserve, Other general expenses, Net income from oper., Other income (net), Total income, Income deductions, Depreciation, Net profit, Previous surplus, Total surplus, Reserve account, Surplus adjustments, Net deficit real est. cos., Adjust. of deprec. of office furn. & fixt., Adjust. of val. of reacq. securities, Pref. divs. Childs Co., Pref. divs. Childs Dining Hall Co., Common divs. (cash), Profit & loss surplus, Shs. of com. outst. (no par), Earned per sh. on com.

a Includes all subsidiary companies. b Includes Child's Dining Hall Co., Childs Co. of Providence and Boos Bros. Cafeteria Co. x Includes profit of \$1,057,055 on sale of Savoy-Plaza Corp. securities. y Federal taxes only.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

(Including all subsidiary companies in 1931, and Childs' Dining Hall Co., Childs Co. of Providence and Boos Bros. Cafeteria Co. in 1930.)

Table with columns for 1931 and 1930, divided into Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Estab. & plants, Real estate, Real estate cos., Capital stock, Mtgs., notes & accounts, Leaseholds, good-will, &c., Cash, Spec. accts. rec., Govt. & State bds., Reacqd' secur., Other securities, Mtgs. receivable, Notes & accts rec., Accr. mtg. int. rec., Mdse. inventories, Deferred charges. Liabilities include Preferred stock, Common stock, Fractional scrip, Real est. mtge. & g'd rent leases, 15-yr 5% g. debts, 4-yr 5% coll. tr. notes due 1931, Sub. real est. cos.' accounts, Notes payable, Accts payable and acqd' liabilities, Reserve for taxes, Deferred credits, Res. for contng., Special reserve, Res. for deprec. of estab. & plants, Res. for Can. exch., Res. for depr. bldgs., Res. for insurance, Surplus.

Total 46,194,274 46,937,508

a Represents 362,386 shares of no par value. b Invested in real estate, first mortgage on real estate, Government and other bonds and cash on deposit.—V. 134, p. 853.

Transamerica Corp.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.)

Elisha Walker, Chairman, and James A. Bacigalupi, President, state in substance:

General.—The generally depressed condition of business in 1930 continued with even greater severity during 1931. The drastic further shrinkage during the year in all values in every field of business activity and the extraordinary concurrence of unfavorable financial developments abroad, with the serious disturbance of public confidence in this country, made the year 1931 much more critical than the previous year of the depression, and affected adversely the profits and investments of the strongest institutions and enterprises. While directors look forward to a gradual recovery in trade and industry and to the complete restoration of public confidence in our Nation's economic life, they desire to point out that the radical changes in conditions during the last two and a half years have necessitated important changes in the business and policies of the corporation.

Assets.—Prior to June 30 1931, the corporation's investments in the banks and other subsidiaries controlled by it, which were largely acquired through the issue of the corporation's own shares, were carried at the cost thereof. This included the good-will value of the institutions as going concerns, as capitalized in the market quotations of the corporation's shares issued in exchange therefor during a period of great prosperity and speculation. During 1931, directors determined that, as the shares of many banks and corporations were selling on the basis of bare asset values, or even less, the corporation's controlled subsidiaries should be carried on its balance sheet on the basis of their net assets, eliminating all value for good-will. This change was made effective as of June 30. The great difference between the net asset value of the subsidiaries and their cost in terms of the former market quotations of the corporation's own shares issued for such subsidiaries had, of course, existed for the most part since the formation of Transamerica. The above mentioned change in the value at which assets are carried on the books of Transamerica did not, in any wise, change the nature of the assets themselves or their intrinsic value.

Based on current market quotations for marketable securities (other than shares of controlled subsidiaries) and the value of the net assets of controlled subsidiaries, and eliminating all good-will and going-concern value, as well as the value, in the case of insurance companies, of insurance now in force, the net assets of the corporation at Dec. 31 1931 amounted to \$131,121,778. As of June 30 1931, according to the books, such net assets on substantially the same basis amounted to \$173,091,000. The difference is principally accounted for by the decline in market value of securities held (including increased reserves against notes and accounts receivable resulting from further decline in the value of the collateral), and by carrying at market value the shares of the National City Bank of New York received in exchange for shares of the Bank of America N. A. (New York) which had been previously carried at asset value. As of Dec. 31 1931 borrowings (secured) from banks amounted to \$20,599,000, as against \$46,056,000 at June 30 1931.

Surplus and Reserves.—The reduction in the values at which controlled subsidiaries were carried on the books to the net asset values of such subsidiaries (as distinguished from cost) was charged against surplus.

All marketable securities (except bonds carried by banks and the life insurance company) owned by the corporation or its subsidiaries were adjusted to the lower of cost or market value and the amount of unrealized depreciation, as well as all profits and losses on the sales of securities during the year, has been charged to consolidated surplus.

From the consolidated surplus there, moreover, have been set up during the course of the year, by the corporation for its subsidiaries, for possible losses on notes and accounts receivable, mortgages and real estate and for losses and other contingencies, additional reserves, making the total reserves for such purposes \$74,923,052, of which all but \$35,944,550, shown directly on the consolidated balance sheet, have been applied as depreciation of assets of non-consolidated subsidiaries, or are included as a liability in the balance sheet in "owing by contract or otherwise to subsidiaries not consolidated." During the year an additional \$3,858,000 of reserves previously set up for real estate, was applied in reduction of the book value of certain real estate.

Appropriate adjustments have been made to the surplus account in connection with the purchase, sale or exchange of its capital stock by the corporation or its subsidiaries. At the end of the year, after setting aside 81,269 shares reserved to cover specific exchanges, there remained in the treasury of the corporation 569,232 shares of its capital stock. In addition, 537,615 shares were held by Intercoast Sales Corp., which, to the extent not otherwise disposed of, will be taken into the treasury of the corporation in connection with the liquidation of Intercoast Sales Corp. Upon the consolidation of accounts at Dec. 31 1931 these shares were treated as in the treasury.

In order that stockholders may have a general picture of the changes in net worth during the two years between Dec. 31 1929 and Dec. 31 1931, which have resulted from the reductions in the book values at which the assets of corporation have been carried, and from provisions for reserves, there is shown a brief summary of such changes:

Capital and surplus Dec. 31 1929, on consolidated basis.....	\$1,157,513,474
Deductions Made—	
Provision for reserves for non-consolidated subsidiaries covering depreciation of assets and contingencies; for doubtful notes and accounts receivable, taxes and contingencies.....	63,954,009
Reduction of securities to market values, including \$3,142,542 net loss on sales of securities during the two years ended Dec. 31 1931.....	65,504,692
Dividends paid in cash during the two years ended Dec. 31 '31.....	38,631,423
Balance.....	\$989,423,349
Add: Consolidated net profit for the two years ended Dec. 31 1931, not including net loss on sales of securities.....	22,539,739
Total.....	\$1,011,963,087
Deduct: Elimination of all the good-will and going-concern value, reduction of investments in subsidiaries to net asset values at Dec. 31 1931 (including effect of the acquisition and issue of Transamerica stock during period, and elimination of stock held in treasury and by subsidiaries at end of period) and other changes, net.....	880,841,309

Consolidated net asset value, Dec. 31 1931, represented by 23,659,368 shares of capital stock outstanding..... \$131,121,778

It will be noted from the above that the principal deduction is the elimination of good-will and reduction of investments in subsidiaries to net asset value. Also, substantial reserves have been set up against various assets, consisting largely of real estate mortgages and notes and accounts receivable, most of which assets were acquired prior to Dec. 31 1929, and were of such a type that they could not be liquidated at satisfactory prices during the past two years. The reserve for reduction of securities to market values is of course due to the great decline in the stock market, and would have been much larger had not material amounts of miscellaneous securities been sold.

Earnings.—As shown by the consolidated income account, the consolidated net profit of the corporation and all controlled subsidiaries for the year 1931, before taking up net losses on security transactions, was \$6,245,837, or \$259.4 per share on 24,075,962 shares, approximately the average number outstanding in the hands of the public during the year. Such profit does not reflect the large reserves set up during the year or the losses from sales of securities, which, as stated above, have been charged to surplus. Directors feel that since unrealized depreciation on securities has been charged to surplus previously, it would be misleading to include profits and losses on sales of securities in the income account.

Dividends.—Cash dividends of 25c. per share were paid in January (declared in December 1930) and in March, and of 10c. per share in July. In September directors determined to interrupt the payment of dividends. In their opinion this was a necessary measure. Although the corporation's large floating debt incurred in previous years had been substantially reduced through the sale of securities, the great shrinkage in market value of the corporation's assets available as collateral made it essential to conserve all the corporation's cash resources.

Reclassification of Shares and Reduction of Capital.—In June 1931 directors determined that it was advisable to amend the certificate of incorporation so as to change its authorized 50,000,000 shares of capital stock (both issued and unissued) of the par value of \$25 each, to shares without par value, and to reduce the amount of capital represented by the shares of the corporation without par value outstanding upon the taking effect of such amendment from an amount equal to \$25 per share to an amount equal to \$1 per share. Such changes were subsequently authorized at a special meeting of stockholders.

Acquisitions.—During the year the corporation, through its subsidiary, Inter-Continental Corp., acquired the assets of Intercoast Trading Co. (Nevada), in which it already had a substantial interest. Under the plan stockholders of Intercoast Trading Co. received one share of capital stock of this corporation and 25c. in cash for each two shares of the capital stock of Intercoast Trading Co. held. After giving effect to the shares of this corporation held by Intercoast Trading Co. and to the shares of Intercoast Trading Co. previously held by Inter-Continental Corp., 563,013 shares of this corporation were issued from the treasury for such purpose. Intercoast Sales Corp., the operating subsidiary of Intercoast Trading Co., continued the retail security business of the latter. By the end of the year, such business was greatly reduced, leases and contracts substantially disposed of, and it is expected that Intercoast Sales Corp. will be shortly dissolved.

New Policies.—As stated above, during 1931 directors, after careful consideration, determined upon certain changes in the policies of the corporation which they believed necessary in the best interest of the corporation and its stockholders. These changes, which included the eventual separation of its controlled banks from the other activities of Transamerica, were announced in Sept. 22 1931. The board believes that it is unsound to link, through a holding company, the ownership and control of a deposit bank with other unrelated activities, and that it is essential to the complete success of any bank that it should be operated and publicly regarded as an independent institution without responsibility for, or connection with, any other business. It was for this reason that the board determined upon the policy of confining the corporation's investments in the banking field to minority interests not involving controlling influence. The eventual separation of its controlled banks from Transamerica, in accordance with this policy, will give such banks complete independence in their lending and investment policies which is the only sound foundation for a bank.

New Directors.—In connection with such changes in policies, the board of directors was reconstituted with a view to strengthening the position of the corporation as a National institution. The former directors who withdrew from the board at that time, many of whom were officials of corporation's controlled institutions, adopted such new policies with practical unanimity, prior to the change in the board. All of the new members of the board have likewise endorsed such policies.

Companies Consolidated.—The accounts of the following companies are consolidated in the following balance sheet and income and surplus accounts:

Transamerica Corp.
Transamerica Bank Holding Co.
Transamerica Insurance Holding Co.
Transamerica Mortgage Holding Co.
Transamerica Public Utilities Holding Co.
Transamerica International Corp.
Corporation of America.

Realty Holding Co. of America.
Inter-Continental Corp.
Coast Company.
Ameritalia Corp.
National Commercial Properties, Ltd.
America Investment Co.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT—YEAR ENDED DEC. 31 1931. (Transamerica Corp. and Holding Companies)

Income—Dividends.....	\$10,838,506
Interest.....	1,577,243
Other.....	79,545
Total.....	\$12,495,293
Expense—Interest.....	1,928,408
Gen. and admin., incl. salaries, taxes, traveling and communications, occupancy and other operating expenses.....	1,832,768
Transfer and registrar fees and stamps.....	569,448
and Delaware tax in connection with reclassification of shares.....	7,915
Minority interest in earnings of consolidated subsidiary.....	7,915
Net profit of consolidated companies before taking up net loss on security transactions, transferred to surplus account.....	\$8,156,754
Deduct: Losses and dividends in excess of earnings of non-consolidated subsidiaries.....	a 1,910,917
Consolidated net profit of corporation and all controlled subsidiaries, before taking up net loss on security transactions.....	\$6,245,837
a This amount is reflected in the consolidated surplus account in the item "net decrease in asset value of non-consolidated subsidiaries for the year ended Dec. 31 1931."	

Notes.—No provision for Federal income taxes for 1931 is required inasmuch as interest from tax exempt securities and dividends from domestic corporations more than equal taxable net income.

Net loss on security transactions has been charged direct to surplus acc't.

CONSOLIDATED SURPLUS ACCOUNT DEC. 31 1931.

Balance of surplus at Dec. 31 1930.....	\$469,946,202
Credits: Net profit of consolidated companies before taking up net loss on security transactions, as shown above.....	8,156,754
Reduction in minority interest through decrease in net asset values.....	283,824
Credit arising through reduction of Transamerica Corp. capital stock to \$1 per share.....	588,527,904
Total.....	\$1,066,914,684
Charges—	
Dividends paid in cash.....	\$8,418,375
Net loss on sales of securities based on Dec. 31 1930 market value or cost of subsequent acquisitions, less profit on syndicate participations.....	x 4,278,187
Additional provisions for:	
Reserves for non-consolidated subsidiaries covering depreciation of assets, contingencies, &c.....	33,919,762
Reserves for doubtful notes, accounts, &c.....	5,025,908
Reserves for taxes and other contingencies.....	4,981,359
Net decrease in asset value (including reduction of excess carrying value) of non-consolidated subsidiaries for the year ended Dec. 31 1931.....	38,023,311
Reduction of securities held by consolidated companies to market or appraised values at Dec. 31 1931.....	37,003,298
Charge resulting from exchange of, and miscellaneous transactions in, capital stock of Transamerica Corp., including reduction to \$1 per share of shares held by non-consolidated subsidiary at Dec. 31 1931.....	16,035,309
Miscellaneous charges, net.....	275,294
Reduction of carrying values of subsidiaries to net asset values as of Dec. 31 1930.....	811,491,469
Balance of paid-in surplus at Dec. 31 1931.....	b \$107,462,410

x Includes \$2,887,500 profit resulting from sale of stock received in connection with reorganization of non-controlled company under contract providing for serial payments.

b \$1,188,116 is amount of capital represented by shares of capital stock held in treasury at Dec. 31 1931 and shares treated as held in treasury in preparation of balance sheet.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 1931.

(Transamerica Corp. and Holding Companies)	
Assets—	
Investments in capital stocks of non-consolidated banks and corporations at net asset values:	
Banks.....	\$122,505,880
Real estate companies.....	a 14,102,921
Mortgage companies.....	4,766,289
Insurance companies.....	3,396,399
Other companies.....	7,828,967
Other investments in affiliated companies as appraised by management.....	2,461,569
Marketable securities at lower of cost or market values at Dec. 31 1931.....	b 38,596,630
Cash in banks and on hand.....	4,796,398
Notes, contracts, accounts receivable, &c.....	15,271,537
Officers' and employees' notes and accounts.....	2,619,709
Owing from subsidiaries not consolidated.....	7,354,134
Other assets.....	984,449
Good-will, going concern and control value.....	1
Total.....	\$224,684,283
Liabilities—	
Notes payable to banks, secured.....	b \$20,599,069
Accounts payable.....	555,033
Owing by contract or otherwise to subsidiaries not consolidated.....	b 36,206,613
Reserves for non-consolidated subsidiaries covering depreciation of assets, contingencies, &c.....	17,874,707
Reserves for doubtful notes, accounts, &c.....	9,236,676
Reserve for taxes for prior years and other contingencies.....	8,833,166
Minority interest in capital stock and surplus of consolidated subsidiaries.....	257,239
Capital stock (23,659,368 shs., without par value).....	23,659,368
Balance of paid-in surplus.....	107,462,410
Total.....	\$224,684,283

a In the above valuation of the real estate subsidiaries, \$14,078,501 has been set up for reserves for depreciation. The real estate subsidiaries have a liability of \$10,760,616 on serial purchase contracts and mortgages, of which \$9,118,921 is owed directly to non-consolidated subsidiaries.

b Marketable securities having a market value of \$28,927,697 and capital stock of controlled company having a net asset value of \$2,147,322 were pledged as security for notes payable to banks. Marketable securities valued at \$5,737,500 and capital stock of controlled and affiliated banks and corporations valued at \$4,100,357 were pledged in connection with contract liability included in "owing by contract or otherwise to subsidiaries not consolidated." Of marketable securities pledged, those having a market value of \$260,444 were sold at Dec. 31 1931, but undelivered at that date.—V. 134, p. 1044.

General Corporate and Investment News.

STEAM RAILROADS.

I.-S. C. Commission Truck Control Fought as Illegal.—Rejecting proposed Federal regulation for motor truck as "economically unsound, impracticable and, in important features, unconstitutional" the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce has filed a brief of exceptions to Examiner Leo J. Flynn's report to the I.-S. C. Commission, it was announced. N. Y. "Times," Feb. 11, p. 29.

Matters Covered in the "Chronicle" of Feb. 6.—(a) Rail unions accept wage deduction of 10% for one year—Savings to roads estimated at \$210,000,000—Roads agree to withdraw proposed 15% fund and will try to maintain and increase employment, p. 916; (b) Delaware & Hudson concludes

separate deal with engineers—Wage agreement fixes \$300 monthly pay for locomotive drivers, p. 918; (c) Wage cut of 10% accepted by 3,500 employees of St. Louis-San Francisco Ry., p. 918; (d) Canadian rail unions accept wage cut of 10%—Reduction to run 14 months from Dec. 1 1931—26,000 persons affected, p. 918; (e) Pennsylvania RR. to apply for loan from Reconstruction Finance Corp., p. 965; (f) St. Louis & San Francisco RR. reported seeking aid from the Reconstruction Finance Corp., p. 965.

Intercoast Lines Fix New Rate Basis.—Intercoast Steamship lines which have engaged in a rate war during the past year as a result of the dissolution of the United States Intercoastal Conference have reached a settlement and will come together in a new conference on March 1. N. Y. "Times," Feb. 10, p. 47.

Algoma Central Terminals, Ltd.—To Postpone Interest—

A special meeting of the holders of 5% 1st mtge. debenture stock and bonds has been called for February 22 to consider a resolution providing, among other things, that the interest "due Dec. 31 1931 and June 30 1932 or on such later date or dates (not in any event later than Dec. 31 1933) as may from time to time be fixed by the committee (to be appointed at the meeting) shall be postponed, provided that the interest so postponed shall itself carry interest at the rate of 5% until all arrears shall have been paid."

Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.—Improvements, &c.—

It was announced on Feb. 5 that the company expected to use between \$12,000,000 and \$13,000,000 during 1932 for capital expenditures, mainly for additions and betterments, and expected also to continue the construction of the new line from Boise City, Okla., to Las Animas, Colo.

Atlantic Coast Line RR.—Abandonment.—

The I.-S. C. Commission Jan. 22 issued a certificate authorizing the company to abandon a branch line of railroad extending from a point in the city of Petersburg at or near the intersection of Rome and Chappell Streets westward to a point at or near the main line of the Norfolk & Western Ry., about 3.15 miles, all in Dinwiddie County, Va.—V. 134, p. 672.

Boston & Maine RR.—Preliminary Report.—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928). Rows include Railway oper. revenues, expenses, tax accruals, uncoll. revenues, net income, dividends, and balance surplus.

Butte Anaconda & Pacific RR.—Tenders.—

The Guaranty Trust Co., trustee, 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until 10 a. m. on March 14 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st mtge. 5% 30-year sinking fund gold bonds, due Feb. 1 1944, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$54,806, at a price not exceeding 105 and int.—V. 133, p. 1121.

Canadian National Ry.—Rail Unions Accept 10% Wage Cut.—

See last week's "Chronicle," p. 918.—V. 134, p. 841, 134.

Canadian Pacific Ry.—Regular Dividends—Hereafter Payments Will Be Made Semi-Annually on the Common Stock.—

The directors on Feb. 8 declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% (31 1/4 c. per share) on the ordinary stock, par \$25, payable in Canadian funds on April 1 to holders of record March 1. This distribution, which is for the quarter ended Dec. 31 1931, will be made from the reserve of surplus revenue. It is announced that hereafter, until further notice, the payment of such dividends as may be declared will be half-yearly. The question of the dividend for the first half of 1932 will be considered by the board at its August meeting.

Central RR. Co. of New Jersey.—Preliminary Report.—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928). Rows include Railway oper. revenues, expenses, tax accruals, uncoll. revenues, net income, dividends, and earnings per share.

Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR.—1932 Improvements

The company will spend about \$23,000,000 in 1932 for maintenance, improvements and extensions, according to President Ralph Budd. Mr. Budd stated that of this amount about \$15,000,000 will be for maintenance, \$5,000,000 for improvements and betterments, and the balance for completing the 110-mile extension from Childreth to Pampa, Texas. The entire cost of the new line will be about \$4,000,000. He further added: "We have finished 11 miles of the extension and 65% of the total grading is completed. A daily average of 500 men is being employed in this construction. Considerable of the total expenditure will be for new rails and bridges" he said.—V. 134, p. 322.

Chicago Indianapolis & Louisville Ry.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928). Rows include Railway oper. revenues, expenses, tax accruals, uncoll. revenues, net income, dividends, and balance surplus.

Bonds.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Jan. 22 authorized the company to issue not exceeding \$561,000 1st & gen. mtge. 6% gold bonds, series B, in partial reimbursement of capital expenditures, the bonds to be pledged and repledged as collateral security for short-term notes.—V. 134, p. 134.

Chicago & Eastern Illinois RR.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928). Rows include Ry. oper. revenues, operating exp., tax accruals, net income, and total loss.

Chicago & North Western Ry.—Loadings Improve.—

President Fred W. Sargent is quoted as saying: "The Chicago & North Western System handled 3,920 cars on Feb. 9, which is low for this time of the year, but the best daily loadings since Dec. 3. We think we see some slight gradual improvement as indicated by loadings. The logging business in our territory is slightly better and we have had a better demand for automobile cars."

Cleveland & Pittsburgh RR.—Bonds.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Jan. 29 authorized the company to issue in lieu of \$3,126,000 of gen. & ref. mtge. 4 1/2% gold bonds, series B, a like amount of gen. & ref. mtge. 5% gold bonds, series B, the bonds to be delivered at par to the Pennsylvania RR. in partial reimbursement for expenditures made by that company for capital purposes.

Delaware Lackawanna & Western RR.—Note Issue.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the road to issue and to renew \$12,432,000 of its promissory notes which are to be sold at par or discounted at a rate not exceeding 8%. The company also was authorized to pledge as collateral security, \$13,639,000 of its 1st & ref. mtge. 5% bonds, series A, and \$10,000,000 of Morris & Essex RR. Co. 4 1/2% construction mortgage bonds.—V. 134, p. 1019.

Detroit Toledo & Ironton RR.—Preliminary Report.—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928). Rows include Railway oper. revenues, expenses, tax accruals, uncoll. revenues, net income, and total income.

Gulf Colorado & Santa Fe Ry.—Control of Roads.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has issued supplemental orders authorizing the acquisition by the Gulf Colorado & Santa Fe Ry. of control, under substitute leases of the railroads and properties of the following roads: Concho San Saba & Llano Valley RR.; Gulf & Interstate Ry. Co. of Texas; Gulf Beaumont & Kansas City Ry.; Gulf Beaumont & Great Northern Ry.; Healdton & Santa Fe Ry.; Texas & Gulf Ry.—V. 133, p. 3628.

Illinois Central RR.—Omits Preferred Dividend.—

The directors on Feb. 9 decided to omit the semi-annual dividend of 3% due March 1 on the outstanding \$18,646,100 6% non-cum. conv. pref. stock, series A, par \$100 per share. Distributions at this rate had been made from Sept. 1 1922 to and incl. Sept. 1 1932.

International-Great Northern RR.—Defers April 1 Interest.—

The directors have decided to suspend dividend payment on the pref. stock, series A, believing it to be in the interest of its stockholders as well as holders of its obligations to conserve its cash resources under the present unsettled financial condition.—V. 134, p. 841.

Lehigh & Hudson River Ry.—Preliminary Report.—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928). Rows include Railway oper. revenues, expenses, tax accruals, uncoll. revenues, net income, dividends, and earnings per share.

Lehigh & New England RR.—Preliminary Report.—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928). Rows include Railway operating revenues, expenses, tax accruals, net income, dividends, and income balance.

Condensed Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Balance sheet table for 1931 and 1930 with columns for Assets and Liabilities.

Clarion River Power Co.—Earnings.—

Earnings table for Clarion River Power Co. showing Calendar Years 1931, 1930, 1929.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31

Balance sheet table for Clarion River Power Co. for 1931 and 1930.

x Represented by 650 shares of common stock (par \$100) and 44,530 shares of participating stock (par \$100).—V. 132, p. 4237.

Edison General Italian Electric Co.—Smaller Div.—

The company has declared a dividend of 8% for 1931 as against 12% paid a year ago for 1930.—V. 130, p. 2578.

Foreign Power Securities Corp., Ltd.—Annual Report.

A. J. Nesbitt, Pres., says in part: The market value of the securities held by company as at Oct. 31 1931, was \$8,707,931 against a book value of \$11,436,346.

Comparative Income Account.

Comparative income account table for Foreign Power Securities Corp. showing 12 Mos. End. Oct. 31 and 18 Mos. End. Oct. 31 '28.

Balance Sheet Oct. 31.

Balance sheet table for Foreign Power Securities Corp. for 1931 and 1930.

Total.....12,341,593 13,419,045 Total.....12,341,593 13,419,045 a On the basis of quoted market prices, and including \$2,752,636 cost value of unquoted foreign securities the value of the corporation's investments at Oct. 31 1931, was \$8,707,932. b Represented by 125,000 no par shares.—V. 133, p. 2433.

Hartford Electric Light Co.—Earnings.—

Earnings table for Hartford Electric Light Co. showing Calendar Years 1931, 1930, 1929.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Comparative balance sheet table for 1931 and 1930 with columns for Assets and Liabilities.

Total.....\$30,915,639 \$30,326,247 Total.....\$30,915,639 \$30,326,247—V. 133, p. 2433.

General Gas & Electric Corp.—No Class B Common Dividend Declared.—

Regular quarterly dividends on the following stocks have been declared payable on April 1 to holders of record Feb. 27: \$1.75 per share on the \$7 cum. pref. stock; \$2 per share on the \$8 cum. pref. stock; 3/200ths of a share of class A com. stock on the com. stock, class A.

Regular quarterly dividends on the following stocks have been declared, payable on March 15 to holders of record Feb. 15, \$1.50 per share on the \$6 cum. pref. stock, and \$1.50 per share on the \$6 cum. conv. pref. stock, series B.

Like amounts were declared three months ago on the respective stocks. Quarterly cash dividends of 7/8c. per share were paid on the class A and class B common stocks on Oct. 1 1931, with an option to purchase class A stock at the rate of \$5 per share.—V. 134, p. 675.

Illinois Bell Telephone Co.—Earnings.—

Earnings table for Illinois Bell Telephone Co. showing Calendar Years 1931, 1930, 1929.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31

Comparative balance sheet table for Illinois Bell Telephone Co. for 1931 and 1930.

Total.....322,048,276 318,181,163 Total.....322,048,276 318,181,163—V. 134, p. 846.

Indianapolis Water Co.—Earnings.—

Earnings table for Indianapolis Water Co. showing Calendar Years 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928.

xNet corporate income \$970,705 \$1,061,073 \$1,049,364 \$1,003,299 x Before depreciation.—V. 132, p. 849.

Interborough Rapid Transit Co.—Tenders.—

The Guaranty Trust Co., trustee, 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until p. m. on April 1 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st. & ref. mtge. 5% gold bonds, due Jan. 1 1966, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$1,091,614 at a price not exceeding 110 and interest.—V. 133, p. 3629.

International Ry. Co. (Buffalo)—Earnings.—

Earnings table for International Ry. Co. showing Calendar Years 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928.

Total.....\$8,100,045 \$9,699,071 \$10,975,851 \$11,116,653 Total.....\$8,100,045 \$9,699,071 \$10,975,851 \$11,116,653

Laclede Gas Light Co.—Earnings.—

Earnings table for Laclede Gas Light Co. showing Calendar Years 1931, 1930, 1929.

Total.....\$2,322,127 2,380,810 2,074,318 2,190,303 Total added to surplus for year.....\$297,658 \$282,825 \$247,358

of the the common stock of the corporation for each share of such preference stock, or, at the option of such holders (providing written notice thereof is received by the corporation on or before Feb. 26 1932) at the rate of 75c. per share in cash.—V. 134, p. 1017.

(H. C.) Bohack Co.—Sales Decline.— Period End. Jan. 30— 1932—4 Wks.—1931. 1932—12 Mos.—1931. Sales—\$2,604,568 \$2,756,205 \$35,400,290 \$33,298,854 —V. 134, p. 679, 509.

Boott (Cotton) Mills.—Omits Dividend.— The directors have decided to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about March 1 on the capital stock. On Dec. 1 1931 a distribution of \$1 per share was made as compared with \$2 per share on Sept. 1 last and \$3 per share previously each quarter.—V. 133, p. 3793.

Brill Corp.—Omits Class A Dividend.— The directors have decided to omit the dividend usually payable about this time on the class A stock. A distribution of 34c. per share was made on this issue on March 16 1931. one of 65c. per share on March 15 1930, \$1.50 per share on March 1 1929, \$1.25 per share on March 1 1928, and an initial payment of \$1 per share on April 1 1927.

The regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share has been declared on the pref. stock, payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 16.—V. 132, p. 3889.

Brillo Manufacturing Co.—Earnings.— Calendar Years— 1931. 1930. Gross sales \$1,645,123 \$1,655,996 Net earnings 368,267 255,578 Depreciation charges 42,455 39,941 State and Federal taxes 46,688 32,927 Net income \$279,123 \$182,711 Earns. per sh. on 160,000 shs. common stk. (no par) \$1.40 \$0.78

Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Assets— 1931. 1930. Cash \$256,356 \$126,380 Securities (at cost) 212,385 184,702 Inventories 51,805 59,773 Accts. receivable 155,625 160,114 Notes rec. & sundry 7,000 6,878 Fixed assets 657,596 691,048 Pats. trade-marks & good-will 543,794 535,821 Deferred charges 30,335 28,374 Total \$1,914,897 \$1,793,091

x Issued and outstanding: Class A (no par, 27,880 shares; common (no par), 160,000 shares. V. 134, p. 852.

Brown, Durrell Co., Boston.—Retires Preferred Stock.— The stockholders on Feb. 3 approved a proposal to retire 9,000 shares of pref. stock purchased during the past year at an average price of \$60 per share. While the statement of operations for 1931 is not yet available, President P. E. Fitzpatrick, stated the company is in a "very strong and liquid financial position" with more than \$1,000,000 in cash and gilt-edge bonds.

"We followed a policy of maintaining a strong position throughout the year," he said, "and we have not had to borrow money from any bank and do not expect we will be obliged to do so this year. Our sales in dozens were approximately the same as recorded a year ago, but due to lower prices for goods our dollar and cents volume was lower than in 1930."—V. 132, p. 133.

Brown Fence & Wire Co.—Smaller Class A Dividend.— The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 30 cents per share on the \$2.60 cum. class A stock, payable Feb. 29 to holders of record Feb. 15. Previously, the company made regular quarterly distributions of 60 cents per share on this issue.—V. 133, p. 1620.

Bulova Watch Co., Inc.—Dividend Deferred.—Earnings.— The directors voted on Feb. 9 to defer the quarterly dividend of 87 1/2 cents per share due March 1 1932 on the \$3.50 cum. conv. pref. stock, no par value. The last regular quarterly disbursement on this issue was made on Dec. 1 1931.

The company has issued the following statement: "The directors voted to defer payment of the quarterly dividend due March 1 on the \$3.50 cum. pref. stock feeling that the interests of the stockholders and the company would be better served by conserving cash at this time. The company is in a good cash position." For income statement for three and nine months ended Dec. 31 1931 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 3260, 3466.

Butte Copper & Zinc Co.—Earnings.— Calendar Years— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928. x Receipts from lessee \$49,874 \$70,293 \$232,013 \$215,375 Other income 7,704 12,453 31,857 11,119 Total income \$57,578 \$82,746 \$263,870 \$226,494 Expenses & taxes, &c. 87,360 84,566 60,817 40,336 Net income df. \$29,781 def. \$1,820 \$203,053 \$186,158 Dividends (50c.) 300,000

Balance per share 600,000 shs. cap. stk. (par \$5). Nil Nil \$0.34 \$0.31 x Receipts from lessee operator of company's properties, being 50% of net smelter returns.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Assets— 1931. 1930. Mines and mining claims \$3,364,886 \$3,364,886 Plant & equipment 100,000 100,000 Investments 170,924 170,924 Accts. receivable 6,617 2,208 Cash 8,332 52,076 Total \$3,650,760 \$3,690,095

—V. 133, p. 2933.

Calumet & Hecla Consolidated Copper Co.—Earnings.— For income statement for 3 and 12 months ended Dec. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 2933.

Campbell, Wyant & Cannon Foundry Co.—To Consider Dividends in April.— The company has notified the New York Stock Exchange that consideration of the payment of the quarterly dividend has been postponed to the April meeting of the board of directors.

From March 1 1931 to and incl. Dec. 1 1931, quarterly distributions of 25 cents per share were made, as compared with 50 cents per share previously each quarterly.—V. 134, p. 680.

Canada Power & Paper Corp.—Certificates Ready.— Certificates of deposit of shares or securities of this corporation and its subsidiaries, in connection with the reorganization plan, are now ready for issue, and will be delivered in return for the surrender of the non-transferable receipt to the Royal Bank of Canada, depository.—V. 133, p. 3466.

Canfield Oil Co.—New Director.— Louis W. Hodous, head of the company's laboratory, has been elected a director to fill a vacancy. Other directors are: Louis Carruth, Chas. McLean, J. A. Jackson, P. R. McLean, W. J. Henkel, F. J. Van Bergen, John R. Nelson, A. C. Ellinger, A. L. Bailey, M. C. Dippel and H. M. Caruth.—V. 134, p. 1029.

Chelsea Exchange Corp.—Election Found Illegal.— An opinion was given by Chancellor J. O. Wolcott on Feb. 10 at Wilmington, Del., holding that three members of the board of directors of

above corporation were never lawfully elected to the board and are not entitled to hold office. The opinion also held that a fourth director is no longer a lawful director.

The opinion was filed in an action brought by David Brady of New York, who sought to have the Court determine whether Otis C. Traver, Francis M. Pratt, John Windhorst and Charles J. Specht were in fact directors of the corporation. Mr. Brady contended the first three were not legally elected and held that Specht's resignation as a director never had been accepted.—V. 132, p. 2590.

Century Shares Trust.—Earnings.— Calendar Years— 1931. 1930. Cash dividends \$160,082 \$162,732 Interest received 1,080 3,314

Total income \$161,162 \$166,046 Interest paid 160 1,579 Trustees fees 160 120 Operating expenses 3,638 3,019 Res. for Federal tax on net income from divs. & int. 1,245 Net income from dividends and interest \$157,364 \$160,082

Reserve for dividends on participating shares sold (proportion of dividend preference accrued on dates of issue) 1,353 1,916 Transferred from profit and loss from sales of secs. 72,002 Total \$158,718 \$234,000

Dividends on participating shares 158,711 234,000 Undistributed income \$7

Cost of investments exceeded their market value by \$2,470,042 on Dec. 31 1930 and by \$3,938,344 on Dec. 31 1931.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Assets— 1931. 1930. b Invest. at cost \$244,413 \$258,914 Casualty insurance 2,620,342 2,785,079 Life insurance 1,127,211 1,127,212 Fire insurance 1,314,024 1,294,596 N. Y. banks & trust cos. 500,991 638,513 Cash with Brown Bros. Harriman & Co. 78,425 266,781 Int. & divs. rec. c35,502 33,561 Total \$5,920,909 \$6,404,655

Total \$5,920,909 \$6,404,655 a 112,050 participating, without par value and 112,050 ordinary, without par value. b Market value \$1,868,637. c Dividends only.—V. 134, p. 1029.

City Stores Co.—Agreement Made with Bankers for Renewal of Funded Debt—Voting Trust Formed.—President Paul H. Saunders, in a letter to stockholders, dated Feb. 6, says:

I am pleased to advise you that the contract entered into between the directors of City Stores Co., for and on its behalf, and Bankers Securities Corp., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Lit Brothers, and others, on Jan. 13 1932, has been effectuated.

As the first step in carrying out the terms of this contract, the board, as constituted on Jan. 13 1932, has been changed and the following board of directors has been elected: Saul Cohn, Bernard Flexner, Albert M. Greenfield, Walter T. Grosscup, Edgar M. Leventritt, Joseph H. Loveman, Ernest W. Niver, Paul H. Saunders, Herbert J. Schwartz, Harry G. Sundheim and Benjamin S. Waser. This board elected the following officers: Albert M. Greenfield, Chairman; Paul H. Saunders, President, and Saul Cohn, Vice-President.

The board is representative of the various noteholders' and stockholders' interests of the company.

The total funded obligations of City Stores Co. have been reduced from \$11,800,000 to \$10,000,000 in the following manner:

(a) The notes of \$1,000,000 held by Lit Brothers have been retired.

(b) The notes of \$2,800,000 held by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., have been reduced to the amount of \$2,502,500.

(c) The notes of \$3,000,000 held by Bankers Securities Corp. have been reduced to the amount of \$7,407,500.

These obligations have been secured by the pledge of stocks owned by City Stores Co. The bankers have agreed to refinance or renew, subject to usual default clauses, the notes of the company until Dec. 1 1934, unless before the expiration of the term conditions shall have so changed that permanent financing shall be arranged to the advantage of City Stores Co. Said notes bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum with renewal charges in cash and stock, which taken at the present market value of the stock, is equivalent to selling the four months 6% notes at approximately 99.14.

In connection with this settlement, a substantial reduction was effected in the lease on one of the stores and provision was made for the reappraisal of a lease on another store. It is expected that the lease on a third store can be adjusted in a manner very helpful to the operation.

In order to guarantee the continuation of the operation of City Stores Co. under a board on which all parties interested shall be properly represented, provision has been made for deposit of stock under a voting trust agreement for a period of years and notwithstanding the shortness of time which has elapsed, sufficient stock has already been deposited to warrant the statement that a majority of stockholders of both classes will participate in this voting trust agreement.

As soon as possible the voting trust certificates, which are to be issued by the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York in connection with the deposit of both class A and common stock of City Stores Co., will be forwarded, and it will be to the advantage of the corporation for the individual stockholder who desires to participate in this voting trust to forward promptly his stock for deposit. In order to facilitate you in this matter, there has already been sent you the form of letter of transmittal of both class A and common stock.

The various units of City Stores Co. are in sound financial condition. No one of its units at the opening of its fiscal year Feb. 1 had any banking obligations. The ratio of current assets to current liabilities in each unit is satisfactory. The merchandise stocks appear to have been properly inventoried and in no case are they out of line in volume with the operations of the respective unit, in fact they are uniformly low and the units are therefore in admirable position to take advantage of the market opportunities in the purchase of new goods and to offer the same to their customers at attractive prices. The prospect, therefore, for the operations of these units for the year 1932 is encouraging.

It will be the policy of the new management to try to interest the local communities in these stores and to make each unit a vital part of the community's life. We hold to the theory that a properly operated department store is in many respects a public utility and such we hope to make the stores under our control in the best sense of this word. We ask the earnest co-operation and support of all the stockholders in our efforts to properly develop these businesses in which they are so vitally interested.

On Feb. 1 1932 a suit was filed objecting to the settlement with the bankers and making numerous allegations. We feel that this suit is without merit and we shall have our attorneys oppose this and any other such suit to a final decision.

I feel it proper for me to state in this connection as a representative of a large number of class A and common stockholders and also as President of your company, elected after the contract with the banking group had been approved by the board, that it is my opinion that this settlement is in the interest of the stockholders of City Stores Co. and that the charges and action of the two banking houses holding the obligations of City Stores Co. were fair and constructive and in the interest of preserving the equity of the stockholders of City Stores Co. through this trying financial period.—V. 134, p. 511, 332.

(D. L.) Clark Co.—Tenders.— The Colonial Trust Co., trustee, Pittsburgh, Pa., will until noon, Feb. 20 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st (closed) mtgo. 6% s. f. gold bonds, dated Feb. 1 1929, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$100,223 at prices not exceeding 105 and int.—V. 132, p. 1230.

Cluett, Peabody & Co., Inc.—Transfer Agent.— The Manufacturers Trust Co. has been appointed as transfer agent for the common and 7% preferred stocks, effective March 15 1932.—V. 134, p. 1030, 1016.

Cord Corp.—L. G. S. Division Operates at Capacity.— January shipments of the L. G. S. Devices Corp., a division of the Cord Corp., totaled 75,000 free wheeling unit springs. W. C. Starkey, President of the company, announced. February schedules call for an equal number of units. The company is operating day and night shifts with capacity production facilities of 3,000 units daily. The L. G. S. unit, standard equipment on Auburn cars, has recently been adopted by the present largest manufacturer of automobiles, it was also stated.—V, 134, p. 1030.

Corn Products Refining Co.—Transfer Agent.— The company, 17 Battery Place, N. Y. City, will act in capacity of transfer agent for its com. and prof. stocks, effective at the close of business March 2 1932.—V. 134, p. 512.

Counselors Securities Trust.—Earnings.— *Earnings for the Year Ending Dec. 31 1931.*

Dividends.....	\$42,072
Interest on deposits.....	156
Total income.....	\$42,229
Management fees.....	4,179
Custodian & transfer agent fees.....	1,836
Interest on borrowed funds.....	4,057
Miscellaneous expenses.....	582
Provision for Massachusetts income tax.....	2,103
Net income from dividends and interest.....	\$29,471
Met loss on securities sold.....	*\$550,931
Additional Federal taxes for prior year.....	2,741
Loss for the year.....	\$524,201

* The excess of cost over market quotations of securities on hand at Dec. 31 1931 was approximately \$626,000 as compared with \$915,000 at Dec. 31 1930.

Balance Sheet—Dec. 31 1931.

Assets—	1931.	1930.	1929.
Common stocks, at cost.....	\$1,114,059	\$705,051	\$705,051
Cash in bank.....	873	1,875	1,875
Cash on deposit for div. pay.....	7,051	2,126	2,126
Jan. 2.....	6,908	\$450,075	\$450,075
Dividends receivable.....	6,908	\$697,795	\$697,795
Total.....	\$1,128,892	\$1,128,892	\$1,128,892

Derived as follows: On 26,055 shares issued to Dec. 31 1930, \$522,159; created by reduction of established value of share certificates from \$75 to \$25, \$1,321,550; total, \$1,843,709. Less: excess of cost of treasury shares over proceeds of sale of 80 shares and over established value of 9,628 shares remaining in treasury, \$265,825; balance, \$1,577,883. Deduct: excess of losses and dividends paid over net income, to Dec. 31 1930, \$321,365; for year ending Dec. 31 1931, \$524,201; cash dividends, \$34,552.

Note.—The value of the securities owned by the Trust at Dec. 31 1931, taken at market quotations, was less than cost by approximately \$626,000.—V. 133, p. 2272.

Credit Utility Banking Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings.— *12 Months Ended Dec. 31—*

Gross income.....	\$233,726	\$261,683	\$205,127
Operating expenses, incl. interest.....	142,258	150,959	95,090
Provision for Federal taxes.....	7,962	12,620	12,461
Net income.....	\$83,505	\$98,103	\$97,576
Earned surplus at beginning of year.....	60,117	44,513	13,188
Total surplus.....	\$143,623	\$142,617	\$110,763
Dividends paid.....	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$66,250
Earned surplus at close of year.....	\$61,123	\$60,117	\$44,513
Earn. per sh. on 55,000 shs. of com. B stock.....	\$1.52	\$1.78	\$1.77

* Dividends for six months ended Dec. 31 1929 amounting to \$25,000; the rest represents earnings absorbed by issue of capital stock of Credit Utility Banking Corp.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Cash.....	\$376,343	\$438,079	\$700,000	\$635,000
Notes and acceptances receivable.....	2,357,568	2,233,797	20,625	20,625
Investments.....	1,035	1,035	473,588	476,339
Deferred charges.....	13,882	14,556	9,495	13,269
Furniture and fixtures.....	1	1	109,497	107,117
Total.....	\$2,749,328	\$2,687,468	\$1,375,000	\$1,375,000

Includes balances on deposit in closed banks aggregating \$207. y Represented by 55,000 shares common B stock.—V. 133, p. 806.

Curtiss-Wright Corp.—Turkish Contract.— The corporation has announced a contract with the Turkish Government to supervise and direct the building of airports and airways and for the construction of planes under the direction of American engineers and production methods.—V. 133, p. 3467.

Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Coal Co. (& Subs.).— *Income Account Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.*

Loss from operations year 1931.....	\$839,191
Surplus Dec. 31 1930.....	4,307,595
Profit and loss surplus Dec. 31 1931.....	\$3,468,405

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1931.

Assets—	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Land.....	\$679,968		\$4,835,115	
Struc's & equip., less deprec.....	4,031,727		3,272,230	
Cash.....	1,372,979		566,792	
Notes receivable.....	471,318		16,763	
Accounts receivable.....	8,314,042		13,049	
Coal on hand.....	7,871,406		74,458	
Material and supplies.....	90,576		118,976	
Stocks of controlled companies not wholly owned.....	4,541,526		475,038	
Other stocks and bonds.....	2,311,853		\$16,134,650	
Prepaid insurance, &c.....	65,353		1,343,010	
Good-will.....	577,739		3,468,405	
Total.....	\$30,318,487		\$30,318,487	

* Outstanding and in treasury, held by Glen Alden Coal Co. (99.9%), \$16,116,350; held by others, \$18,300.—V. 132, p. 2205.

Detroit & Canada Tunnel Co.—Earnings.— (Including Detroit & Windsor Subway Co.) *Earnings for the Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.*

Tolls.....	\$575,377
Bus passengers and special coach hire.....	300,017
Non-operating revenues.....	26,594
Total gross earnings.....	\$901,989
Operating expenses.....	469,008
Maintenance.....	99,454
Taxes.....	2,055,531
Interest on funded and general debt.....	1,084,237
Amortization of debt discount and expenses.....	114,199
Provision for deprec. of tunnel appurtenances, equipment, &c.....	242,812
Provision for amortization of land, rights, franchises, &c.....	225,427
Excess of int. chgs. over oper. income for the initiatory period in 1930 deferred by the companies as a charge to 1931 operations, together with provisions for deprec. & amort. applic. thereto.....	233,459
Net loss.....	\$1,772,138

Draper Corp.—Acquisition.— The corporation has purchased at auction the plant and American business of the Stafford Co., not including accounts receivable, for \$400,000.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 (Incl. The Detroit & Windsor Subway Co.)

Assets—	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Plant, prop. rights, franchise, &c.....	\$2,259,016	22,246,163	\$7,316,156	7,316,156
Unamortized debt discount & exp.....	1,491,610	1,605,808	16,991,000	16,991,000
Deferred charges.....	98,544	242,690	56,388	220,674
Claims against contracts, &c.....	28,863	30,509	232,663	676,956
Special deposits.....	240,215	1,378,191	812,855	329,422
Cash.....	57,017	29,803	281,304	5,718
Misc. accts., rec.....	2,514	11,134	261,205	-----
Total.....	24,183,780	25,544,304	1,772,138	-----

Capital surplus..... 4,348 4,348
Total..... 24,183,780 25,544,304
* Represented by 2,251,125 shares (no par).—V. 133, p. 4336.

Devaux Hall Motors Corp.—Receivership.— The corporation on Feb. 9 filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in United States District Court at Grand Rapids, Mich. George R. Scott, Vice-President in charge of production, and Frank G. Deane, of the Grand Rapids Trust Co., were named temporary receivers by the Court. The corporation started manufacturing operations in April, 1931, and by the close of the year had shipped approximately 7,000 cars. Company has over 700 dealers. It operates in Oakland, Calif., and Grand Rapids, Michigan.

W. W. Hoagland, President of Hayes Body Corp., one of the largest creditors, said: "Through intelligent co-operations of the creditors, the business can be preserved for them and for the city of Grand Rapids. The history of the automobile business contains notable examples of manufacturers winning success after a receivership proceeding. Tentative plans to this end are being formed, but they have not progressed enough as yet to be announced."

V. R. Angell, President of Continental Motors Corp., another large creditor, expressed his confidence in a speedy improvement of the company's affairs with these words: "I feel satisfied that the Devaux Hall Motors Corp. adopted the wisest course. Faced with the most adverse business period since motor car manufacturing began, executives of the company nevertheless have rendered a praiseworthy account of themselves as evidenced by the National acceptance of the Devaux car. I am in accord with their idea to safeguard the interest of all creditors at this time and to continue plant operations throughout the coming Court proceedings."

(W. S.) Dickey Clay Mfg. Co.—Bondholders' Protective Committee—Default and Receivership.—

On Jan. 1 1932, company defaulted in the payment of interest and the serial maturity on its bonds due on that date. A bondholders' protective committee was formed in October 1931.

B. C. Lingle, Chairman of the Committee in a letter dated Jan. 15, said in part: It has been the attitude of the committee that, under present depressed business conditions, everyone's interest could be best served by attempting to work out the situation along constructive lines through the co-operation of the bondholders, the principal creditors and the company officials. The committee has felt that a receivership would be unfortunate from everyone's standpoint and that every effort should be made to avoid such action. However, on Dec. 31 1931, the company was unexpectedly placed in receivership on an action filed by a small creditor and consented to by the company. This necessitated prompt action on the part of the bondholders' protective committee in order to protect the interests of the bondholders, and the committee, as representative of more than a majority of the outstanding bonds, accordingly instructed the trustees to file a bill for foreclosure of the mortgage securing the bonds which was done on Jan. 2 1932.

Fred L. Dickey, former president of the company, and Clifford Histed, of Kansas City, Mo., have been appointed joint receivers by the Federal Court. Mr. Histed was appointed as one of the receivers at the request of the bondholders' protective committee.

The bondholders' protective committee now represents over 59% of the outstanding first mortgage bonds. Bondholders, if they have not already done so, are urged to deposit their bonds promptly, sending them with the Jan. 1 1932 and all subsequent coupons attached to the depository or sub-depository.

The members of the committee and their affiliations are as follows: B. C. Lingle, Vice-Pres., Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago; Arthur Andersen, Arthur Andersen & Co., Chicago, Ill.; George E. Nicholson, Pres., Kansas City Gas Co., Kansas City, Mo.; I. L. Porter, Vice-Pres., First Union Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Ill.; John Wyeth, Vice-Pres., Wyeth Hardware & Manufacturing Co., St. Joseph, Mo. with Gene B. Heywood, Sec. 115 West Monroe St., Chicago, Ill.

The depository is Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Illinois, with Commerce Trust Co., Kansas City, as sub-depository.

Earnings Statement for 10 Months Ended Oct. 31.

Net sales.....	\$2,076,627	\$3,357,713
Manufacturing, selling, general & admin. expense.....	1,944,264	3,006,410
Gross profits from operations.....	132,362	351,303
Miscellaneous income.....	54,093	76,819
Net earnings from operations.....	\$186,456	\$428,122
Idle plant expense.....	102,777	49,100
Bond interest.....	217,340	232,535
Other interest.....	44,404	40,010
Amortiz. of bond discount and expense.....	22,966	24,528
Addition to reserves for bad debts.....	5,067	8,452
Balance.....	def \$206,099	sur \$73,495
Provision for depreciation and depletion.....	384,841	454,294
Net loss after all charges.....	\$590,941	\$380,798

Balance Sheet as at Oct. 31 1931.

Assets—	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Cash on hand and in banks.....	\$80,143		\$855,401	
Cash advanced to agents.....	3,429		51,543	
Accts. & notes rec., less res.....	508,484		18,162	
Inventories.....	1,735,411		183,728	
Prepaid expenses.....	131		296,000	
Special deposit with trustee.....	12,788		3,962,000	
Investments.....	249,607		2,500,000	
Fixed assets, less depreciation.....	7,785,418		2,000,000	
Unamort. bond disc. & exp.....	167,380		1,335,019	
Goodwill.....	1		716,300	
Total.....	\$10,542,791		\$10,542,790	

—V. 134, p. 681.

Dominion Motors, Ltd.—New Subsidiary.— A Toronto dispatch states that arrangements have been completed whereby this corporation will manufacture Reo passenger cars and trucks for the Canadian market.

Dominion Motors, Ltd., also manufactures Frontenac and Durant cars in Canada. Reo Motors Co. of Canada, Ltd., has been organized as a subsidiary of Dominion Motors, Ltd., to handle the sale of Reo cars and trucks in Canada.—V. 133, p. 1771.

Dominion Stores, Ltd.—Sales.— *5 Weeks Ended Jan. 30—*

1932.....	\$2,187,906	1931.....	\$2,322,765	1930.....	\$2,261,399
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—V. 134, p. 332.

Donnacona Paper Co., Ltd.—Passes Debenture Interest.— Interest on the A and B debentures due Feb. 1 has not been paid. There are outstanding \$4,000,000 of the A and \$600,000 of series B. Both bear interest at the rate of 6% and mature in 1948. Interest on the first mortgage bonds has been paid.—V. 132, p. 858.

Draper Corp.—Acquisition.— The corporation has purchased at auction the plant and American business of the Stafford Co., not including accounts receivable, for \$400,000.

The bid is subject to the approval of the Massachusetts Superior Court, to which receivers of the Stafford Co. will submit it. There was no bid at the auction for the foreign business of the Stafford concern.—V. 132, p. 4065.

Duff-Norton Mfg. Co.—Reduces Dividend.—

A quarterly dividend of 25c. per share has been declared on the common stock, payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Feb. 9. This compares with 35c. per share paid in each of the three preceding quarters and 62½c. previously.—V. 132, p. 3156.

Durham (N. C.) Hosiery Mills.—Earnings.—

	Calendar Years—			
	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Sales, less discounts, allowances & freight—	\$2,539,846	\$3,586,263	\$5,713,004	\$5,504,180
Cost of goods sold (incl. depreciation)—	2,101,532	2,948,856	4,772,037	4,874,019
Selling & admin. exps.—	251,193	329,585	446,019	488,104
Other charges incl. int., uncoll. acct., &c. (net)—	108,306	320,377	232,425	74,599
Reserve for conting.—	4,310	-----	-----	-----
Net income for year—	\$74,504	def\$12,557	\$262,523	\$67,458
Surplus Jan. 1—	def\$47,161	276,699	def\$4,562,822	563,403
Gross surplus—	\$27,343	\$264,142	df\$4,300,298	\$630,860
Charges prior period—	17,145	-----	-----	-----
Credits from change in capital structure—	-----	-----	Cr4,636,250	-----
Shrinkage of book value of investments—	-----	-----	-----	107,912
Def. chgs. written off—	-----	-----	-----	342,653
Reserves created—	-----	-----	-----	145,920
Liabs. for street assess. entered on books—	-----	-----	-----	8,656
Apprec. of prop. values written off—	-----	-----	59,252	4,588,541
Preferred dividends—	-----	49,106	-----	-----
Allowance as cap. surp.—	-----	262,197	-----	-----
Balance surp. Dec. 31—	\$10,197	def\$47,161	\$276,698	df\$4,562,823
Earns. per sh. on 32,737 shs. pref. stock—	\$2.27	Nil	\$8.02	\$2.06

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

	1931.		1930.	
	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Land, buildings, machinery, &c.—	\$3,175,636	\$3,054,569	6% pref. stock—	\$3,273,750
Cash—	243,953	131,117	Common stock—	262,197
Notes receivable—	11,881	93,839	Notes payable—	-----
Accts. receivable—	85,297	124,489	Accounts & accept. payable—	56,304
Inventories—	483,188	831,400	Accrued expenses—	8,308
Other receivables—	58,888	-----	Bonds—	325,000
Investments—	-----	4,000	Contingent reserve—	4,310
Deferred charges—	39,097	48,970	Deprec. reserve—	157,873
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Total—	\$4,097,940	\$4,288,384	Total—	\$4,097,940

x After depreciation, y Represented by 12,500 no par shares of class A and 37,500 no par shares of class B stock.—V. 133, p. 963.

Eastman Kodak Co.—Omits Extra Dividend.—

The directors on Feb. 10 declared the usual quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the outstanding \$6,165,700 6% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, and the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.25 per share on the outstanding 2,261,030 shares of common stock, no par value, both payable April 1 to holders of record March 5. The extra payment of 75c., which had been paid on the common stock each quarter from 1924 to and incl. Jan. 2 1932, was omitted.

President W. G. Stuber issued the following statement:

The present economic conditions throughout the world naturally affect the business of this company. At the current rate of operations, the earnings of the company are not sufficient, in the opinion of the directors, to warrant the payment of any extra dividend. Under all these circumstances the directors consider it prudent to maintain the present strong financial position of the company rather than pay out in dividends more than is being earned.

We can make no prediction as to the earnings of the company during the current year as they will depend to a large extent upon general business conditions. However, we are looking confidently toward the future.

The directors also declared the 1931 wage dividends which are payable in 1932. If based on common stock dividends paid in the year 1931 the wage dividend has been paid to employees each year since 1912, the rate for each year depending upon the dividends rate on the common stock for the preceding year. Omission of the extra dividend on the common stock will result in a substantial reduction in the amount of any wage dividend payable for the year 1932.

New Vice-President and Director.—

Thomas Jean Hargrave, Secretary has been elected a Vice-President. Albert F. Sulzer, Manager of the Kodak Park Works, has been elected a director.—V. 134, p. 855. 140.

Federated Capital Corp.—Earnings.—

Period—	Apr. 30 '31 to—			Year End.	Apr. 30—
	Dec. 31 '31.	1931.	1930.			1930.
Cash dividends on stocks—	\$28,120	\$181,165	\$190,225	\$190,225	
Int. on bonds, call loans & bank bal.—	25,573	1,415	21,760	21,760	
Profit on sale of securities—	See below	loss\$909,019	494,161	494,161	
Miscellaneous income—	-----	681	-----	-----	
Total income—	\$53,692	def\$625,757	\$706,146	\$706,146	
General expenses and taxes—	35,446	143,504	162,756	162,756	
Net profit for year—	\$18,246	def\$769,261	\$543,390	\$543,390	
Preferred dividends—	-----	91,744	145,943	145,943	
Common dividends—	-----	84,931	180,251	180,251	
Balance, surplus—	\$18,246	def\$945,936	\$217,195	\$217,195	
Previous earned surplus—	def\$3,153,795	1,032,202	850,021	850,021	
Capital surplus—	2,870,926	-----	-----	-----	
Restoration to surp. of bal. of reserve April 30 1931 to provide for loss on sales of securities—	3,312,967	-----	-----	-----	
Total surplus—	\$3,048,345	\$86,266	\$1,067,216	\$1,067,216	
Stock dividends—	-----	21,232	35,013	35,013	
Provision for depreciation of securities—	-----	1,348,873	-----	-----	
Prov. for add'l Fed. inc. tax prior yrs.—	-----	62,000	-----	-----	
Add'l prov. to reduce investment to cost or market—	-----	1,807,956	-----	-----	
Loss on sale of securities—	3,605,846	-----	-----	-----	
Excess in cost of sec. over mkt. value—	435,332	-----	-----	-----	
Deficit April 30—	\$992,833	\$3,153,795	sur\$1,032,202	sur\$1,032,202	
Earnings per share on average shares common stock outstanding—	Nil	Nil	\$1.84	\$1.84	

Comparative Balance Sheet.

	Dec. 31 '31.		Apr. 30 '31.	
	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Assets—				
Investments—	\$1,315,362	\$3,299,856	6% pref. stock—	\$3,058,000
Cash in banks—	1,038,970	34,907	Common stock—	247,221
Owing from brokers for sales of securities—	-----	12,483	Scrip cfts. for com. stock—	2,778
Divs. receivable—	24,581	6,339	Sec. bk. loan pay.—	-----
-----	-----	-----	Accrued expenses—	38,083
Total—	\$2,378,914	\$3,353,614	Prov. for Fed. tax.—	63,745

x Capital surplus has been transferred to surplus account (see above).—V. 133, p. 294.

Equitable Office Building Corp.—Earnings.—

For income statement for month and 9 months ended Jan. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 513.

Fisk Rubber Co.—Stockholders' Protective Committee Objects to Plan.—

The stockholders' protective committee in a letter sent to stockholders Feb. 6 makes public its objections to the proposed reorganization plan promulgated by a reorganization committee of which Orrin G. Wood is Chairman, and recommends that the plan be actively opposed as they state that its consummation means the practical wiping out of the interests of present stockholders. The letter is signed by Andrew J. Miller of Hallgarten & Co., Chairman; Joseph S. Maxwell, Pres. of New York Trust Co.; Herbert P. Howell, President of the Commercial National Bank & Trust Co. of New York, and Wallace V. Camp, President of the Springfield National Bank of Springfield, Mass., and states in part as follows: "Obviously, the so-called 'plan of reorganization' recognizes no equity of the present stockholders in the assets of the company, although a 'plan of reorganization' is presumably intended to effect a fair and equitable readjustment of the relative rights of the owners of the various classes of securities of the company. Said plan seems to have taken no cognizance of the fact that, as recently as April 1929, over \$8,600,000 in cash was paid to the company by the common stockholders. Certainly such a substantial contribution to the assets of the company should not be lost sight of in any equitable reorganization.

"As shown on the statement attached to the plan, the net current assets of the company in receivership, as of Nov. 30 1931, amounted to \$15,360,523, including over \$6,800,000 in cash and U. S. Treasury bills and notes, over \$4,420,000 in accounts and notes receivable after deduction for reserves, and over \$4,707,000 in inventories. Said amount of net current assets is almost as large as the total amount of outstanding bonds and notes, and in addition to these assets there are fixed assets including land, buildings, machinery and equipment, which as of Jan. 3 1931 were carried on the books of the company at \$32,154,899, less reserve for depreciation of \$8,716,354. Thus, it seems apparent that if the business is fairly and equitably reorganized, instead of liquidated, there is a substantial stockholders' equity which should be recognized and protected.

"The stockholders' protective committee representing holders of all classes of stock; had a number of conferences with the bondholders' committee and the noteholders' committee in an endeavor to secure a fair recognition of the equities of the stockholders. Accordingly, we proposed that, in addition to receiving rights of subscription, the stockholders should receive at least 50,000 shares of the new common stock to be distributed on some fair basis as between the various classes of old stock, and we used our best efforts to have the proposed plan of reorganization so provide. The bondholders' and noteholders' committees would not agree to this, however, and, in fact, were unwilling to make any provision for any of the various classes of stockholders except to give them a right of subscription to the new stock, on the basis as provided in their plan.

"The rejection by the bondholders' and noteholders' committees of our suggestion was ostensibly based upon their contention that the value of the new stock going to the holders of bonds, notes and other claims under the plan would be unduly diluted, if an additional block of 50,000 shares were distributed among the present stockholders. But notwithstanding such contention, and the position taken by the bondholders' and noteholders' committees respecting the equities of the stockholders, a block of 25,000 shares of the new common stock and options for the purchase of an additional 25,000 shares thereof, on most favored terms, are accorded to one, who, in our opinion, has no equitable claim or right so to share in the assets of the company or in the benefits of the reorganization.

"Great stress seems to be laid on the necessity for a new management, but the proposed new management is to consist of two gentlemen who appear to have no record of experience in the tire industry."

"In opposing said plan of reorganization, we do not recommend liquidation, but strongly urge a continuation of the present receivership operation, which has shown very favorable results, and we believe that in a reasonable time a plan of reorganization can be evolved which will not only be more in the interest of the bondholders, noteholders and creditors, but which will, in all justice and fairness, reasonably conserve the investment of the stockholders and will not turn the company over to a management untried and inexperienced in the industry.

"Your committee has acted so far without requiring contributions from depositing stockholders and, while it is willing to consider further efforts in an endeavor to protect your interests to the greatest extent possible, it must be assured of the support of the stockholders in the necessary cash outlay for expenses. We, therefore, respectfully request that all stockholders who have already deposited their stock under the deposit agreement dated Dec. 6 1930, forward to J. T. Kelly, secretary of your committee, 44 Pine Street, New York City, a check payable to The Fisk Rubber Co. stockholders' protective committee, in the amount of 5 cents per share for each share deposited." All stockholders who have not deposited their stock are requested to make prompt deposit with The New York Trust Co., depository for the preferred and management stock; The Commercial National Bank & Trust Co. of New York, depository for the common stock, or the Springfield National Bank, Springfield, Mass., sub-depository for all classes of stock, together with a check in the amount of 5 cents a share.

The letter continues: "Mr. John N. Willys, as the holder of a substantial amount of both bonds and notes of the Fisk Rubber Co., in a letter, dated Jan. 29 1932, to the bondholders and noteholders of said company has expressed his opposition to the plan, and has invited all bondholders and noteholders to communicate with him with a view to concerted action to oppose the proposed plan."

Willys Further Analyzes Fisk Rubber Situation.—

Following the recently announced action of the company stockholders' committee which opposes the reorganization plan of the group headed by Orrin G. Wood, John N. Willys, who protested last week as a senior security holder, quotes figures concerning the position of the company: "It should be noted," Mr. Willys said, "that in addition to the net current assets of approximately \$15,300,000 which includes about \$6,800,000 in cash and United States Treasury bills and notes, the company has fixed assets carried on the books in an amount in excess of \$23,000,000. If, as is contemplated, the company continues its manufacturing operations, the net current assets are enough in amount almost to cover the total funded debt without assigning any value whatsoever to the fixed assets. But the replacement cost of plants actually in use would run into several millions. "It readily will be seen that the reorganization committee has not obligated itself to furnish any new capital. Thus the new plan involves no underwriting of stock subscriptions but merely invites bond and note holders to accept stock for their securities. In view of the market conditions which have prevailed for several months past, it is extremely doubtful whether any new money would be put into the company by any of its present security holders.

"Furthermore," Mr. Willys continued, "in consideration of the interests of all the security holders of the Fisk Rubber Co., including the potential interest of junior security holders, I am of the opinion that the present most certainly is not a suitable time to carry out the proposed reorganization. The company, with its present management, is in the process of carrying out its established program for the important part of the 1932 season. Reorganization at this time would thus involve a severe handicap on the continuance of the company's business and work a hardship on every holder of every kind of Fisk security." Compare plan in V. 134, p. 1033.

Fitz Simons & Connell Dredge & Dock Co.—To Retire Preferred Stock.—

The stockholders at the annual meeting voted to cancel the remaining 926 shares of 7% pref. stock purchased on Nov. 30 and held in the company's treasury. This reduces the company's capitalization to the 100,000 authorized shares of no par common stock of which 66,821 shares were outstanding Dec. 31.—V. 133, p. 2273.

Ford Motor Co., Belgium.—Omits Dividend.—

The directors recently voted to omit the annual dividend for the year 1931. A year ago a distribution of 75 francs, less tax, was made for the 12 months of 1930, as against 65 francs per share paid two years ago for a period of 14 months. Net profits in 1931 were 32,000,000 francs against 42,900,000 francs in 1930. Sales were approximately the same as in 1930 but lower prices caused the decline in income.—V. 132, p. 319.

Ford Motor Co., Detroit.—New Model.—

The company on Feb. 11 announced it will introduce a V-Type eight-cylinder car to augment the present Model "A" four-cylinder car.

Production, it is stated, will start some time this month and the first public showing will be made early in March.

Fostoria Pressed Steel Corp.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Earnings for Year Ended Dec. 31 1931, showing manufacturing profit, net profit, dividends paid, and balance.

Table showing Assets and Liabilities for Fostoria Pressed Steel Corp. as of Dec. 31 1931, including cash, inventory, and accounts payable.

Total Federal farm loan bonds are stated at the indicated market value at Dec. 31 1931 and United States Government securities at cost value.

(George A.) Fuller Co.—Unfilled Orders.—

The company started 1932 with unfinished contracts totalling \$38,218,743, one of the largest backlogs in its 42-year history.

Last year's finished work and contracts ahead for 1932. President Lou R. Grandall said, are almost entirely for buildings coming under the classification of "owner occupancy."

Gallagher Drug Co.—Resumes Dividends.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 1 3/4% on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, and the regular quarterly dividend of 1 3/4% on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$20.

Galland Mercantile Laundry Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Earnings for Calendar Years 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928, showing profit, other income, and total profit.

Table showing Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31, 1931 and 1930, with columns for Assets and Liabilities.

General Alliance Corp.—Will Suspend Dividends.—

The corporation will suspend dividend payments until surplus funds are accumulated to keep operating companies in a wholly satisfactory condition.

General Asphalt Co.—Common Dividend Reduced.—

The directors on Feb. 9 declared a quarterly dividend of 25c. per share on the common stock (no par value), payable March 15 to holders of record March 1.

General Empire Corp.—Reduces Dividend.—

A dividend of 10c. per share has been declared on the capital stock, payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 19.

General Laundry Machinery Corp.—Meeting Postponed.—

A meeting of debenture holders and claimants against the company has been adjourned until Feb. 26. The meeting was called to approve a plan whereby the stock of Columbia-Troy Corp., a liquidating company, would be issued to holders of claims against any debentures of the company pro rata.

General Motors Corp.—Sales for January Fall Off.— January sales of General Motors cars to consumers in the United States totaled 47,942 as against 61,566 for the corresponding month a year ago.

Table showing Sales to Consumers in United States for General Motors Corp. from January to December 1932 and 1931.

Table showing Sales to Dealers in United States for General Motors Corp. from January to December 1932 and 1931.

Table showing Total Sales to Dealers in United States and Canada plus Overseas Shipments for General Motors Corp. from January to December 1932 and 1931.

Unit sales of Chevrolet, Pontiac, Oldsmobile, Buick, LaSalle and Cadillac passenger and commercial cars are included in the above figures.

General Motors Fleet Sales Higher.—

C. E. Dawson, President of the General Motors Fleet Sales Corp., Detroit, Mich., reports that combined sales of General Motors cars and trucks to large national fleet users for January were 55% ahead of the same month last year.

General Outdoor Advertising Co., Inc.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—

Table showing Assets and Liabilities for General Outdoor Advertising Co., Inc. as of Dec. 31, 1931 and 1930.

Total comprised of 579,134 shares of no par value, recorded at \$20 per share, and initial surplus. y Represented by 125,000 no par shares at \$50 per sh.

General Steel Castings Corp.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Earnings for Calendar Years 1931, 1930, showing earnings from operation, provision for depreciation, and net operating income.

Previous net income. loss \$3,006,118 \$603,494 Surplus. 1,506,842 1,503,347

Total surplus. def \$1,499,276 \$2,106,842 Dividends on preferred stock. 300,000 600,000

Earned surplus Dec. 31. def \$1,799,276 \$1,506,842 x After deducting manufacturing, selling and administrative expense.

Pursuant to proper authorization of the holders of record of over 98% of the corporation's common stock, the declared value of the common stock was reduced on Sept. 22 1931 from \$22,954,075 to \$13,772,430.

On Jan. 15 last, the corporation made a 1 1/2% stock distribution on the common stock. This rate had also been paid each quarter during 1931.

Indian Motorcycle Co.—Earnings.—
Calendar Years— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928.
Sales..... \$1,575,273 \$2,167,088 \$2,844,675 \$3,806,552

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31, 1931.
Assets— 1931. 1930.
Land & bldgs. \$492,165 \$506,800
Mach'y & equip. b352,138 335,281

Total..... \$2,374,602 \$2,765,601
a After depreciation of \$302,418. b After depreciation of \$446,140.

Insuranshares Corp. of Delaware.—Earnings.—
Calendar Years— 1931. 1930.
Dividends and interest earned..... \$366,407 \$370,170

Statement of Paid-In Surplus on Common Stock Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.
Jan. 1 1931 balance..... \$11,250,000
Adjusting stated value on 750,000 shares as per resolution of stockholders May 14 1931..... 3,375,000

Balance Sheet December 31, 1931.
Assets— 1931. 1930.
Cash..... \$195,704 \$146,542
Accrued divs. and int. receivable..... 71,575 53,111

Total..... \$7,817,932 \$1,592,358
a Represented by 468,750 shares, par \$1. b Represented by 250,000 no-par shares.

International Carriers, Ltd.—Balance Sheet, Dec. 31.—
Assets— 1931. 1930.
Invest. at cost x..... \$11,916,531 \$13,487,377
Stocks..... 222,670 53,570

Total..... \$12,296,917 \$13,803,903
x The aggregate market value as of Dec. 31 1931 of securities owned was \$3,462,375.

International Securities Corp. of America.—Preferred Dividends to Be Deferred.—
The directors have decided to defer the quarterly dividends due March 1 on the 6% cum. pref. stock and on the 6 1/2% cum. pref. stock, both of \$100 par value.

Investment Trust of New York, Inc.—Dividend.—
The Chase National Bank of the City of New York, trustee, will pay a semi-annual dividend of 30 cents per Collateral Trustee Shares on Feb. 28 to holders of record Jan. 31.

International Superpower Corp.—Surplus Account.—
Our usual comparative income account for year ended Dec. 31 was published in last week's "Chronicle," p. 1037.

Statement of Surplus As at Dec. 31 1931.
Capital surplus Dec. 31 1930..... \$7,239,050
Credit arising from repurchase of 10,565 shares of common stock at less than capital value..... 25,682

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.
Assets— 1931. 1930.
Invest. at cost..... \$12,202,037 \$12,332,707
Cash in bank..... 86,303 194,471

Total..... \$12,345,494 \$12,611,735
a The aggregate market value as of Dec. 31 1931 of securities owned was \$3,919,117.

Interstate Department Stores, Inc.—January Sales.—
Month of January— 1932. 1931. Decrease.
Sales..... \$1,049,750 \$1,295,765 \$246,015

Investors Trustee Foundation of United States, Inc.—Semi-Annual Dividend.—
President John W. McGuire announces that the tenth semi-annual dividend on Investors Trustee Shares, series A, amounting to 22.825 cents per share or \$228.25 per 1,000 share certificate, will be payable Feb. 15 at the Chase National Bank of the City of New York to holders of record Jan. 15.

Iron Fireman Mfg. Co.—Smaller Quarterly Dividend.—
The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 10c. per share on the common stock, payable Mar. 1 to holders of record Feb. 19.

Jaeger Machine Co., Columbus, Ohio.—New Directors.—
Robert W. Gillisple and Gustav Hirsch have been elected directors, succeeding F. L. Griffith and Richard Inglis.—V. 133, p. 1298.

Jewell Tea Co., Inc.—Earnings.—
Years Ended— Jan. 2 '32. Dec. 27 '30. Dec. 28 '29. Dec. 29 '28.
Net sales..... \$13,742,691 \$15,521,791 \$16,844,110 \$15,970,893

Comparative Balance Sheet.
Assets— Jan. 2 '32. Dec. 27 '30.
Land, bldgs., &c. \$2,186,041 \$2,259,317
Good-will..... 1,023,200 1,245,403

Kaybee Stores, Inc.—January Sales.—
Month of January— 1932. 1931.
Sales..... \$72,282 \$85,550 \$13,268

(Spencer) Kellogg & Sons, Inc.—Transfer Agent.—
The Marine Midland Trust Co. has been appointed as transfer agent for the capital stock, effective as of the close of business Feb. 15 1932.—V. 133, p. 2937.

Kobacker Stores, Inc.—To Defer Preferred Dividend.—
The directors have decided to defer the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4%, due March 1 on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100. The last quarterly payment on this issue was made on Dec. 1 1931.

(S. H.) Kress & Co.—January Sales.—
Month of January— 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929.
Sales..... \$4,273,984 \$4,399,821 \$4,202,340 \$4,143,377

Kroger Grocery & Baking Co.—Sales Decline.—
Four Weeks Ending— Jan. 30 '32. Jan. 31 '31. Decrease.
Sales..... \$16,656,995 \$19,184,313 \$2,527,318

Lackawanna Coal Co.—Receivers Named.—
See Temple Coal Co. below.

Lake Shore Mines, Ltd.—Production, &c.—
The company reports for the three months ended Dec. 31 billion production of \$3,230,000, an increase of \$549,241 over the \$2,780,759 obtained from production for the quarter immediately preceding. In addition to the above figures, the company, under existing exchange conditions, is understood to receive approximately \$14,000 a month as an extra profit from gold premium paid by the Ottawa mint.

Lerner Stores Corp.—January Sales.—
Month of January— 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929.
Sales— \$1,539,319 \$1,723,236 \$1,464,886 \$944,213

Lima Locomotive Works, Inc.—Earnings.—
Calendar Years— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928.
Gross income— loss \$1,274,212 \$1,829,560 \$934,000 \$303,156

Condensed Balance Sheet Dec. 31.
Assets— 1931. 1930.
Cash— \$742,386 \$222,230
U. S. Govt. sec. 209,889 318,920

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.
Assets— 1931. 1930.
Land, bldgs., ma- chinery, &c.— \$3,173,217 3,275,113
Drawings, patt'n's, dies, &c. 1 1
Good-will— 2,687,716 2,687,716

Lindsay Light Co.—Earnings.—
Calendar Years— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928.
Profit for year— \$149,384 \$116,175 \$97,680 \$49,476

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.
Assets— 1931. 1930.
Real estate & bldg. \$351,730 \$243,479
Good-will, trade- marks & patents 600,000 600,000

Long Bell Lumber Corp.—Receivership Opposed by Bankers.
An effort of somewhat unusual proportions is being undertaken by the bondholders' committee. That it should be successful is the opinion of C. T. MacNeille, an official of Halsey, Stuart & Co., and chairman of the committee, and Philip R. Clarke, Pres. of Central Republic Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago, trustee under the first mortgage securing the bonds.

(Arthur G.) McKee & Co.—Earnings.—
Calendar Years— 1931. 1930.
Net profit on construction contracts, &c.— \$746,745 \$774,740
Expense— 1,362,658 1,226,570

Condensed Balance Sheet Dec. 31.
Assets— 1931. 1930.
Cash— \$742,386 \$222,230
U. S. Govt. sec. 209,889 318,920

Wins Italian Contract.—
This company has been awarded a contract by Distillazione Italiana Combustibili, S. A., known as DICSA, for the design and construction of a pressure distillate rerun unit, for the latter's refinery in Mestre, near Venice, Italy.

Lane Bryant, Inc.—January Sales.—
Month of January— 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929.
Sales— \$949,654 \$1,482,849 \$1,149,852 \$1,085,123

McWilliams Dredging Co.—Dividend Omitted.—
The directors have decided to omit the quarterly dividend usually payable about March 1 on the capital stock.

Managed Investments, Inc.—Extra Dividend.—
The directors have declared an extra dividend of 10c. per share in addition to the regular semi-annual dividend of 10c. per share, both payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Feb. 5.

Manati Sugar Co.—Receiver Appointed.—
The Irving Trust Co. was appointed receiver, Feb. 9, by Judge Alfred C. Coxe upon the petition of Sinclair Cuba Oil Co., a creditor for \$8,756, and upon the consent of the corporation, which admitted its inability to meet maturing obligations or raise funds to operate the business.

Mapes Consolidated Mfg. Co.—Earnings.—
Calendar Years— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928.
Gross profit on sales— \$809,825 \$726,774 \$627,063 \$576,763

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.
Assets— 1931. 1930.
Cash— \$202,608 \$266,737
Ofs. of deposit— 200,000 100,000

Masonite Corp.—Earnings, &c.—
Net income, after depreciation, available for bond interest and sundry deductions for the period Oct. 1 1930 to Aug. 29 1931 was \$404,229.

Mathieson Alkali Works (Inc.)—Earnings.—
Calendar Years— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928.
Earnings— \$2,603,392 \$3,484,409 \$3,580,930 \$3,319,248

Balance Sheet December 31.

Table with columns for 1931 and 1930, and rows for Assets (Property, Cash, Notes, etc.) and Liabilities (Pref. stock, Common stock, etc.).

Total... 21,522,477 21,986,029
After deducting depreciation of \$7,755,783. y Represented by 650,436 shares no par value.—V. 133, p. 2609.

Melville Shoe Corp.—January Sales.—
Month of January— 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929.
Sales \$1,457,061 \$1,655,873 \$1,475,050 \$1,569,926

Merritt-Chapman & Scott Corp.—Dividend Deferred.—
The directors have voted to defer the usual quarterly dividend of 1 1/2% due March 1 on the 6 1/2% cum. pref. stock, series A, of \$100 par value.

Meyer Blanke Co., St. Louis.—Omits Dividend.—
The directors have decided to omit the quarterly dividend usually payable about Feb. 15 on the no par value common stock.

Mitchum Tully Participations, Inc.—Defers Dividend.—
The directors recently voted to defer the semi-annual payment of 6 1/2% cents per share due Feb. 1 on the \$1.25 cum. partic. pref. stock of no par value.

Table with columns for Period End. Dec. 31— 1931, 1930, 1929, Dec. 31 '28. Rows include Net gain from sale of sec., Cash divs. & int. receiv., Total income, etc.

a Includes \$2,917 for organization. b The difference between cost and market value of securities held is not reflected in the statement of earnings above.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930. Rows include Assets (Cash, Time deposit, etc.) and Liabilities (Accounts payable, etc.).

Total... \$4,020,554 \$4,703,916
a Market value at Dec. 31 1931, \$1,342,811; at Dec. 31 1930, \$2,993,462.

Motor Wheel Corp.—Dividend Omission.—
The directors on Feb. 10 decided to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about March 10 on the no-par value common stock.

The company issued the following statement: "Due to increasing requirements for greater production schedules and to preserve a conservative cash position, the directors voted not to pay a cash dividend in March for the first quarter of 1932."

Mount Royal Hotel Co., Ltd.—New Director.—
John Leslie, Vice-President and Treasurer of the Canadian Pacific Ry., has been elected a director.—V. 133, p. 1624.

(G. C.) Murphy Co.—January Sales.—
Month of January— 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929.
Sales \$1,110,793 \$1,221,313 \$939,388 \$514,146

National Bellas Hess Co., Inc.—Total Cash Receipts.—
Month of January— 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929.
Total cash receipts \$2,045,779 \$2,542,227 \$2,542,227 \$2,659,337

National Distillers Products Corp.—Listing of Preferred Stock and Additional Common Stock—New Preferred Issue Approved—Authorized Common Increased.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of (a) 153,672 shares of preferred stock (\$2.50 cumulative) par \$40 per share on official notice of issuance in exchange for shares of stock of Medicinal Holding Corp.

At a meeting of directors Dec. 3 1931, a proposal was submitted to the corporation on behalf of a committee of preferred stockholders of American Medicinal Spirits Co. (Md.), that the corporation acquire all or substantially all of the remaining 76,836 shares of the issued and outstanding preferred stock of the American Medicinal Spirits Co. (out of a total of 118,755 shs. issued and outstanding, of which the corporation now owns 41,919 shares) pursuant to a plan involving:

(1) The organization of a corporation under the laws of Delaware with the name "Medicinal Holding Corp." or other suitable name, having an authorized capitalization of 76,836 shares of one class of stock (par \$1) for the purpose of acquiring, so far as possible, all of the outstanding preferred stock of American Medicinal Spirits Co., except that held by the corporation

(2) The amendment by the corporation of its charter so as to increase its then authorized capitalization from 276,000 shares of stock, all of one class, to 153,672 shares of preferred stock (par \$40) and entitled to quarterly

cumulative dividends at the rate of \$2.50 per share per annum plus an additional participating non-cumulative dividend of not to exceed 50c. per share per annum in dividends with the common stock after the payment of dividends on the common stock of \$2.50 per share in any calendar year.

(3) In the event of the acquisition by the new company of at least 60,000 shares of the preferred stock of American Medicinal Spirits Co., the sale and transfer by the stockholders of the new company of their stock therein to the corporation, the consideration therefor to be 2 shares of such aforesaid preferred stock of the corporation for each one share of stock of the new company so sold and transferred.

At the time such proposal was submitted the corporation owned, in part directly and in part indirectly through its subsidiary Medicinal Products Corp., 276,520 shares of common stock of the American Medicinal Spirits Co. out of a total of 276,610 shares of such common stock issued and outstanding, or all but 90 shares thereof, and 41,919 shares of its preferred stock or approximately 35% of such preferred stock; and since such time the corporation has acquired such remaining 90 shares of common stock of American Medicinal Spirits Co. and thus now owns in part directly and in part indirectly through said subsidiary, Medicinal Products Corp., all 276,610 shares of such common stock issued and outstanding.

The directors of the corporation adopted resolutions at its meeting on Dec. 3 1931 accepting such proposal and authorizing the entering into of an agreement with the committee of preferred stockholders of American Medicinal Spirits Co. for the purpose of carrying out such plan subject to the approval of the stockholders of the corporation to such agreement and the proposed increase of the authorized capital stock of the corporation and the creation of such preferred stock. Such an agreement was duly executed by the parties thereto on Dec. 5 1931. Thereafter the corporation was notified by the committee of preferred stockholders of American Medicinal Spirits Co. that more than 60,000 shares of the preferred stock of American Medicinal Spirits Co. had been deposited under a preferred stockholders deposit agreement dated Dec. 15 1931 entered into for the purpose of carrying out such aforesaid plan, and the directors of the corporation at a meeting held on Jan. 8 1932 adopted resolutions declaring it advisable that the certificate of incorporation of the corporation be amended so as to increase its authorized capital stock and to create shares of preferred stock and calling a special meeting of stockholders to be held on Feb. 8 1932 for the purpose of taking action upon such increase and the creation of such preferred stock.

At such special meeting of stockholders of the corporation held on Feb. 8 1932 a resolution was adopted authorizing the proposed increase in the capital stock and the creation of such preferred stock and a certificate was filed on Feb. 11, in the office of the State Corporation Commission of the Commonwealth of Virginia amending the certificate of incorporation so as to increase its authorized capital stock and to create an authorized issue of preferred stock.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Net sales, Cost of sales, Gross profit, Bottling and storage rev., Miscellaneous income, etc.

Balance, surplus... loss \$135,016 loss \$328,869
Profit and loss surplus... 7,210,187 7,388,137

Surplus Account, Balance at Dec. 31 1930, \$7,388,137; deduct adjustment of marketable investments to market values and other adjustments (net), \$42,934; total, \$7,345,203; profit for the year ended Dec. 31 1931, \$372,328; total surplus, \$7,717,531; dividends paid, \$507,344; balance at Dec. 31 1931, \$7,210,187.

Notes.—No provision has been made in the above profit and loss account for Federal income taxes for the year ended Dec. 31 1931, as it is believed the excess provisions made in previous years and included in the reserve for contingencies in the balance sheet are sufficient for any liability outstanding for Federal income taxes at Dec. 31 1931.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930. Rows include Assets (Land, bldgs, machinery, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Cap. stk. of subs., etc.).

Total... 26,551,641 26,982,193
After depreciation of \$951,620. y Represented by 275,861 no par shares of common stock.—V. 134, p. 687, 518.

National Lock Co., Rockford, Ill.—Bonds Extended.—
We have been advised that the \$197,000 (issue of \$200,000) bonds due on Feb. 1 1932 were not paid. The company advised the trustee of its inability to meet the bonds, suggesting that the entire issue of bonds unpaid be extended for a two-year period. This being accomplished, the bonds which were due on Feb. 1, will become due on Feb. 1 1934, and bonds due in 1933 will be extended to 1935, &c.

The interest on all the bonds was paid promptly on Feb. 1 1932.—V. 134, p. 518.

National Surety Co.—Record Premiums Written.—
In the month of January the company wrote the largest volume of net premiums ever written by it in any single month. The net premiums on business written in January 1932 amounted to \$2,311,105, or an increase of \$304,808 over January 1931.

The management feels that this record is evidence of improved conditions and bears out recent predictions that the demand for services of sure companies will increase.—V. 133, p. 3472.

National Tea Co.—Sales Fall Off.—
4 Weeks and 1 Day Ended Jan. 30— 1932. 1931.
Consolidated sales \$5,747,427 \$6,578,159

(J. J.) Newberry Co.—January Sales.—
Month of January— 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929.
Sales \$1,838,959 \$1,769,392 \$1,510,740 \$1,299,210

New Jersey Zinc Co.—Earnings.—
For income statement for 3 and 12 months ended Dec. 31 see "Earnings Record" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 3265.

New Niquero Sugar Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for years 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928 and rows for Sugar produced, Sugar & molasses sales, Int. & discount received, Miscellaneous, Total receipts, Deduct, Profit & loss surplus, Earnings on cap. stock.

Balance Sheet July 31.

Table with columns for assets and liabilities for years 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928.

New Process Gear Co., Inc.—To Pay Bonds.—

S. W. Strauss & Co. have announced that funds to pay the balance due on the \$200,000 1st mtge. serial 6 1/2% bonds, dated Dec. 1 1922, which matured Dec. 1 last, together with interest on the unpaid balance to Feb. 1 1932 at the coupon rate of 6 1/2%, have been received by the fiscal agents.

North American Investment Corp.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for calendar years 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928 and rows for Gross earnings, Expenses, Bond int., Amortization of discount, Net loss on sale of secur., Net income, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Surplus for year, Surplus at beginning of year, Adjustments, Surplus at end of yr., Shares of common stock, Earnings per share.

Balance Sheet as of Dec. 31.

Table with columns for assets and liabilities for years 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928.

* The market value of securities owned as of Dec. 31 1931 was \$2,396,746 as compared with \$6,962,382 Dec. 31 1930.—V. 133, p. 2774.

Ontario Equitable Life & Accident Insurance Co., Waterloo, Ont.—Reduces Dividend.—

A semi-annual dividend of 20 cents per share has been declared on the capital stock, payable Feb. 10 to holders of record Feb. 2. This compares with semi-annual distributions of 30 cents per share previously made.—V. 131, p. 2547.

Otis Elevator Co.—New Contracts.—

The company has been awarded contracts for elevator installations in the new U. S. Supreme Court building in Washington and the U. S. Post Office building in Portland, Ore. There will be 13 signal-control, or sky-scraper elevators in the Supreme Court building, while the Portland contract is for three passenger elevators, car switch control with micro or self-leveling devices.—V. 134, p. 861.

Pacific Coast Aggregates, Inc.—Time for Deposits Extended.—

Carlton A. Johanson, secretary, protective committee for the 7% conv. gold debentures states that approximately 73% of the outstanding 10-year sinking fund 7% convertible gold debentures and in excess of 75% of the outstanding first mortgage 6 1/2% sinking fund gold bonds have been received by the respective protective committees for deposit under the agreements of readjustment dated Dec. 1 1931.

A digest of the readjustment agreement as it relates to the bonds follows:

The bondholders agree that all interest payments payable on or after Jan. 1 1932 and on or before July 1 1934 upon the bonds, and all sinking fund payments payable on or after Jan. 1 1932 and on or before July 1 1934 shall be payable only out of the net income of the company available therefor.

deducting from the gross revenues of the company from all sources (a) all operating and other expenses, current maintenance charges and reasonable reserve for extraordinary maintenance, rentals, installments due on conditional contracts of purchase or option agreements now in existence, taxes, and all other charges of the company properly chargeable to income account, but excluding provision for depletion and depreciation, amortization of discount and expense, any provision for the depletion funds provided for in the trust indenture securing 10-year sinking fund 7% convertible gold debentures, and also excluding any sinking fund payment in respect of the debentures; and (b) interest on all funded and floating debt (except interest on the debentures); provided, however, that no such interest or sinking fund payment upon or in respect of the bonds shall be made unless the statement filed for the six months period ended June 30 or Dec. 31 next preceding, as the case may be, the proposed interest or sinking fund payment in question shall show that the net current assets at the close of said six months period, but after allowance for the full amount of such proposed interest or sinking fund payment, would have amounted to at least the sum of \$200,000 whereof at least \$100,000 shall be represented by cash.

Net current assets for this purpose shall be the excess of current assets (exclusive of current inventory and supplies for the company's plants and personal property appurtenant thereto) over current liabilities, (not including either accrued or accumulated interest on bonds or debentures or interest upon overdue installments thereof or bond or debenture sinking fund accrual) but otherwise as determined in accordance with past accounting practice of the company.

All the interest payments due Jan. 1 1932 and subsequently to and including July 1 1934, and also the sinking fund payments due Jan. 1 1932 and subsequently to and including July 1 1934 in respect of the bonds, shall be cumulative. No such sinking fund payment in respect of the bonds shall be made until all accumulated interest upon the bonds accruing from July 1 1931, together with interest upon all unpaid interest coupons, shall have been paid in full.

If the company shall pay any portion, but not the whole, of the interest coupons due Jan. 1 1932 on the bonds, such payment shall be made pro rata on account of all of the bonds deposited. The interest coupons in respect of which such payment shall have been made shall be stamped or otherwise endorsed by the Trust company so as to state thereon the fact and amount of such payment. In such event no interest coupons due subsequent to Jan. 1 1932 on the bonds, nor any sinking fund payment provided for in the trust indenture, shall be paid until the unpaid balance of the interest payment due Jan. 1 1932 at the rate and amount provided in the trust indenture, including interest upon the unpaid portion thereof, shall have been paid in full to the trust company for the account of the depositing bondholders, but such balance shall be payable only out of available net income applicable to the payment thereof.

Company covenants and agrees that from and after Jan. 1 1935 it will duly comply with all of the provisions set forth in the trust indenture with like force and effect as though this agreement had not been executed. The company further covenants and agrees to pay interest at the rate of 6 1/2% per annum on all matured interest coupons appertaining to the bonds, which coupons have not been paid on their fixed maturity dates, until such coupons and interest accruing thereon shall be paid in full, provided that, prior to Jan. 1 1935, such interest (if any) on coupons due Jan. 1 1932 to and incl. July 1 1934 shall be payable only from available net income. Company further covenants and agrees that it will, on Jan. 1 1935 pay, without any limitation or qualification whatsoever, all of the then accumulated interest, together with interest on the overdue installments thereof at the rate above specified, and all of the sinking fund payments which by the terms of the trust indenture are payable on or before Jan. 1 1935.

The readjustment agreement as it relates to the debentures follows the same general lines as the bondholders' agreement as follows:

The debentureholders agree that all interest payments payable on or after Jan. 1 1932 and on or before July 1 1934 and all sinking fund payments payable on or after Jan. 1 1932 and on or before July 1 1934 in respect of the debentures shall be payable only out of the net income of the company available therefor.

All the interest payments, due Jan. 1 1932 and subsequently to and including July 1 1934, and also the sinking fund payments due Jan. 1 1932 and subsequently to and including July 1 1934 in respect of the debentures shall be cumulative. No accumulated interest shall be paid upon the debentures except in an amount equal to a full semi-annual installment of interest at the fixed rate provided in the indenture, together with interest on the overdue installments thereof and such accumulated interest shall be paid only upon the surrender of the interest coupon attached thereto bearing the earliest maturity date and then unpaid. The obligation of the company to pay all interest payments on the debentures, and all sinking fund payments in respect of the debentures, which fall due on and after Jan. 1 1935, shall be absolute and unconditional, and the company covenants and agrees that from and after Jan. 1 1935 it will duly comply with all of the provisions set forth in the indenture with like force and effect as though this agreement had not been executed; provided, however, that if on or before Jan. 1 1935 the company shall not have paid at the rates and in the amounts provided in the indenture, but out of available net income, all of the semi-annual sinking fund payments on the debentures and all of the semi-annual sinking fund payments, due on their respective payment dates under the terms of said indenture prior to Jan. 1 1935, the time for payment of the deficiency of such interest and sinking fund payments shall be deferred until July 1 1939 and said deficiency so existing on Jan. 1 1935 shall absolutely due and payable on, but not prior to, July 1 1939.

Company further covenants to pay interest at the rate of 7% per annum on all matured interest coupons appertaining to the debentures, which coupons have not been paid on their fixed maturity dates, until such coupons and interest accruing thereon shall be paid in full; provided that such interest on coupons due Jan. 1 1932 to and including July 1 1934 shall be payable only from available net income and if not so paid the time for payment thereof shall be deferred until July 1 1939, and the same shall become absolutely due and payable on July 1 1939.

Balance Sheet Oct. 31 1931.

Table with columns for assets and liabilities for Oct. 31 1931.

* Valuation based on report of Ford, Bacon & Davis, Inc., engineers, dated April 18 1929.—V. 134, p. 688.

Pacific Mills, Ltd., Vancouver, B. C.—Bonds Paid.—

The \$200,000 6% bonds, due Feb. 1, were paid off at office of Continental & Commercial Trust Co., Chicago.—V. 119, p. 2418.

Pan American Airways, Inc.—Operations-Increase.—

The company in January carried 1,663 travelers to and from Latin American countries, an increase of 714, or 75%, over the number served at Miami during the same month in 1931. The greatest increase was in Miami-Havana air traffic. A total of 1,235 crossed the Florida straits by Pan American Airways the first month of the year, an increase of 705 over January of last year. This growth is partly attributed to the operation of the 40-passenger American and Clipper flying boats between Miami and Havana.—V. 132, p. 3473.

Pan American Petroleum Co. (of Calif.)—Doheny Leases Voided.—

In a decision reversing that of the Federal District Court at Los Angeles, the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals at San Francisco has ordered cancellation of the three leases of Pan American Petroleum Co. of California in the Kern County naval reserve. The leases are valued at \$12,000,000.

The court held that the leases were executed for illegal purposes by ex-Secretary of the Interior Fall to E. L. Doheny, who dominated the Pan American Petroleum Co. of California when the transaction took place.

The Pan American Petroleum Co. of California was acquired in 1929 by Richfield Oil Co. of California, which is in receivership. The balance sheet of Richfield as of Jan. 14 1931, prepared for the receiver, showed a reserve set up of \$12,781,356 for litigation of the Pan American Elk Hills property.

There is no appeal of the case except for writ of review from the U. S. Supreme Court.—V. 132, p. 4604.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Oct. 29 1931.

Table with 2 columns: Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Cash, Miscel. accts. receivable, Prepaid insurance, taxes, &c., Fixed assets, Cash in hands of trustee, Value of life insurance policies, Deferred charges, Organization expenses, Contracts & goodwill. Liabilities include Accounts pay. & accr. exp., Unclaimed dividends, Funded debt, Other funded debt, Capital stock, Capital surplus, Earned surplus.

Total. \$11,389,799. a After reserves for depreciation of \$981,567. b Represented by 125,000 no par class A stock and 350,000 shares common stock. c After deducting \$250,000 representing a write-off of "contracts and good-will" in accordance with resolution of the board of directors.—V. 132, p. 1438.

Safeway Stores, Inc.—Sales Increase.—

Four Weeks Ended— Jan. 30 '32. Jan. 31 '31. Increase. Sales \$18,560,313 \$15,660,384 \$2,899,929 The corporation reports for the first time upon the basis of periods of four weeks instead of upon the calendar month, as heretofore, and including only costs incurred during the past year. Although the above increase is accounted for by acquisitions, figured upon the basis of stores operated during this period in 1931 by Safeway and acquired companies in comparison with only continuing stores now in operation by Safeway, an increase from \$5,071 to \$5,262 per store is shown, an increase of 3.76%.

The number of continuing stores in operation at the end of January 1932 was 3,527.—V. 134, p. 337.

Sally Frocks, Inc.—January Sales.—

Table with 4 columns: Month of January, 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929. Sales: \$269,567, \$380,162, \$419,456, \$249,354.

Sangamo Co., Ltd.—New Subsidiary.—

The Wagner Electric Mfg. Co., a new subsidiary, has been formed to manufacture traction horsepower motors in Toronto. The company has acquired the exclusive Canadian manufacturing and sales rights on the entire line of the Wagner Electric Corp., of St. Louis, with the exception of automotive equipment.—V. 132, p. 1632.

Schiff Co.—January Sales.—

Table with 4 columns: Month of January, 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929. Sales: \$483,404, \$507,384, \$535,245, \$380,959.

Sears, Roebuck & Co.—Annual Report.—

R. E. Wood, President, says in part: Gross sales in 1931 continued to decline, the total decrease from 1930—mail order and retail combined—being \$43,000,000, and \$96,000,000 less than the record year of 1929. The decrease in mail order sales alone in 1931 was \$48,000,000. The decline in mail order sales since 1929 corresponds almost exactly in percentage to the decline in farm income. Our retail sales fared better, showing a slight increase in stores operating in both years, which, with the acquisition of several stores already established and opening of a few in addition, resulted in an increase in total sales in the retail for the year. For the first time in the history of the company, the retail store sales exceeded those of the mail order.

Our mail order profits continued to decline, being \$3,800,000 less than in 1930, but notwithstanding this decrease, there was a profit for every month in the year. Our retail and factory profits showed an increase; the combined profits for the year—mail order, retail and factories—being \$12,169,672. An average of \$2.47 per share was earned on the number of shares outstanding at the end of the year, or \$2.50 per share on the average number of shares outstanding during the year.

Our fixed assets at the end of the year, despite the heavy depreciation taken, showed a slight increase. Advantage was taken of prevailing low real estate prices to purchase properties in cities in which we intend to locate retail stores. The Halliburton-Abbott store in Tulsa, Okla., was purchased, and additions were made to our stores in Detroit and Indianapolis, and to our Chicago West Side and North Side stores. In view of the decline in building costs, it was also deemed advisable to continual betterments needed in our plants and retail stores.

Depreciation charges followed the scale heretofore adopted. In 1930, the amount charged off in temporary equipment was \$857,000, and in 1931, \$120,000, which entirely removes this item from our books. Inventories declined \$8,000,000 or approximately 13 1/2%. The decline in sales was 11%. Inventories are in excellent shape and full depreciations were taken. Since 1929, inventories have decreased \$26,000,000.

Our current position, or the ratio of current assets to current liabilities, is the best in the past five years.

It is not anticipated that there will be any revival in the mail order business until there is some advance in commodity prices, particularly in farm products, with consequent increase in the purchasing power of the farmer. When that time arrives, an increase in sales and profits in the mail order business may be expected. Our number of mail order customers has remained practically the same, but the amount of purchases per customer has decreased, reflecting his lower purchasing power.

Company in line with its traditional policy toward its employees, made no change in salary or wage rates, with the exception of some minor adjustments in October. Effective with the period beginning Jan. 30 1932, a general reduction of from 5% to 10% is being made in all salaries and wages.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with 4 columns: Assets and Liabilities for 1931 and 1930. Assets include Real est., bldgs., machinery, &c., Good-will, &c., Capital stock of other cos., Inventories, Accts. receivable, Purchase money mtge. notes, Marketable secs, Cash, Purch. of employ of cos. cap. stk, Insur., Int., &c., paid in adv'ce and other deferred charges. Liabilities include Com. stock, Notes payable, Accts. payable, Accrued taxes, Including reserve for Federal taxes, Reserves, Surplus.

Total. \$228,428,725. x Cost or market, whichever is lower. y Represented by 4,920,530 shares of no par value (1930, 4,747,973 shares). Our usual comparative income account was published in the "Chronicle" of Jan. 30. See V. 134, p. 864.

Second National Investors Corp.—Reduction of Stated Value of Preferred Shares Proposed.—

The stockholders will vote March 1 on approving a proposal to reduce the capital represented by \$5 conv. pref. stock from \$10 to \$1 per share and to change the par value of said shares to \$1 from no par value, each present share to be exchanged for one new share.—V. 134, p. 1043.

Shell Petroleum Corp.—Acquires Chicago Outlets.—

The corporation has acquired all of Sun Oil Co.'s Chicago outlets, which number about 75, including some 30 service stations, it is reported. The acquisition was consummated through an exchange of facilities.

Through a recent purchase of the Western Oil & Refining Co.'s properties in Indiana, the Shell Petroleum Corp. acquired a number of retail outlets and bulk plants which in many cases resulted in duplication. These duplicate outlets were acquired by the Sun Oil Co. in exchange for the latter's Chicago outlets.—V. 132, p. 3902.

Shepard-Niles Crane & Hoist Corp.—Smaller Dividend.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 35 cents per share on the common stock, payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 19. During 1931, the following distributions were made on the above issue: \$1.25 on March 1; 75 cents on June 1; 50 cents on Sept. 1 and 50 cents per share on Dec. 1.—V. 133, p. 1464.

Skinner Organ Co.—Dividend Rate Again Lowered.—

The directors recently declared a quarterly dividend of 10 cents per share on the common stock, payable Feb. 8 to holders of record Feb. 5. The company on Nov. 1 last made a distribution of 25 cents per share on this issue, as compared with 37 1/2 cents per share on Aug. 1 1931 and 62 1/2 cents per share on May 1 1931.—V. 133, p. 4172.

Simmons Co.—Sales Fall Off.—

Table with 4 columns: Month of January, 1932, 1931, 1930. Sales (excl. subsidiaries): \$983,604, \$1,521,043, \$537,439. Sales (incl. subsidiaries): 1,287,331, 2,002,073, 714,742.

"Snia Viscosa" (Societa Nazionale Industria Applicazioni Viscosa, Turin, Italy.—6% Dividend.—

The company, according to a dispatch from Milan, Italy, has declared a dividend of 6% for the year 1931. No distribution was made a year ago for 1930.

The shareholders have been informed that, as from Feb. 1 1932 will be effected the grouping of the Snia Viscosa shares of the reduced nominal value of 40 lire in new shares of the nominal value of 200 lire entitled to dividend as from Jan. 1 1931, on the basis of five old shares against one new share.

The operations of exchange of the bearer certificates may be effected at the offices of the company, Via Cernaia No. 8, Milan, Italy, and also at the Credito Italiano, Milan, Turin, Genova, Venice, Trieste, Bologna, Florence, Rome, Naples and Palermo; Hambros Bank, Ltd., 41, Bishopsgate, E. C. 2, England; Deutsche Bank und Disconto Gesellschaft, Mauersstrasse 32, Berlin, W. 8, Germany; Banque Italo Francaise de Credit, 1, Boulevard des Capucines, Paris, France; Credit Suisse, Zurich, Switzerland, and Gebr. Teixeira de Mattos, Amsterdam, Holland.—V. 133, p. 3641.

Snider Packing Corp.—Reorganization Committee Extends Time of Assent to March 1.—

Clifton M. Miller of White, Weld & Co., chairman of the reorganization committee in letters sent Feb. 8 to holders of the 5-year 6% convertible gold notes and to holders of the convertible pref. stock and com. stock, announces that the plan of reorganization has met with a favorable response and to date in excess of a majority of such notes have assented to the plan. In view of the shortness of the time originally allowed under the plan for such assents, the committee has obtained from T. H. Blodgett, chairman of the board, and associates, who have offered to purchase notes under option B of the plan, their consent to the extension of the period to March 1 1932 in any event, and thereafter until written notice terminating such period is given. The letter to noteholders is signed jointly by the reorganization committee and the protective committee of which George E. Warren is chairman. The letter addressed to stockholders further says in part: "According to newspaper reports a committee styling itself as 'stockholders' Protective Committee is being organized by Louis Bauer, as Chairman, David Urdang, Secretary, and J. Arthur Adler, Counsel, to oppose the plan as being against the interests of preferred and common stockholders. None of the foregoing is a stockholder of record of the company and the committee has received no communication from any of them. The committee has been at all times prepared to consider any objections from stockholders or answer any reasonable inquiries, and it desires to caution all stockholders who have not yet deposited under the plan that they carefully investigate the responsibility and interests of any parties seeking to act on their behalf.

"The committee desires to emphasize that the plan is designed to avoid a forced liquidation of the company, which, in the opinion of the management, under present adverse conditions, will inevitably result in the realization of nothing whatever for the stockholders."

Noteholders and stockholders who have not already assented to the plan are urged to do so promptly by the committee.—V. 134, p. 864, 690.

Socony-Vacuum Corp.—Sub. Co. Changes.—

Howard A. Wilkinson has resigned as a director and Vice-President of the Standard Oil Co. of New York, Inc., a subsidiary. He will be succeeded as a director by Brewster B. Jennings, while Frederic Ewing, another Vice-President, will assume Mr. Wilkinson's executive duties.—V. 134, p. 1043.

Solvay American Investment Corp.—Earnings.—

For income statement for quarter ended Dec. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 339.

Soule Mills, New Bedford.—Dividend Decreased.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$1 per share, payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Feb. 5. This compares with \$1.50 per share previously paid each quarter.—V. 130, p. 1129.

Stafford Co., Readville, Mass.—Sale.—

See Draper Corp. above.—V. 113, p. 2512.

Standard Brands, Inc.—New Vice-President.—

Traver Smith has been elected a Vice-President. Previously he had been in charge of the tea and coffee products of Chase & Sanborn, a Standard Brands subsidiary.—V. 134, p. 1044.

Standard-Coosa-Thatcher Co.—Dividend Dates.—

The quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share, recently declared on the common stock, par \$25, is payable April 1 to holders of record March 19 (not March 30 as previously stated). This compares with 37 1/2 cents per share paid in Jan. 1932 and 50 cents per share previously each quarter.—V. 134, p. 1044.

Standard Oil Co. of Nebraska.—Balance Sheet, Dec. 31.

Table with 4 columns: Assets and Liabilities for 1931 and 1930. Assets include Plant (less deprec), Merchandise, Cash, Accts. receivable, Investments. Liabilities include Capital stock, Accounts payable, Reserve for Fed. taxes & annuities, Surplus.

—V. 134, p. 865.

Standard Oil Co. (N. J.)—Texas Suit Delayed.—

See last week's "Chronicle" p. 931.—V. 134, p. 1044.

State Street Investment Corp.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years, 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Net gain from sale of securities less int. paid loss, Divs., int., &c., received, Total income, Reserves for Federal and State taxes, Fee paid to Management, Corp., Other expenses, Net earnings to common stock, Dividend paid, Balance, surplus.

Net Worth.

Table with 4 columns: Net worth, Dec. 31, No. of shs. out, Dec. 31, Net worth per sh., Dec. 31.

31 (for comparative purposes the figures for years prior to 1929 have been adjusted for 100% stock dividend noted Jan. 1929).

* The difference between cost and market value of securities held is not reflected in the statement of earnings above, but is of course given effect in computing net worth. y After 100% stock dividend. z Liquidating value at time of organization Aug. 1924, \$12.50 per share.

United States & Foreign Securities Corp.—Defers Div. The directors recently decided to defer the quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share due Feb. 1 on the \$6 cum. 2d pref. stock, no par value. The last quarterly payment on this issue was made on Nov. 2 1931.—V. 134, p. 691.

Utica (N. Y.) Steam & Mohawk Valley Cotton Co.—Changes Name.— The stockholders at a special meeting held on Jan. 27 approved a proposal to change the name of the corporation to Utica & Mohawk Cotton Mills.

President John A. McGregor explained the proposed change of name as follows: "The present name, which was adopted at the time of the consolidation of the Utica Steam Cotton Mills and the Mohawk Valley Cotton Mills, has been found in practice unnecessarily long. The goods manufactured by your company under its trade-marks have become widely known in the trade as 'Utica' sheets and pillow cases and 'Mohawk' sheets and pillow cases. The words 'Steam' and 'Valley' in the corporate name have become of little importance; and the directors are advised that in advertising its goods and carrying on its business generally it would be desirable to retain only the essential words Utica & Mohawk Cotton Mills."—V. 133, p. 140.

Van Raalte Co.—Dividend on Account of Accruals.— The directors have declared a dividend of \$1.75 per share (on account of accumulations) on the 34,925 outstanding shares of 7% cum. 1st pref. stock, payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 19. A similar distribution was made on Dec. 1 last, the first since Sept. 1 1927. Accumulations after March 1 will amount to \$28 a share.—V. 133, p. 3108.

Waldorf System, Inc.—January Sales.— Month of January— 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929. Sales— \$1,225,222 \$1,295,567 \$1,380,179 \$1,298,735 —V. 134, p. 523, 341.

Walgreen Co.—January Sales.— Month of January— 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929. Sales— \$4,217,260 \$4,451,343 \$4,282,366 \$3,055,250 On Jan. 31 1932 the company had 468 stores in operation as compared with 442 on Jan. 31 1931.—V. 134, p. 341, V. 133, p. 4174.

Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc.—Balance Sheet.— Assets— Real est. buildings, leaseholds, equip., &c.— 163,599,316 164,614,464 Cash— 4,617,311 6,169,982 Notes rec., &c.— 415,005 1,017,032 Accts. receiv.— 2,637,736 3,698,722 Advances to producers, &c.— 411,934 1,231,823 Radio & rec. div.— 5,636,107 Inventories— 14,250,824 Rts. & securities— 1,410,144 Mortgages rec.— 178,511 555,625 Dep. to secure contracts, &c.— 2,393,539 2,432,322 Inv. & advances— 7,691,990 7,525,203 Deferred charges— 3,476,853 3,473,528 Goodwill— 8,718,295 8,435,914

Receivership Petition.— A new bill of complaint asking for the appointment of receivers for the company was filed in the Chancery Court at Wilmington, Del., Feb. 11, by Marinus V. Newcastle, who sets forth that he is a stockholder of record and owns 1,000 shares of common stock. The new bill was filed by the same law firm which recently filed a receivership suit against the concern on behalf of Jules Ender of Passaic, N. J. It contains virtually the same allegations as those in the Ender bill. The bill alleges the corporation is insolvent, and contends it will be unable to meet required payments on mortgages and bonds totaling more than \$4,000,000 which are maturing.—V. 134, p. 1045.

Warner Co.—Earnings.— Calendar Years— April 8 to Period— 1931. 1930. Dec. 31 '29. Gross sales— \$9,021,101 \$12,474,133 \$10,110,916 Costs— 6,285,423 8,571,603 6,663,415 Depreciation and depletion— 1,018,258 1,191,184 937,730 Wholesale sales expense— 240,229 228,299 282,958 Administrative expense— 275,130 290,580 227,434 Provision for credit losses— 69,569 71,386 62,971 Discount allowed— 324,381 327,137 145,144

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Assets— 1931. 1930. Cash— 246,991 470,364 Accts. & notes rec.— 1,044,017 1,189,978 Inventories— 710,489 849,484 Investments— 1,035,280 838,936 Fire insur., workmen comp. and sinking fund— 190,371 179,945 Prop., land mineral dep. and bldgs., equip., &c.— 15,680,018 16,404,114 Prepaid insurance, licenses, taxes, &c.— 100,616 47,883 Bond discount and expense— 465,237 523,411 Development, repairs & miscell.— 85,027 157,350

Tenders.— The Tradesmen's National Bank & Trust Co., trustee, Philadelphia, Pa., will until 3 p. m. Feb. 25 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st mtg. 6% sinking fund bonds, dated April 1 1929, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$105,000 at prices not exceeding 105 and interest.—V. 133, p. 3643.

Welch Grape Juice Co.—Omits Extra Dividend.— The directors have declared the usual quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on the outstanding 65,000 shares of common stock, no par value, payable Feb. 29 to holders of record Feb. 15. During 1931, the company paid four quarterly dividends of 25 cents per share and four extra dividends of 25 cents each.—V. 133, p. 3643.

Western Auto Supply Co.—January Sales.— Month of January— 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929. Sales— \$639,700 \$712,500 \$861,000 \$775,348 —V. 134, p. 341; V. 133, p. 3478.

Western Reserve Investing Corp.—Earnings.— For income statement for 6 months ended Dec. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Assets— 1931. 1930. Cash on deposit— \$360,461 \$522,082 Marketable securities (at cost)— 5,934,232 6,054,759 Acct. int. & divs.— 28,359 39,691 Unamort. portion of disc. on debts.— 62,865 69,778

Total— \$6,385,917 \$6,686,310 Total— \$6,385,917 \$6,686,310 a The indicated market value of securities at Dec. 31 1931, was \$1,692,064. b 20,000 no par shares. c 60,000 no par shares. Note.—(1) Common stock in treasury is reserved for the following purposes: For effecting cancellation and modification of certain rights belonging to prior pref. stock, 10,000 shares; for possible issuance under terms and conditions to be determined by board of directors, 10,000 shares. Note.—(2) Dividends on the \$6 cum. pref. stock are in arrears from July 1 1930.—V. 133, p. 2279.

Westvaco Chlorine Products Corp. (& Subs.)— Earn. Years Ended— Jan. 2 '32. Dec. 27 '30. Dec. 28 '29. Dec. 27 '28. Sales— \$4,016,912 \$5,116,796 \$5,943,959 \$5,215,868 Cost of sales— 3,550,347 3,772,739 3,430,878 Selling & admin. exps.— 2,704,809 380,177 400,939 268,807

Consolidated Balance Sheet. Assets— Jan 2 '32. Dec. 27 '30. Cash— 176,774 \$173,280 Accts. & rec. receiv.— 414,583 251,333 Temporary invest.— 88,181 110,042 Inventories— 661,343 763,870 Deferred charges— 233,432 182,070 Bond sinking fund— 47,426 106,717 Permanent invest.— 16,473 2,000 Fixed assets— \$6,194,860 6,037,978 Contr. & processes— 363,132 417,067

Windsor Hotel, Ltd., Montreal.—New President, &c.— J. M. Wilson has been elected President, succeeding Victor E. Mitchell. J. A. Raymond has been re-elected Vice-President. Aime Geoffrion, John Irwin, Albert Hudson and J. H. Timmins have been elected directors, with Victor E. Mitchell and David Mulligan retiring from the board.—V. 132, p. 1443.

Yellow & Checker Cab Co. (Consol.), San Francisco, (& Subs.)—Earnings.— Earnings for Years Ended Oct. 31— 1931. 1930. 1929. Cab revenue— \$3,530,982 \$4,305,276 \$4,507,095 Operating expenses, taxes, &c.— (3,549,327) 4,073,817 3,720,977 Depreciation— 519,868 500,391

Consolidated Balance Sheet Oct. 31. Assets— 1931. 1930. Cab equipment— \$905,316 \$1,165,542 Meter equipment— 151,203 144,376 Current cash funds— 75,557 104,865 Cash on deposit— 63,600 51,000 Notes & contracts receivable— 38,619 2,040 Due from insurance carriers— 19,576 15,498 Other accts. rec.— 37,772 57,541 Life insur. policy— 4,200 49,153 Material & supplies— 49,728 30,493 Other curr. assets— 30,493

Youngtown Sheet & Tube Co.—New Chairman.— Henry G. Dalton of Cleveland, O., has been elected Chairman of the board of directors, succeeding James A. Campbell, who has resigned to become chairman emeritus.—V. 133, p. 3643.

The Commercial Markets and the Crops

COTTON—SUGAR—COFFEE—GRAIN—PROVISIONS
PETROLEUM—RUBBER—HIDES—METALS—DRY GOODS—WOOL—ETC.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME

The introductory remarks formerly appearing here will now be found in an earlier part of this paper immediately following the editorial matter, in a department headed INDICATIONS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

Friday Night, Feb. 12 1932.

COFFEE was quiet with Rio 7s, 7 to 7½c.; Santos 4s, 9 to 9¼c.; Trujillo, 10¼ to 10½c.; fair to good Cucuta, 11¼ to 11½c.; Prime to choice, 12 to 13c.; washed, 11¾ to 12¼c.; Colombian Ocana, 9½ to 11c.; Bucaramanga, natural, 11½ to 12½c.; washed, 12¼ to 13c.; Honda, Tolima, Giradot, and Manizales, 11¾ to 12c.; Medellin, 12¾ to 13c.; Mexican washed, 14½ to 15¼c.; Ankola, 26 to 34c.; Mandheling, 27 to 32c.; Genuine Java, 23 to 24c.; Robusta, washed, 8¼ to 8½c.; Mocha, 13½ to 14½c.; Harrar, 12½ to 13c.; Abyssinian, 9¼ to 9½c.; Guatemala, Bourbon, 10½ to 11c. On the 8th cost and freights were in moderate supply with Santos Bourbon 2-3s offered for prompt shipment at 9.20 to 9.60c.; 3s, 8.80 to 9.45c.; 3-4s 8.95 to 9.25c.; 3-5s at 8.75 to 9c.; 4-5s at 8.80 to 8.85c.; 5-6s at 8.45 to 8.65c.; 6s at 8.30 to 8.55c.; 7s, 8.15c.; Peaberry 2-3s at 9.20 to 9.25c.; 3s, 8.85 to 9.15c.; 3-4s at 8.90c.; 4s at 8.80 to 9.05c. and 5-6s at 8.55c. Victorias 8s for immediate shipment were offered and 6.80c. and Feb.-Mar. at 6.85c. For Feb.-Mar. shipment, part Bourbon 4s from Rio were offered at 8.80c. On the 9th owing to a holiday cost and freight offerings were scarce. They included prompt Santos Bourbon 2-3s at 9.60c.; 3s at 8.80 to 9.45c.; 3-4s at 8.90 to 9.25c.; 3-5s at 8.75 to 9c.; 4-5s at 8.65 to 8.85c.; 5-6s at 8.45 to 8.65c.; 6s at 8.30 to 8.55c.; 7s at 8.15c.; Peaberry 3s at 8.85 to 9.15c., and 3-5s at 8.80 to 8.95c.

On the 10th cost and freight offerings from Brazil were rather scarce and steady. Prompt Santos Bourbon 2-3s were here at 9.35 to 9.45c.; 3s at 8.90 to 9.20c.; 3-4s, 8.90 to 9.05c.; 3-5s, 8.75 to 8.90c.; 4-5s at 8.65 to 8.80c.; 5-6s at 8.55 to 8.65c.; 6s at 8.30 to 8.40c.; 7s at 8.25c.; Peaberry 3s at 8.95c., and 4s at 8.80 to 9.05c.; Rio 7-8s were offered at 7c.; Victoria 7-8s at 6.80c., and 8s also at 6.80c., while for March shipment, Victoria 8s were here at 6.85c. For shipment from Sul do Minas, Bourbon 2-3s were offered at 9c. and 3s at 8.85c. From Angra dos Reis, Bourbon 5-6s were offered at 5.60c. prompt, and for Feb.-March shipment, 3-4s at 8.80c. Part Bourbon 4s for shipment from Rio in February and March were offered at 8.80c. On Thursday cost and freight offerings from Brazil were only moderately unchanged to 5 points higher. Prompt shipment Santos Bourbon 2-3s were offered at 9.30 to 9.45c.; 3s at 8.90 to 9.25c.; 3-4s at 8.95c.; 3-5s at 8.80 to 8.90c.; 4-5s at 8.70 to 8.80c.; 5-6s at 8.50 to 8.65c.; 6s at 8.30 to 8.40c.; 7s at 8.25c.; Peaberry 3s at 8.95c.; 3-4s at 8.90c.; 4s at 8.80 to 9.05c. It was stated that while Brazil is supposed to destroy a million bags per month, cable advices to the New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange showed destruction of only 313,000 bags in January and for the first week in February, 92,000. Comtelburo cabled the New York Exchange from Rio de Janeiro: "National Coffee Council destroyed week ended Feb. 6, 67,000 bags Santos, 19,000 bags Rio and 6,000 bags Victoria coffee."

The arrivals of mild coffee in the United States since the first of the month were 115,971 bags while deliveries for the same time were 91,667 bags. Stocks of mild in the United States at the present time are 368,426 bags against 344,122 a week ago and 215,420 last year. Of this total, there are 309,258 bags at New York, against 178,746 at this time last year. On the 6th inst. Rio futures closed 8 to 9 points net higher with sales of 7,000 bags. Santos was 7 to 13 points net higher with sales of 5,000 bags. Brazil and the trade bought. Brazil continues the destruction of low grade coffee. The total destroyed to date of Santos, Rio and Victorias by the National Coffee Council and the Sao Paulo Institute is 3,628,000 bags. The plan to destroy 12,000,000 bags at the rate of 1,000,000 bags a month has not yet gone into effect, but is a bullish factor. On the 8th inst. Rio futures closed 9 to 13 points higher; sales 17,000 bags. Santos closed 1 to 11 points higher; sales 18,000 bags. Brazil was still buying. Front Street also bought. Shorts covered. The technical position had evidently grown stronger.

On the 9th inst Rio futures closed 12 to 20 points net lower; sales 6,000 bags. Santos closed 12 to 16 off; sales 5,000 bags. Rather heavy European selling near the close broke prices here. Profit taking was suggested. On the 10th inst. Rio futures closed unchanged to 4 points lower with sales of 13,000 bags. Santos futures ended 3 to 6 points lower with sales of 7,000 bags. There was a steady demand for Mar. Rio at the decline. On Thursday futures advanced early 5 to 10 points with light offerings and Brazil again buying. They closed 3 to 7 points higher on Rio with sales of 4,000 bags and 8 to 9 higher on Santos with sales of 6,000 bags. Final prices show an advance of 5 to

9 points for the week. The New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange will not reopen until Monday morning.

Rio coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial.....	7½ @	July.....	6.32 @
March.....	6.13 @	September.....	6.39 @ bom
May.....	6.23 @ nom	December.....	6.47 @ nom

Santos coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial.....	9¼ @	July.....	8.58 @ 8.60
March.....	8.37 @ 8.38	September.....	8.67 @ nom
May.....	8.51 @ 8.52	December.....	8.77 @ nom

COCOA on Thursday ended 3 to 5 points up with sales of 80 lots. March closed at 3.83c.; May, 3.97c.; July, 4.17c.; Sept., 4.30c. and Dec., 4.50c. Final prices are 5 to 7 points higher than a week ago. On Feb. 9 Liverpool futures at 1:30 p. m. were 3d. to 6d. higher. Liverpool and London spot both opened 3d. higher. Local licensed warehouse stocks on Feb. 8 totaled 232,268 bags against 233,136 on Feb. 6 and 209,857 last year. Arrivals of cocoa in New York since Feb. 1 totaled 60,827 bags against 31,444 last year. On Thursday it was stated that the statistical position of cocoa at this time is not particularly favorable and may continue as such until May. Thereafter it is expected that there will be a decided falling off in receipts and as we progress into the last half of the year a more favorable position should present itself again. "The consensus of opinion is that the immediate future will not show any major movement in prices."

SUGAR.—Spot raws were quiet on the 8th inst. at .94 to 2.94c. Futures were unchanged to 2 points higher with sales of 13,450 tons. Pending a definite official announcement that the Cuban Sugar Institute had agreed on a crop of 3,061,000 tons following receipt of a cable from Java that production there during 1933 would be 1,496,351 tons. Late in the day a private Havana cable reported that the Export Corporation had agreed to recommend that President Machado fix the crop at 2,300,000 tons on a motion of American interests which hold a majority within the corporation. It was opposed by all Cuban votes. Late on the 5th inst. sales in New York were 162,000 bags of Cuba; Philippines and Porto Rico sold at 2.95 to 2.98c. delivered, and two cargoes of Cuba at .87 to .90 f.o.b. United States Atlantic port receipts for the week were 42,768 tons against 44,910 in the previous week; meltings 39,917 tons against 36,992 in the previous week and 36,085 in the same week last year; importers' stocks were 91,230 against 100,310 in the previous week and 171,508 in the same week last year; refiners' stock, 62,807 against 50,876 in the previous week and 72,011 in the same week last year; total stocks, 154,037 against 151,186 in the previous week and 243,519 in the same week last year. The New York Exchange closed on Thursday not to reopen until next Monday. On the 6th inst. futures opened unchanged to 4 points higher and ended net unchanged to 2 points higher; sales 17,250 tons. Cuba sold. Shorts and outsiders bought. Many awaited more definite news about the size of the crop. Some 1,000 tons of Philippines prompt sold at 3.94c. Savannah bought later 20,000 bags of Cubas loading next week at .95c. c. & f. A dispatch from Havana stated that President Machado is expected to sign a decree fixing the quantity of sugar Cuba may produce this year at 3,061,000 tons. Refined here, 4.15c. Spot raws, .95 to 2.94c.

On the 6th London cables reported a cargo of Cubas sold for the second half of Feb. at 6s. 6d. c.i.f. Holland. There were also said to be sellers of 1,500 tons of Cubas Feb.-Mar. shipment at 6s. 6d. Havana cabled Feb. 6th: Apparently the break in the price of sugar is having its effect on the deliberations of the members of the Cuban Sugar Institute. At an unofficial conference between some members of the Institute and Thomas L. Chadbourne last night it was suggested that they might favor a cut in the crop to 3,061,000 tons, instead of the 3,241,000 fixed at a recent meeting of the Institute. This compared with 3,400,000 tons, which would be within the terms of the stabilization agreement, and it would appear that Cuba intends to continue within the terms of the agreement. On the 6th London closed ¼d. off to ¼d. up. Liverpool closed unchanged to ½d. higher. On the 8th it was said the Cuban Sugar Institute received a cable from Java announcing that the amount of Java production during 1933 will approximate 1,495,000 metric tons of sugar. The Institute sent a cable in reply that in their opinion this amount will not help the statistical situation. Cuba's crop for 1932 will be 3,061,000 tons of which 2,800,000 tons will represent the quota for export to the United States. Private cables from London say that Tate-Lyle may close their London refinery on account of labor difficulties. London on the 8th opened from at ½ to 1d. advance. Liverpool on the 8th at 3:15 p.m. was steady and unchanged to 3-4d. higher than the opening which was unchanged to ½d. higher. London cabled: Terminal market steady; sellers 6s. 7½d. Tate-Lyle withdrawn owing

to strike. Other cables reported sellers at 6s. 6¼d. for Feb. and 6s. 7½d. for March with no buyers. Havana cabled: "Beauduin wired officially figures Java 1933 crop 1,496,351 tons. Cuba wired officially Cuba's 1932 crop 3,061,000 tons." Cuba's reply noted above indicates, it is assumed, the figure agreed upon by the Cuban Sugar Institute but that thus far President Machado has not signed the decree.

On the 8th inst. The Sugar Institute, Inc. stated: the total melt and total deliveries of 14 United States refiners up to and including the week ending Jan. 23 1932 and same period for 1931 as follows: Melt—1932, Jan. 1 to Jan. 23, 205,000 long tons; 1931, Jan. 1 to Jan. 24, 200,000. Deliveries—1932, Jan. 1 to Jan. 23, 180,000; 1931, Jan. 1 to Jan. 24, 205,000. Figures for one refiner, estimated. Havana cabled for the period ended Feb. 6: Arrivals, 100,661 tons. Exports 43,722 tons and stock 837,641 tons. The exports were distributed as follows: to New York, 12,576 tons; Philadelphia, 2,840; Boston, 7,219; Baltimore, 6,405; New Orleans, 4,523; Savannah, 4,552; Galveston, 3,246; Tampa, 816; Charleston, 961; Interior U. S., 565 and Spain, 19. Centrals grinding 107. On the 9th private cables advices from Europe received in the trade said that sugar delegates recommend a maximum of 2,369,000 tons for Cuba in conformity with the Chadbourne plan while the Javan figures are considered satisfactory. London cabled: Terminal market quiet, undertone slightly easier. Sellers 6s. 6¼d. c.i.f. Little interest. London opened barely steady at ¼ to ¾d. decline; Liverpool quiet at unchanged. On the 9th inst. futures closed 5 to 6 points lower with sales of 32,000 tons owing to the uncertainty about the crop outlook. Some 2,000 tons of Cubas ex-store sold at 2.90c.; a new record low after 1,000 tons had sold ex-store at 2.92c. delivered, 30,000 bags of Porto Rico at 2.94c. prompt. Refined was dull at 4.15c. Havana wired Feb. 9: "Cable received to-day from Beauduin objecting to a crop of 3,061,000 tons in Cuba alleging Cuba cannot find market for 2,800,000 in U. S. and that crop should not be more than 2,369,000. Cuba replied that International agreement has nothing to do with Cuban shipment to U. S. and that she found reason to complain on the partiality of other countries in favor of Java, ignoring her accumulation of surplus and only taking cognizance of Cubas.

It is pointed out that of the 4,406,982 long tons of sugar imported in the United States during 1931, Cuba supplied 2,090,081 tons (47.4%), Hawaii shipped 861,218 tons (19.5%), the Philippines accounted for 730,105 tons (16.6%) while from Porto Rico there were received 686,576 tons (15.6%). The Virgin Islands sent 1,608 tons (.04%), while full duty sugars amounted to 37,394 tons (.86%). Of last year's imports aggregating 4,640,924 tons, Cuba accounted for 2,379,543 tons (51.3%), Hawaii supplied 775,141 tons (16.7%), the Philippines sent 708,684 tons (15.3%), Porto Rico shipped 724,772 tons (15.6%). From the Virgin Islands there were received 5,176 tons (.10%) and full duty sugars totaled 47,608 tons (1.0%). Havana cabled Feb. 9: "The sugar situation here became further complicated to-day upon the receipt by the National Sugar Institute of a cablegram signed by nine members of the International Sugar Council protesting against the figure of 3,061,000 tons decided upon by the Institute as Cuba's 1932 crop and stating that the highest figure acceptable to them was 2,369,000 tons." On the 10th inst. figures declined to a new low and then rallied sharply on buying by Europe and covering due to official news that the Javan crop had been fixed at 1,496,351 tons with the probability that production would not exceed 1,400,000 tons. Prices advanced about 4 points but then reacted a point or two. On the 10th inst. futures closed unchanged to 3 points higher with sales of 26,500 tons. The opening was unchanged to 3 points lower on tired long liquidation. That sent prices into new low ground; March went to .36c., May to .90c. and July to .99c. But Europe and local covering, especially in the more distant months caused a late rally. Offerings fell off. Spot raws were quiet; 1,000 tons of Philippines due Feb. 23 sold at 2.90c. On the 10th Havana cabled that the Planters Association is meeting there at 11 o'clock to-day to consider three propositions. First, free and unrestricted production; second, a crop of 3,061,000 and third, a crop of 2,300,000. To the New York Exchange Havana cabled on the 10th: "Figures given by Cuban Department of Agriculture of 118 centrals grinding not correct. Have made careful investigation which shows 105." London cabled: "Market weak, apprehensive. Raw sellers, 6s. 6¼d. Poor trade." Other cables reported offerings of 16,000 tons for March at 6s. 3d.

On the 10th London opened 1d. to 1½d. off. Liverpool also opened quiet and ½ to 1½d. lower also. On the 10th Havana, newspapers said that the Institute has received a cable from Europe that Java may restrict her 1932 exports so that Cuba's figure will be further discussed in the decree probably signed within the next 10 days. Another cable said that at a meeting on the 10th of producers and colonos held in Havana there was a definite vote against a crop of 3,061,000 and the supposition now is that the crop will either be fixed at 2,300,000 or will be unrestricted. Other cables said there was a good chance that Java would reduce her plantings for 1933 to 1,250,000 in addition to thinking seriously of reducing exports this year. Defending the Sugar Institute on the 10th inst. it was argued that an important result of the institute's work has been the bringing about of practical competition such as was desired by framers of the Sherman Act, through the elimination of unfair tactics and

abuses which had put honest dealers at a disadvantage. On Thursday futures advanced on buying by big Cuban interests and shorts. Other interests with Cuban and banking connections sold. Europe it was said also sold freely causing a reaction from the early top which was 10 to 12 points higher than the recent level. Stress was laid on rumors that Java will restrict her 1932 exports and expectations of a resumption of negotiations between Java and Cuba with a view of a reduction of crops. Futures here closed 6 to 8 points higher for the day with sales of 59,100 tons. Final prices are 3 to 5 points higher than on last Friday. On Thursday London opened at ¾d. to ¼d. advance. Liverpool opened steady and unchanged. Closing quotations follow:

Spot unofficial	1.00@	September	1.11@
March	0.95@	December	1.17@
May	0.99@	January	1.20@
July	1.06@		

LARD.—On the 6th inst. futures closed 5 to 7 points higher on covering and a good technical position. Liverpool was 3d. lower to 9d. higher. Prime Western, 5.30 to 5.40c. It was said that considerable sales were made of cash lard to England to anticipate the increase in the tariff of 10% on Mar. 1. Cash firms bought Mar. Refined to Continent 5¾c. South America, 6c.; Brazil, 6¾c. Futures on the 8th inst. declined 5 to 8 points. Hogs fell 10 to 15c. Receipts at Chicago were 67,000 against 78,000 a week ago. Lard prices made new low levels for 1932. Total western receipts of hogs were 174,000, against 161,000 for the same day last year. Exports last week were 5,123,000 lbs., against 4,591,000 the week before. Cash markets for lard were lower. Prime Western 5.25 to 5.35c.; Refined to Continent 5¾c.; South America, 5¾c.; Brazil, 6¾c. On the 9th inst. futures declined 5 to 10 points to new lows for the year. Receipts of hogs at Chicago were 27,000, against 33,000 last year. Hogs were unchanged to 10c. lower early, but rallied and closed 5 higher. Liverpool lard was 6d. to 1s. lower. Total Western receipts of hogs were only 113,300, against 121,000 last year. Exports of lard from New York were 1,892,000 lbs. to London, Liverpool and Southampton. Cash lard was lower; prime Western, 5.15 to 5.25c.; refined Continent, 5½c.; South America, 5¾c.; Brazil, 6½c. On the 10th inst. futures fell 5 to 13 points. Near months dropped to new lows for the year on liquidation partly on stop orders. Hogs on the other hand advanced 10 to 15c. with receipts smaller than expected. Western receipts were 96,000, against 125,400 last year. Liverpool lard was 3d. to 6d. lower. Exports from New York were 406,000 lbs. to Glasgow, Belfast, Dublin, Avonmouth and Cardiff. Cash lard declined; prime Western, 5.05 to 5.15c.; refined Continent, 5¾c.; South America, 5¾c.; Brazil, 6¾c. Of tallow sales were reported here on the 10th inst. at 2¾c. or a decline of ½c. On Thursday futures advanced 18 to 20 points in what looked like an oversold market, but also getting some of its strength from the rise of stocks and grain. Final prices are 2 points lower to 3 points higher than a week ago.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
March	4.92	4.87	4.80	4.67	4.85	-----
May	5.07	5.00	4.90	4.82	5.02	-----
July	5.22	5.15	5.07	5.00	5.20	-----

Season's High and When Made—		Season's Low and When Made—	
March	6.97	March	4.67
May	7.00	Nov. 14 1931	5.80
July	5.50	Feb. 1 1932	5.00
		July	5.00

PORK dull; mess, \$16.50; family, \$19; fat backs, \$15 to \$18. Ribs, Chicago, cash, 5.75c. Beef steady; mess nominal; packet nominal; family, \$14 to \$15.25; extra India mess nominal; No. 1 canned corned beef, \$2; No. 2, \$4.25; six pounds, South America, \$11; pickled beef tongues, \$60 to \$65. Cut meats steady; pickled hams, 14 to 16 lbs., 10c.; 10 to 12 lbs., 10¾c.; clear bellies, 10 to 12 lbs., 8½c.; 8 to 10 lbs., 8½c.; 6 to 8 lbs., 8¾c.; bellies, clear, dry salted, boxed, 18 to 20 lbs., 7¾c.; 14 to 16 lbs., 7¾c. Butter, lower grades to higher than extra, 18½ to 23c. Cheese, flats, 11½ to 18c.; daisies, 12¼ to 15½c.; Young America, 12½ to 17½c.; lower grades, 10 to 11½c. Eggs, medium to premium marks, 14½ to 20½c.

OILS.—Linseed was weak with outside developments chiefly against the market. The Argentine and North-western seed markets were lower on the 10th inst. and Chinawood oil was a little easier. Crushers offered prompt and forward shipment of linseed oil at 6.4c. carlot bbl. basis, but it was intimated that this price would be shaded 2 points on a worthwhile order. Coconut, Manila coast tanks, 3¼ to 3¾c.; tanks New York, 3¾c. Corn, crude, tanks, f.o.b. Western mills, 3¼ to 3¾c. Chinawood, N. Y. drums, spot, 7½ to 7¾c.; tanks, 6¾ to 7¼c.; Pacific Coast tanks, 6¾ to 6¾c. Soybean, tank cars, f.o.b. Western mills, 3c.; carlot delivered N. Y., 4½c.; L.c.l., 5 to 5½c.; Edible olive, 1.65 to 2.15c. Lard, prime, 9¾d.; extra strained winter, N. Y., 7c. Newfoundland, 28 to 30c. Turpentine, 39 to 44c. Rosin, \$3.25 to \$6.35. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, including switches, 14 contracts. Crude S. E., 3¾c. bid. Prices closed as follows:

Spot	3.75@	July	4.56@
February	4.00@	August	4.58@
March	4.32@	September	4.68@
May	4.42@		

PETROLEUM.—Gasoline was firmer with U. S. Motor below 65 octane offered sparingly at 5½c. in tank cars at refineries. Generally 5¾ to 6c. was asked. For above 65 octane 6 to 6½c. was well maintained. Kerosene was easier at 5¼ to 5½c. for 41-43 water white in tank cars. Pennsylvania market was weaker. Domestic heating oils

were a little more active and steady. Grade C bunker fuel oil was in better demand at 60c. refinery. Diesel oil was steady at \$1.30, same basis. Pennsylvania cylinder stocks were stronger and many grades are expected to go higher the next few days. Lubricating oils were in better demand.

RUBBER.—On the 6th inst. prices ended unchanged to 7 points higher with London up and shorts covering. No. 1 standard March ended at 4.15 to 4.17c.; May, 4.25c.; July, 4.38c.; Dec., 4.73c.; sales, 150 tons. New "A," Feb., 4.65c.; March, 4.15c.; April, 4.20c.; no sales. Outside prices: Plantation R. S. sheets, spot and Feb., 4 1-16 to 4 1/2c.; March, 4 1-16 to 4 3-16c.; April-June, 4 5-16c.; July-Sept., 4 1/2c.; spot first latex thick and thin pale latex, 4 3/4c.; clean thin brown No. 2, 3 13-16c.; rolled brown crepe, 3 1/2c.; No. 2 amber, 3 3/4c.; No. 3, 3 15-16c.; No. 4, 3 11-16c. On the 6th Singapore was closed for the Chinese New Year's Day. Monday's and Tuesday's sessions will also be omitted in observance of Bank holidays. London closed steady unchanged to 1-16d. off. On the 8th inst. prices dropped to 3.92c. for Feb. but the closing was at 3.96 to 3.99c. Prices ended 3 to 9 points lower with sales of 930 tons of No. 1 standard and no new "A." Actual rubber was dull and bids in some cases were lower. No. 1 standard contract ended with Feb. 3.96 to 3.99c.; March, 4.11 to 4.12c.; July, 4.31 to 4.33c.; new "A" Feb., 3.96c.; March, 4.11c.; April, 4.16c. Outside prices: Spot, Feb., 4 to 4 1/2c.; March, 4 1-16 to 4 3-16c.; April-June, 4 5-16c.

On the 8th London opened quiet and unchanged. At 2:35 p. m. was quiet, and unchanged; Feb., 2 3/4d.; Mar., 2 13-16d. London closed dull and unchanged. London stocks on Feb. 6 totaled 67,410 long tons, an increase of 253 tons over the previous week. Liverpool stocks increased 973 tons to 59,155 tons. New passenger car sales in the U. S. for 1931 totaled 1,908,141 units, a decrease of 27 3-10% from the preceding year and 38 4-10% from the five-year average. On the 9th inst. prices were at one time 1 to 2 points higher on near months closing 1 to 2 net lower with sales of 850 tons of No. 1 standards. The tone was in the main steadier. The technical position was better after the recent liquidation. The Dutch were still considering restriction proposals. No. 1 standard Mar. ended at 4.10 to 4.12c.; May, 4.19 to 4.21c.; July, 4.30c.; new "A" Feb., 3.96c.; Mar., 4.10c.; April, 4.14c.; no sales and unchanged to 3 points off. Outside prices unchanged. On the 9th London opened dull and unchanged to 1-16d. decline and at 2:36 p. m. was quiet, unchanged to 1-16d. decline; Feb. and Mar. 2 13-16d.; April, 2 7/8d. The London rubber market closed quiet, unchanged to 1-16d. advance; Feb., 2 3/4d.; Mar., 2 13-16d.; April, 2 7/8d.; April-June, 3d.; July-Sept., 3 1-16d.; Oct.-Dec., 3 3-16d.; Jan.-Mar., 3 5-16d. Foreign advices to the local press that 300,000 tons of Dutch East Indies native rubber will be tappable by 1933 also elicited bearish comment and served to offset the satisfactory cables from London. Hague cabled the Exchange here: "Report circulating confirming the Dutch Government's intentions regarding rubber restrictions are premature, according to DeGraaf, Minister of the Colonies who states in a memorandum replying to the preliminary report to the lower Chamber on the budget of the D.E.I. government, no final decision can be taken at the present stage of negotiations. He adds that the question is being further discussed by himself and the D.E.I. Government following conferences held in London in Dec. but deliberations had not reached any finality."

United States exports of pneumatic tires for motor vehicles for 1931 dropped off 27% in volume and 33% in value compared with 1930. British India was the leading market during the year, taking a total of 162,985 casings. On the 10th inst. prices declined 6 to 14 points on liquidation of the March and lower c.i.f. offerings from the Far East. The sales of No. 1 standard were 1,330 tons, closing with February, 3.90 to 3.92c.; March, 4.00 to 4.03c.; May, 4.10 to 4.12c.; July, 4.22c.; Sept., 4.32c.; October, 4.37c.; December, 4.50 to 4.55c.; New "A" February, 3.90c.; March, 4c.; April, 4.05c.; no sales. Outside prices: Spot and February, 3 15-16 to 4 1-16c.; March, 4 to 4 1-16c.; April-June, 4 3-16c.; July-Sept., 4 7-16c.; Spot, first latex, thick, 4 13-16c.; thin, pale latex, 4 13-16c.; clean, thin, brown No. 2, 3 3/4c.; rolled brown crepe, 3 1/2c.; No. 2 amber, 3 3/4c.; Paras, up-river, fine spot, 5 to 5 1/4c.; Acre, fine spot, 5 1/2 to 5 3/4c.; Caucho Ball-upper, 3c. London on the 10th opened quiet and unchanged to 1-16d. off; at 2:36 p. m. was dull at 1-16 to 1/8d. decline; February, 2 11-16d.; March, 2 3/4d.; April, 2 7/8d. London closed dull and unchanged to 1-16d. off; February and March, 2 3/4d.; April, 2 7/8d.; April-June, 2 7/8d.; July-Sept., 3d. Singapore closed unchanged to 1-16d. up; February, 2 9-16d.; April-June, 2 11-16d.; B. F. Goodrich & Co. reports a net loss for the year ended Dec. 31 1931, of \$8,815,914. Net sales for 1931 were approximately \$115,165,000 against \$155,256,245 in 1930. Production of passenger cars and trucks in January totaled 126,518 units, according to preliminary estimate by National Automobile Chamber of Commerce. This is a 2% increase over December output of 123,965 unit and 29% under the output of January 1931. One of the industry's major producers was practically out of production last month.

On Thursday futures closed, to 5 points higher at 4.02c. for March, standard contract, May, 4.13c.; June, 4.19c.; July, 4.25c. and Sept., 4.35c. Final prices however are 10 to 13 points lower for the week. On Thursday London

opened 1-16d. to 1/8d. off at 2:34 p. m. was steady at 1-16d. decline; Feb., 2 11-16d.; March, 2 11-16d.; April, 2 3/4d.; April-June, 2 13-16d. Singapore closed quiet at 1/8 to 3-16d. decline; Feb., 2 3/8d.; April-June, 2 1/2d. On Thursday London closed quiet and unchanged to 1-16d. lower; Feb., 2 11-16d.; March, 2 3/4d.; April, 2 3/4d.; April-June, 2 7/8d.; July-Sept., 2 15-16d.

HIDES.—On the 6th inst. prices closed unchanged to 10 points higher; sales, 840,000 pounds, closing with March at 5.30 to 5.40c.; May, 5.75c.; June, 6.00 to 6.05c.; July, 6.20c.; Sept., 6.65 to 6.75c.; Dec., 7.15 to 7.25c. Spot common hides, Cucuta, 10c.; Orinoco, 8 1/2c.; Central America, 7c.; Maracaibo, La Guayra, Ecuador and Savanilla, 7 1/2c.; Santa Marta, 8 1/2c. Packer hides, native steers, 6 1/2c.; Chicago light native cows, Oct.-Dec., 6c. New York City calfskins, 9-12s, 1.25 to 1.30c.; 7-9s, 75c.; 5-7s, 55 to 60c. On the 8th inst. prices closed unchanged to 5 points higher with March at 5.35 to 5.45c.; June, 6 to 6.10c.; July, 6.20c.; Sept., 6.65 to 6.75c.; Dec., 7.20 to 7.35c. On the 9th inst. prices closed 15 to 25 points lower with sales of 1,240,000 lbs. ending with March at 5.10 to 5.20c.; June, 5.81c.; Sept., 6.50 to 6.55c., and Dec., 7.05 to 7.10c. On the 10th inst. prices ended unchanged to 10 points higher with sales of 2,480,000 lbs. and the ending with March 5.16 to 5.25c.; May, 5.60c.; June, 5.86 to 6c.; Sept., 6.55 to 6.65c.; Dec., 7.15 to 7.30c. On Thursday futures ended 27 to 31 points higher with sales of 92 lots, closing with March 5.43c.; June, 6.17 to 6.18c.; Sept., 6.85c. Final prices show an advance on March for the week of 18 points.

OCEAN FREIGHTS.—Rates of late have been unchanged or higher.

CHARTERS.—Grain booked included 24 loads to Antwerp at 5c. spot; 60 loads including 30 loads to French Atlantic; 20 loads to French Mediterranean and some Rotterdam, spot at 5c.; 20 loads Montreal first half April, Marseilles, 10 1/2c.; 5 loads to New York-Liverpool, 1s. 6d. Sugar.—Cuba to United Kingdom Continent, Feb., 14s. 6d.; Cuba March, 1-14, United Kingdom Continent, 14s. 3d.; Santo Domingo to United Kingdom Continent, Feb., 13s. 6d.; part cargo Santo Domingo, Feb., Continent, 13s. 6d., and United Kingdom, 14s.; 3,500 tons, Santo Domingo, Feb., Casablanca, 15s.; Cuba, March to United Kingdom-Continent, 14s. 3d. or 6d. Tankers.—Part cargo, gas, Constanza, Feb., Lavera and Laonville, 8s.; part cargo gas or lubricating, Black Sea-Spanish Mediterranean, 8s.; Spanish-Atlantic, \$2.50, gold; clean, Constanza, 8s. basis, Italy Feb.; fuel, 2 trips, Constanza, Feb., Naples; Genoa Villa Franche, 6s. 9d.; crude, California, March, Japan, 28 1/2c. Time—\$1.25 trip across, delivery New York, 4,650 tons, Feb. 16-19; prompt North Hatteras, West Indies round, 90c. Sulphur part cargo, per Talisman, Galveston, Feb. to Hamburg, \$1.90.

The National Coal Association puts bituminous production (on incomplete returns) last week at 7,000,000 tons, a gain of over 600,000 tons for the week. Three weeks' output down to Feb. 6th is 19,762,600 tons. Trade in general follows the thermometer; dull in mild weather; better as a cold wave hits important sections of the country.

TOBACCO.—There has been a small trade in Connecticut, Havana seed and the bulk of the crop has gone at 12 to 16c. No bids are heard for the 1931 crop of broad leaf. There is nothing doing in Ohio and Wisconsin. A fair business is reported in 1931 shade grown Connecticut. Some sales of the old binders are reported. Of the Pennsylvania crop 90% has been taken out of first hands. Sales of Havana and of 1931 Pennsylvania and Connecticut have attracted attention. Many manufacturers have visited Havana in the last month or so and made substantial purchases. There has been some routine trade here in Sumatra and Java. The cigarmakers strike in Havana is still on. The week's sales there were 9,545 bales with heavy purchases of low grade Remedios. Tobacco exports are hit by the war in China. Richmond wired. The tobacco business is already beginning to feel the effect of the Chinese-Japanese situation in the Far East. Mayfield, Ky., to the U. S. Tobacco Journal: Offerings in the past week, especially in the fired districts were the largest of the season with low to common grades continuing to predominate. The small percentage of medium to good quality was in good demand where offered in proper condition. Many lots of low to common grades were offered with excessive moisture or damaged, received no bids and were passed, and in addition to the lots passed rejections were heavy.

At Mayfield week's sales, 998,460 lbs. at an average of \$3.10, a decline of 1c. At Paducah, 459,050 lbs., averaging \$3.97, or 38c. higher than last week. At Murray, 335,490 lbs., averaging \$4.93, dropping 8 cents. At Hopkinsville, 1,340,675 lbs. of dark tobacco, at an average of \$5.36, and 1,068,290 lbs. of Burley, averaging \$4.34 for the week. The average for the dark sales declined 44c.; Burley average decreased 32c. At Clarksville, 1,073,880 lbs., at an average of \$6.99, or 33c. higher. At Springfield, 856,340 lbs., averaging \$7.21, or 81c. lower. At Owensboro, 2,265,755 lbs. of dark, at an average of \$3.70, and 730,370 lbs. of Burley, averaging \$6. Dark 45c. and Burley average 94c. higher than the previous week. At Henderson, 1,050,325 lbs., average \$2.76, 1 cent lower. At Bowling Green, Franklin, Russellville and Scottsville, 2,134,835 lbs. of dark at an average of \$3.43 and 619,350 lbs. of Burley at an average of \$4.36. Dark 29c. higher. At Lynchburg, 826,544 lbs.; averaging \$4.85 for the week, 25c. lower. At Blackstone, 630,796 lbs., at an average of \$5.69, 36c. lower than the previous week. Richmond, Va.: Orange leaf, third quality, \$13.50; fourth, \$9.50; fifth quality, \$4.70; sixth quality, \$2.20; seventh, \$1.30. Orange cutters, fifth quality, \$15.70. Orange lugs, first quality, \$12; second, \$7.90; third, \$4.20; fourth, \$2.30; fifth, \$1.50. South Boston will close for the season on Feb. 24. Stocks of leaf tobacco held by dealers and manufacturers Jan. 1 were

reported to total 2,012,780,000 lbs., against 1,853,476,000 a year ago, according to the Department of Agriculture.

SILVER.—On the 6th inst. prices closed 12 to 26 points lower; sales 100,000 ounces. March ended at 29.94 to 30.05; May at 30.32 to 30.40; July at 30.67; Sept., 30.97; Dec., 31.32. On the 8th inst. prices closed 9 points lower to 5 up; sales, 425,000 ounces. February closed at 29.75c.; May at 30.25 to 30.35c.; July, 30.65c.; Sept., 30.92c.; December, 31.25c. On the 9th inst. prices closed 2 points lower to 20 points higher with sales of 850,000 ounces. March ended at 29.98 to 30.05c.; May at 30.33 to 30.40c.; July, 30.68c.; Sept., 30.99c.; October, 31.22c.; December, 31.42c. On Feb. 10 prices closed 25 to 38 points lower with sales of 1,350,000 ounces, ending with March at 29.65 to 29.85c.; May at 30.06 to 30.20c.; July, 30.41c.; August, 30.55c., and December, 31.12c. On Thursday futures ended 45 to 60 points higher with sales of 2,275,000 ounces; March, 30.25c.; May, 30.64 to 30.75c.; July, 30.90c., and October, 31.42c. Final prices are 7 to 19 points higher than a week ago.

COPPER.—Early in the week was officially quoted at 6 3/4c., but there was much price cutting in the domestic market and resale copper for delivery until the end of May was offered at 6c. Custom smelters continued to offer at 6 1/4c. for domestic delivery. Foreign demand has been small owing to the disparity between foreign and domestic prices. The export price went to a new low of 6 3/8c. on the 10th inst. This was a special price of custom smelters for a definite quota of copper, possibly 5,000 tons. The official price is still 6 3/8c. The domestic price of 6c. was more openly recognized. Demand was still small. In London on the 10th inst. spot standard dropped 11s. 3d. to £35 15s.; futures off 18s. 9d. to £35 5s.; sales 50 tons spot and 650 futures; electrolytic declined £2 to £40 bid and £41 asked; at the second session in London spot standard fell 5s.; futures unchanged with sales of 500 tons of futures. On the 10th inst. futures here closed 5 points net lower; sales, 225 tons ending with March 4.65c.; May, 4.75c.; July, 4.85c.; Sept., 4.95c., and December 5.10c. On Thursday futures closed 30 points higher with sales of 150 tons; closing prices were with February at 4.90c.; March, .95c.; April, 5c., and May, 5.05c.

TIN.—Spot Straits declined 1/4c. to 21 1/2c. on the 10th inst. the lowest price seen for several days past. The low price failed to stimulate the demand. In London on the 10th inst. prices declined at the first session about £1 5s. but at the second session there was an advance of 5s. with sales for the day of 590 tons. Standard tin futures here on the 10th inst. declined 20 to 30 points, but there were no sales. On the 10th inst. futures here closed 20 to 30 points lower; no sales; Mar. ended at 21.40c.; May at 21.70c.; July, 22.05c.; Sept., 22.45c.; Dec., 23c. to 23.20c. On Thursday futures ended 20 to 25 points higher; no sales; closing Feb., 21.55c.; Mar., 21.60c.; April, 21.75c.; May, 21.90c.

LEAD was very quiet but prices were unchanged at 3.75c. New York and 3.55c. East St. Louis, London on the 10th inst. advanced 1s. 3d. to £14 11s. 3d. for spot and £14 13s. 9d. for futures; sales 150 tons of spot and 100 futures; at the second London session prices dropped 1s. 3d. on sales of 50 tons spot and 60 tons of futures.

ZINC advanced 5 points early in the week to 2.85c. for prime Western East St. Louis. Later on a little more activity was reported at the low price of 2.80c. London on the 10th inst. declined 2s. 6d. to £13 15s. for spot and £14 3s. 9d. for futures; sales 325 tons of futures.

STEEL.—Actual trade did not improve. A better demand from the railroads is expected in the next few months. There is a moderate business in fabricated structural steel for building bridges, piers, &c. Of real life there is yet no sign. Youngstown, Ohio, wired Feb. 8th that the Republic Steel Corp. this week started five sheet mills at Warren. It is accumulating sheet bars there for the first time in two years, indicating plans for steady operation. Awards of fabricated structural steel in the metropolitan area during Jan. came to 14,059 tons, according to the Structural Steel Board of Trade of New York, this comparing with 8,023 tons during Dec. and with 34,951 tons in Jan. of last year. The steel contracts involved are those for housing projects alone.

Pittsburgh wired Feb. 9 that there were persistent reports in the steel trade there that price advances in several important steel products are impending. Current reports mention stabilization proposals in such flat-rolled products as sheets, strip and tin plate. The demoralization in sheet prices in recent months has been unusually severe, practically all the grades being sold well under the cost of production. Recent sales of sheet bars were at \$25 per ton. Strip makers have been largely at the mercy of automobile buyers. Tin plate official price is still \$4.75 per base box Pittsburgh, but it is intimated that this price has been cut on worth while sales. The unfilled tonnage of the U. S. Steel Corp. during Jan. decreased 87,203 tons to 2,648,150 tons, compared with 4,132,351 tons on Jan. 31 1931. The present backlog is the smallest on record.

PIG IRON remained quiet without striking features of any sort. Shipments of pig iron in the Chicago district in the month of January were 10% larger than in December.

WOOL.—On the 9th inst. Boston wired a government report as follows: "Trading is slightly more active than early last week on 64s and finer domestic wools. Bulk of the

demand is on the French combing and clothing Western grown wools, although there is a limited demand for strictly combing staple of both territory and fleece lines. Prices show no change from last week."

Boston prices: Ohio & Penna. fine delaine, 23c.; fine clothing, 18 1/2 to 19c.; 1/2 blood combing, 23c.; 1/2 blood clothing, 19 to 20c.; 3/4 combing, 23c.; 3/4 clothing, 21c.; 1/4 clothing, 21 1/2 to 22c.; Territory clean, fine staple, 57 to 58c.; fine, fine medium, French combing, 53 to 55c.; fine, fine medium clothing, 48 to 51c.; 3/4 blood, staple, 47 to 50c.; Texas, clean basis, fine 12 months, 54 to 56c.; pulled scoured basis, A super, 48 to 50c.; Mohair, original Texas, adult, 22 to 25 1/2c.; fall, kid, 48 to 52c.; Australian, clean bond, 64s combing, 34 to 36c.; New Zealand, clean basis, in bond, 56-58s, 28 to 30c.; 50-56s, 28 to 30c.; Montevideo, grease basis, in bond, 58-60s, 17c.; I (56s), 16c.; Buenos Aires, grease basis in bond, IVs and Vs, 9 to 10c.

Boston wired a later government report, stating: "Western wools of 64s. and finer qualities continue to move at steady prices, although in somewhat smaller volume than during late January. Choice French combing and strictly combing territory fine wools in original bags have moved recently at 54@55c., scoured basis. Demand on lower grades of both fleece and territory lines is rather quiet. Receipts of domestic wool at Boston during week ended Feb. 6 amounted to 462,800 pounds, as compared with 360,500 pounds during the previous week." San Angelo, Texas, wired Feb. 8, the first sale of 1932 shorn wools in the United States took place in Arizona to-day when 2,000 fleeces of twelve months' wool brought 12 1/2c. a pound in a sale to Hewins Co. of Boston.

WOOL TOPS on Thursday closed 20 points lower to 50 points higher with all deliveries ended at 68.50c., except February which was 68c. Boston spot unchanged at 73c. Roubaix-Tourcoing, 10 to 40 lower with sales of 235,400 lbs. Antwerp unchanged to 1/8d. lower with sales of 110,000 lbs.

SILK.—On the 9th inst. futures ended 3 to 7 points lower; sales 800 bales. Feb. closed at \$1.62; Mar., \$1.65 to \$1.69; April, \$1.70 to \$1.74; May, \$1.68 to \$1.71; June and July, \$1.71 to \$1.72, and Aug. and Sept., \$1.72. Leaders of the silk manufacturing trade are asked to meet to consider the competition of other textiles which is said to be creating a crisis in the silk business in spite of lower prices. The situation, indeed, is said to be unparalleled in the history of the trade. Weaving that used to cost 25c. per yard is done now for 12c. with higher wages paid. Throwing that was once \$1.25 a pound is being done now for 65c. Looms that formerly turned out 15 yards per day now produce 40 or more. Silk mills have made possible the \$3.75 and \$6.75 that was unheard of 10 years ago. On the 10th inst. prices ended unchanged to 3 points lower; sales, 1,220 bales, closing with February \$1.60 to \$1.64; March \$1.65; April \$1.67; May \$1.68; June \$1.68 to \$1.69; July to September \$1.70 to \$1.71. On Thursday futures ended 4 to 6 points higher, with sales of 290 bales; March \$1.71; April \$1.72 to \$1.73; May and Sept. \$1.74; July and August \$1.74 to \$1.75. Final prices are 2 to 4 points lower for the week, however.

COTTON

Friday Night, Feb. 12 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 249,848 bales, against 223,645 bales last week and 280,442 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1931 7,806,046 bales, against 7,448,236 bales for the same period of 1930, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1931 of 357,810 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	9,020	9,262	20,489	8,683	5,440	3,478	56,372
Texas City	—	—	—	—	—	8,266	8,266
Houston	5,599	10,480	8,701	5,592	2,852	13,545	46,769
Corpus Christi	214	173	313	162	335	163	1,360
New Orleans	28,773	14,768	14,471	114	50,412	2,088	110,626
Mobile	2,296	713	335	8,148	2,325	875	14,692
Pensacola	—	—	—	552	—	—	552
Jacksonville	—	—	—	—	356	—	356
Savannah	1,213	565	1,316	957	720	792	5,563
Charleston	—	43	110	40	684	38	915
Lake Charles	—	—	—	—	—	3,216	3,216
Wilmington	178	—	68	91	—	71	521
Norfolk	34	41	51	56	32	—	214
Baltimore	—	—	—	—	—	426	426
Totals this week.	47,327	36,139	45,854	24,395	63,175	32,958	249,848

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1931 and stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Receipts to Feb. 12.	1931-32.		1930-31.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1931.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1930.	1932.	1931.
Galveston	56,372	1,945,305	17,913	1,260,134	923,915	643,346
Texas City	8,266	188,475	1,672	106,548	73,091	45,422
Houston	46,769	2,852,526	25,914	2,676,811	1,584,024	1,405,340
Corpus Christi	1,360	416,175	1,442	564,294	78,483	95,228
Beaumont	—	16,815	—	22,594	—	—
New Orleans	110,626	1,338,293	23,702	1,121,481	1,103,590	772,321
Gulfport	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mobile	14,692	342,868	17,259	468,850	232,847	213,773
Pensacola	552	48,193	—	53,219	—	—
Jacksonville	356	24,557	—	469	17,115	1,336
Savannah	5,563	268,728	11,078	609,185	298,130	335,361
Brunswick	—	25,555	—	49,050	—	—
Charleston	915	96,570	1,406	262,817	150,803	169,536
Lake Charles	3,216	122,086	1,197	50,079	61,617	—
Wilmington	521	42,583	2,043	52,585	21,715	17,054
Norfolk	214	57,643	1,949	132,909	67,861	93,937
N'port News, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—
New York	—	—	—	1,125	210,370	227,945
Boston	—	695	93	802	13,017	2,949
Baltimore	426	18,978	438	15,272	2,593	1,260
Philadelphia	—	1	—	12	5,313	5,213
Totals	249,848	7,806,046	106,106	7,448,236	4,844,484	4,030,021

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	56,372	17,913	11,195	22,121	37,698	55,834
Houston	46,769	25,914	18,371	20,670	23,794	50,307
New Orleans	110,628	23,702	12,169	26,038	30,828	49,034
Mobile	14,692	17,259	2,892	2,647	2,947	5,242
Savannah	5,563	11,078	2,024	2,501	5,286	16,545
Brunswick	---	---	---	---	---	---
Charleston	915	1,406	1,898	553	898	9,231
Wilmington	521	2,043	1,068	656	1,461	4,599
Norfolk	214	1,949	1,316	1,776	1,017	7,782
N'port N., &c.	---	---	---	---	---	---
All others	14,176	4,842	2,573	4,608	3,490	8,196
Total this wk.	249,848	106,106	53,506	81,570	107,419	206,770
Since Aug. 1.	7,806,046	7,448,236	7,222,628	7,929,028	6,892,499	10,292,870

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 199,241 bales, of which 17,692 were to Great Britain, 12,418 to France, 37,018 to Germany, 14,812 to Italy, nil to Russia, 93,174 to Japan and China and 24,129 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 93,672 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 5,308,941 bales, against 4,604,919 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week:

Week Ended Feb. 12 1932. Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston	5,604	2,042	7,289	7,382	---	29,298	12,752	64,367
Houston	2,670	3,775	17,936	5,150	---	46,453	8,840	84,724
Texas City	561	240	1,342	---	---	4,246	730	7,119
Corpus Christi	---	381	680	---	---	---	650	1,611
New Orleans	8,105	5,393	---	2,280	---	---	357	16,135
Mobile	---	---	---	---	---	2,817	---	2,817
Jacksonville	---	---	324	---	---	---	---	324
Pensacola	552	---	---	---	---	---	---	552
Savannah	---	---	8,297	---	---	---	100	8,397
Norfolk	---	---	100	---	---	10,360	---	11,010
Los Angeles	300	100	250	---	---	---	700	2,085
Lake Charles	---	485	900	---	---	---	---	1,385
Total	17,692	12,418	37,018	14,812	---	93,174	24,129	199,241
Total 1931.	11,281	13,164	14,906	12,937	---	32,487	8,897	93,672
Total 1930.	22,341	9,958	28,879	12,451	---	13,982	19,812	107,423

From Aug. 1 1931 to Feb. 12 1932. Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston	175,710	54,002	163,232	124,853	---	682,634	185,604	1,386,035
Houston	165,408	125,879	423,072	155,864	---	759,743	241,814	1,871,780
Texas City	13,877	4,614	27,502	3,943	---	31,468	5,956	87,360
Corpus Christi	71,354	12,980	24,718	29,370	---	129,415	32,334	300,171
Beaumont	7,070	1,480	3,751	50	---	---	1,426	13,777
New Orleans	129,415	29,907	93,776	101,101	---	197,325	44,966	596,590
Mobile	65,746	2,100	75,105	3,196	---	136,531	6,900	289,578
Jacksonville	3,486	---	5,165	---	---	---	122	8,773
Pensacola	9,329	---	49,286	174	---	5,304	700	64,793
Savannah	57,341	129	60,403	750	---	162,639	5,698	286,960
Brunswick	4,167	---	29,235	---	---	---	550	33,952
Charleston	37,500	---	31,515	---	---	15,562	15,377	99,954
Wilmington	16,533	22	5,603	11,550	---	---	1,458	21,080
Norfolk	2,223	150	1,029	---	---	6,458	42	28,658
New York	112	---	42	---	---	16,915	1,929	22,246
Baltimore	8	---	---	---	---	---	1,178	1,332
Los Angeles	3,020	150	10,635	---	---	109,800	2,722	126,327
San Francisco	500	---	100	---	---	28,290	766	29,656
Seattle	---	---	---	---	---	---	155	155
Lake Charles	3,478	7,371	17,637	3,713	---	---	7,557	39,756
Total	766,277	238,784	1,029,978	434,564	---	2,282,084	557,254	5,308,941
Total 1930-31	845,290	761,058	1,212,802	346,859	---	29,279,931	784,477	4,604,919
Total 1929-30	1,046,842	671,679	1,393,714	489,123	---	78,040,893	836,514	5,087,798

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 for 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:

Feb. 12 at—	On Shipboard Not Cleared for—					Total.	Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Foreign.	Coast-wise.		
Galveston	9,000	5,000	6,500	48,000	200	68,700	923,915
New Orleans	5,820	1,836	4,209	20,157	728	32,750	1,103,590
Savannah	4,800	---	1,000	100	---	5,900	298,130
Charleston	---	---	---	---	---	---	150,803
Mobile	6,923	---	---	17,148	45	24,116	232,847
Norfolk	---	---	---	---	---	---	67,861
Other ports *	3,000	2,000	4,000	55,000	1,000	65,000	2,067,338
Total 1932	29,543	8,836	15,709	140,405	1,973	196,466	4,844,484
Total 1931	13,125	11,161	12,535	40,184	4,630	81,635	3,948,386
Total 1930	24,657	12,760	22,952	72,063	5,649	138,081	2,123,759

* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has latterly been more active and on Thursday came a sudden outburst of trading on the bank legislation news from Washington and a sharp advance in stocks. It was the signal for a sudden rise in cotton of over \$1 a bale. The spot position has been strong all the week on a good demand. The South has continued to seel slowly and with manifest reluctance. The acreage cut may be too small, but, on the other hand, the destruction of weevil in this abnormally mild winter may also prove to be too small. Possibly the one may offset the other. Home and foreign mills have been steady buyers, including, it seems, the Japanese.

On the 6th inst. prices advanced 7 to 8 points on what looked like trade, Japanese, Continental and Wall Street buying. Some decline in stocks was ignored. The news from Shanghai was not very pacific. The Japanese did not

seem to be buying freely but that they appeared to be buying at all was a hopeful factor. Moreover, the Japanese were said to have resumed buying spot cotton at the South, at least moderately. And the South did not sell at all freely. Interests which sometimes act for the co-operatives sold to some extent. Of the total quantity stated by the "Chronicle" as on shipboard awaiting clearance of 215,244 bales, some 152,421 bales were exclusive of the totals destined to Great Britain, France and Germany, and therefore, in part, at least, for the Far East against 44,582 in 1930. The grand total of 215,244 bales compared with 70,805 a year ago and 128,992 in 1930. The very large exports to Japan and China continue to excite interested comment. Worth Street was quiet and gray goods easier, but sheetings firm. But Charlotte, N. C., reported a further improvement in the mill margin for gray goods, something that was regarded as the most encouraging feature of the week. New Orleans sold to some extent. The co-operatives may have sold some July. Stocks were a little lower. The strong points were the steady trade demand, partly foreign, and the continued refusal of the South to sell at all freely. The spot basis was reported generally firm. A bullish monthly textile report was expected early in the following week. Crop work is late. Temperatures were mild. Some fear a large survival of the weevil.

On the 8th inst. prices declined slightly on selling by the South, spot firms and Wall Street. The Texas basis was reported a shade lower. Worth Street was quiet. In Manchester only a moderate business was done. Speculation here was small. The acreage may not be cut more than 10 to 15%. It is argued that while very trying economic conditions will tend to restrict acreage and there is plainly a disinclination to plant cotton, the depression affects other commodities as well as cotton, and the farm population will be larger than it was a year ago because of unemployment in cities. Cash is needed and cotton is recognized as the one cash crop. E. F. Creekmore, general manager of the American Cotton Co-operative Association, was quoted to the effect that cotton delivered by the 200,000 members of the Cotton Co-operatives was being sold at current levels. But the selling of futures here on the 8th inst. was not at all heavy. In a sense the South still held aloof. Here there is a constant trade demand. And Japanese buying was to all appearance resumed in March cotton. Co-operatives seemed to be buying; also New Orleans. The Hunter Co.'s sales of gray goods last week covered the production. Some buying of goods was due in expectation of an early completion of mill plans to curtail output. Memphis reports stated that there is a probability of a dangerous flood in the Mississippi River. Mild weather continued. The winter was not destructive of weevil. Fertilizer tag sales in the 13 Southern States for January were only 49.7% of last year's and for the two months, December and January, 57.4% of last year's.

On the 9th inst. prices declined about half a dozen points, with the South, New Orleans, Wall Street and apparently co-operatives selling. March liquidation was noticeable. Stocks opened lower and grain declined. There was cumulative testimony to the effect that there is to be no adequate reduction of the acreage. The rainfall slackened. Manchester reported buyers cautious. The strike in the Burnley district began of 13,400 workers. Worth Street was quiet and second hands, it was stated, cut prices 1/8c. Liverpool was a little lower than due, with hedging, and Bombay liquidation, and a poor demand. But the decline here was slight. The South sold only moderately for hedge account. Spot firms covered March hedges and shifted them to later months. Liverpool and the Continent bought. Also the Far East bought again. Some fixing of prices was done by domestic and European spinners. Some March longs who sold transferred their holdings to later months. The speculation here was larger than appeared on the surface. The trade and the Japanese in the end proved to be the largest buyers. The spot basis was firm. The total stock of Indian cotton in all hands in India on Dec. 31 was only 3,923,000 bales compared with 5,343,000 on the corresponding date last season and 5,966,000 two seasons ago, according to the New York Cotton Exchange Service. The small stock this year is due principally to the fact that the Indian crop is very short. It is tentatively estimated at 4,100,000 bales, compared with 5,731,000 last year and 6,222,000 two years ago. The consumption by Indian mills is running at practically a record high rate, it was added, and that exports by India are running much lower than in the past three seasons. The high rate of consumption by India reflects the tendency of that country, as expressed in political agitation and its tariff, to use Indian made rather than foreign-made goods. The low rate of exports reflects the fact that Indian cotton is selling high relatively to American cotton in European and Oriental markets, and hence foreign spinners are reverting from Indian to American cotton on a large scale. Worth Street was, in general, firm, and some asked an advance later of 1/8c. on gray goods. Progress was reported in the mill curtailment plan. The tendency is to popularize cotton goods in spring styles, notably in Washington the movement led, it is said, by Mrs. Hoover. This could have very important results.

On the 10th inst. prices suddenly dropped 10 to 12 points, with stocks lower, hedge selling reported rather larger, the co-operatives apparently selling to some extent, and, to cap the climax, liquidation in March. Liverpool reported hedge

corresponding period of the previous year, is set out in detail below:

Table with columns for Towns, Movement to Feb. 12 1932., Movement to Feb. 13 1931., Receipts, and Stocks. Lists towns like Ala., Birmingham, Eufaula, etc.

Movement into sight in previous years:

Table comparing movement into sight in previous years (1930-1932) with bales and since Jan. 1.

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.—Below are the closing quotations for middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Table of Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday for various locations like Galveston, New Orleans, Mobile, etc.

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

Table of New Orleans Contract Market quotations for February from Feb. 6 to Feb. 12, including spot and options.

The above total shows that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 20,954 bales and are to-night 514,228 bales more than at the same time last year.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader, we also add columns which show at a glance how the market for spot and futures closed on same days.

Table showing Spot Market Closed, Futures Market Closed, and SALES (Spot, Contr'd, Total) for each day of the week.

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night.

Table of Overland Movement for the week and since Aug. 1, showing shipped amounts via various routes.

* Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 18,185 bales, against 23,239 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 97,922 bales.

Table of In Sight and Spinners' Takings, Receipts at ports to Feb. 12, Net overland to Feb. 12, Southern consumption to Feb. 12, etc.

* Decrease.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening denote that the weather during the week has been much more favorable but fields in most localities are still too wet and muddy for farm work.

Memphis, Tenn.—The river is 37.4 feet above zero of gauge and rising.

Table of Rain, Rainfall, and Thermometer readings for various locations like Galveston, Abilene, Brownsville, etc.

The following statement we have also received by telegraph, showing the height of rivers at the points named at 8 a. m. of the dates given:

Table showing river heights at various points (New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville, etc.) for Feb. 12 1932 and Feb. 13 1931.

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Table of Receipts from Plantations at ports, interior towns, and receipts from plantations for Oct., Nov., Dec., and Jan.

soil-moisture supply on most lowlands is fair and truck crops are fair to good. Elsewhere in the South winter crops made good growth, with straw berries ripening as far north as southwestern Georgia. Also, the moderately cold weather about the middle of the week was favorable in checking the abnormal advance of all vegetation, especially fruit, notwithstanding the general warmth of the week as a whole.

In the central valleys outside work was inactive, as fields are mostly wet. Much of the main winter wheat belt is still bare of snow, but a good cover remains in the Northwest, extending as far south as central Iowa and north-central Kansas; there was a considerable increase in snow cover in the Northeast and Lake region, but much of Kansas is now bare. No material harm to wheat from the cold weather of last week is as yet apparent.

In the more western States the situation as regards livestock has not changed materially. While considerable range was opened by Chinook winds in some northern Rocky Mountain sections, most of it continued closed in the Northwest and West, with heavy feeding still necessary and further reports of stock losses. Feed is scarce in many north-central sections, where consumption is necessarily heavy because of the closed range, with reports of some forced selling of stock because of the shortage. The cold and snowy weather in the Pacific States was also unfavorable for lambing; the mortality in young lambs rapidly increased in parts of California. Further general heating of orange groves was necessary in that State because of low temperatures.

The Weather Bureau furnishes the following resume of the condition in the different States:

Virginia.—Richmond: Above-normal temperatures and moderate precipitation favored winter wheat, oats, and truck. Pastures green, unusual growth for midwinter. Some plowing in western sections, but ground mostly too wet for working.

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Temperatures again much above normal most of week; considerable rainfall. Some plowing, but soil mostly too wet. Small grains and hardy truck made good growth, but in tender condition; moderate change to colder needed, though sudden severe freeze would cause heavy damage. Pastures very good for time of year. Planting tobacco beds.

South Carolina.—Columbia: Rains early in week generally beneficial, but plowing delayed up-State account wet soil. Tobacco bedding continues. First and last of week abnormally warm, but growth of winter cereals and truck checked by cool weather on 5-6th. Tree fruits generally dormant.

Georgia.—Atlanta: Rather rainy week, interrupting farm work, but land already broken over most of southern division. Weather very warm, in spite of temperatures slightly below freezing over northern division Friday. Rather succulent growth of cereals. Peach buds beginning to swell in Fort Valley district. Strawberries ripening in southwest.

Florida.—Jacksonville: Rainless week. Warm, followed by near freezing Friday and Saturday in interior of north and west. Too dry to plow on some uplands, but soil moisture fair on lowlands where truck fair to good. Planting melons continued in north. Potatoes doing well in Federal Point district. Oats far to poor. Citrus and berries need rain badly; output of latter reduced by drought.

Alabama.—Montgomery: Temperatures averaged decidedly above normal. Rains general and locally heavy on first day; scattered and light on four days thereafter. Farm work well advanced in coast region; comparatively little accomplished elsewhere. Oats doing well. Truck crops and vegetables made excellent progress in coast region and generally doing well elsewhere, but rather scarce. Pastures and ranges showing up well in south and becoming green in some places in north. Winter legumes doing remarkably well.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: Continuous, unseasonably warm weather generally influencing phenomically early development of vegetation. Seasonal plowing mostly retarded by wet soil. Flooded area in northeastern Delta slowly diminishing, but increasing in southeastern Delta.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: Temperatures averaged considerably above normal, but cold Friday, with frost to coast, retarded growth. Rainfall light and soil dried; much farm work started. Plowing for rice and planting potatoes. Cane uninjured by cold. Truck, pastures, and oats fairly good progress. Flood conditions on lowlands changed very little.

Texas.—Houston: Cool days in middle of week; otherwise warm. Little or no precipitation and more sunshine favorable and preparation of soil made good progress in south and west, but still too wet from central northward and westward. Progress and condition of pastures, truck, wheat, oats, and citrus generally good. Fruit trees blooming in south. Livestock condition fair to good. Floods subsiding.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: Generally fair; no precipitation. Cold at beginning of week, but warm latter part. Favorable for field work. Some plowing in west, but ground still too wet in east. Beginning to plant oats in south portion. Progress of winter grains fair; condition of wheat generally very good. Fruit buds dormant.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: Lowest temperatures of season occurred in most portions on 4th, ranging from 14 deg. to 32 deg.; above normal remainder of week. Weather very favorable for farm operations, but soil still too wet in nearly all portions. Some plowing, pruning, spraying, and cotton picking done. Wheat, oats, meadows, pastures, and winter truck good to excellent. Considerable land still overflowed.

Tennessee.—Nashville: Considerable rain, with temperatures mostly above normal, but freezing on several nights in central and east not altogether advantageous to good growth, although wheat, oats, rye, and barley made fairly good progress. Stock in good condition.

Kentucky.—Louisville: Heavy rains first half and flooding more extensive in west. Temperatures moderate; light freezes favorable in checking growth of grains. Favorable for handling tobacco. Ground too wet for field work.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, Feb. 12 1932.

Business in the dry goods trade, as compared with normal volume at this time of year, and with the relatively heavy total moved in the early months of last year, continues to approximate only moderate proportions. Reactions inside the trade, however, to current conditions, are preponderantly favorable, most observers voicing the opinion that the slow broadening of demand during recent weeks, and the gradual expansion which is taking place in various lines, represents a healthy improvement such as makes for more stability and a longer sustentation of demand than is usually characteristic of a more abrupt and heavier expansion. Previous instances of the latter kind of improvement, it is pointed out, have often been accompanied by unsettlement in prices and premature expansion in output which has resulted in a demoralizing pressure of accumulated goods on a satiated market, when, as has often happened, the demand has suddenly failed. To justify their reconciliation to the relatively slow progress of the spring season, conservative textile men cite the undoubted fact that the depression, notwithstanding current hopefulness in some lines of business, exists currently in a more emphatic state than at this time last year, and point out that it is hoped that business is now undergoing the worst phase in preparation for recovery that is sustaining hopefulness in financial and business channels rather than any indications that such a recovery is itself immediately impending. Meanwhile consumers retain their attitude of pronounced caution, and are even less liable to jump for the bait of low prices and relatively good qualities held under their noses by retailers. The confusion in the public mind, consequent upon the disruption of normal retail policies, and an increasing concentration on bargain offerings which have often comprised cheap fabrics which have caused dissatisfaction among consumers, has doubtless

contributed to the hesitant character of the public's response to recent advertising of new offerings. Nevertheless, the accumulated wants of consumers who have persistently postponed replenishment of their ordinary needs during the past two years are at present making themselves felt in a continuous though moderate demand. At the same time, a noticeably diminished emphasis on staple fabrics and sober hues, which apparently reflected the atmosphere of depression, indicates that the public is tending to become reconciled to the present state of affairs pending the re-advent of a prosperity for whose arrival few will venture to set a date. That recent measures to reinforce the general financial structure against further shocks have materially lessened the fears which recently pervaded the nation is indicated by the recent lack of volume in the leading financial markets, which have shown good resistance to further declines in the face of discouraging industrial news. In the meantime finished goods are definitely more active than a short time ago. In fine cotton goods a broad though moderate improvement in dress fabrics is noted. A more confident inquiry is noted for printed silks, which are moving in better volume. Production of rayons at the current relatively high level is reported to be practically certain to be maintained during coming weeks.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—Sentiment in cotton goods markets continues to maintain the improvement which came into being with the publication of plans for general curtailment of print cloths. While activity has not been great in the past few days, values have been well sustained, and the number of sellers who are willing to accept business at concessions under market levels is said to be dwindling, notwithstanding the natural desire to move stock-on-hand. Pressure for such concessions has also slackened, it is reported, and the market is apparently waiting for the final adoption of curtailment plans, which is expected very shortly. Rather substantial quantities of certain constructions of print cloths are said to have been moved within the past few days. A contributing factor to the improvement in the latter is seen in the fact that advances in price have been very gradual on sheetings, being strictly regulated to conform to the strength of demand, with the result that reactions have not followed such advances as have been registered, and confidence has accordingly been instilled in buyers. Small quantities of sheers, and several types of fancies are reported to have sold fairly well from time to time. Considerable encouragement is derived, in cotton goods circles, from the good behavior of raw cotton of late. It is hoped, notwithstanding persistent weakness in other commodities lately, that the raw product will continue to improve, or at least hold steady, in the near future, which would of course strengthen cotton goods prices. Within a very few days formal announcement of the adoption of a curtailment plan by more than 90% of the print cloths trade is confidently hoped for, advices to the effect that several manufacturers, who were on the fence regarding the plan until a short time ago, are now committed to it, greatly heartening those who have feared some last minute obstruction to its enactment. In narrow sheetings the belief is held that curtailment will be satisfactorily instituted when and as it is found needed. The trade as a whole appears confident that the era of reckless price cutting is over. Print cloths 27-inch 64x60's construction are quoted at 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ ¢, and 28-inch 64x60's at 3¢. Gray goods 39-inch 68x72's constructions are quoted at 4 $\frac{3}{8}$ ¢, and 39-inch 80x80's at 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢.

WOOLEN GOODS.—Markets for woollens and worsteds have continued to show steady improvement. There has been a continuous and progressive diminution of stocks-on-hand held over from the fall season, in recent weeks, with the result that a decidedly less general tendency to throw goods on the market for what they will fetch is reported. Occasional unsettlement in prices is still in evidence, it is pointed out, but the undertone of the market is noticeably better than it was a short time ago. Men's wear suitings and coatings for women are being held with increasing strength at the prices established earlier in the new year. An even more favorable indication is seen in the fact that cutters are showing a disposition to take better qualities, apparently having learned from their previous operations in inferior goods that the returns and loss of replenishment business suffered from dealings in the latter are not worth the small extra charges on standard fabrics. Topcoatings are being accorded much interest by buyers, and sampling is proceeding apace. The prices which will obtain on topcoatings during the Easter season are likely to prove very attractive.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—In recent days a good volume of linen dress goods has begun to move into distribution, with scarcities already uncovered in some quarters as a result of this suddenly developing demand, for which importers were by no means entirely prepared. Other lines, notably of household linens, have also been in materially better demand, the cause of this rather general revival of activity being placed at the door of Southern buyers who have made a concerted call on importers for spring offerings. The local linen situation is statistically strong, comparing very favorably with that of other dry goods divisions, and a comparatively good season, both as regards volume and price, is accordingly expected. Burlaps have been quiet and easier. Light weights are quoted at 3.30¢, and heavies at 4.40¢.

State and City Department

NEWS ITEMS

Illinois.—Governor Emmerson Signs \$20,000,000 Unemployment Relief Bill.—On Feb. 8 Governor Emmerson signed the bill introduced on Feb. 3 by Representative Igoe calling for the issuance of \$18,750,000 in one year tax anticipation notes to provide immediate unemployment relief, particularly in Chicago—V. 134, p. 880 and 1060. This bill had been passed by the Senate earlier in the day after a lengthy discussion. The bill provides for the issuance at once of \$18,750,000 in notes, which, it is said, Chicago bankers are prepared to buy. The notes would be paid off either with a bond issue of \$20,000,000 or an increase in the State tax rate next year. The bill to create the Commission, having charge of the relief fund, follows in full text:

Be it enacted, &c.: Sec. 1. There is created the Illinois Emergency Relief Commission to consist of seven members appointed by the Governor. Any vacancy in the Commission shall be filled by appointment in the same manner. Not more than four members shall be of the same political party, and as far as possible, the members shall be selected so as to give representation to different sections of the State.

The Commission shall organize by selecting from its membership a chairman and secretary and shall provide rules for transacting its business and keeping records thereof. The members of the Commission shall receive no compensation, but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses in connection with the performance of their duties.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Commission until March 1 1933, to provide relief to residents of the State of Illinois, who, by reason of unemployment or otherwise, are destitute and in necessitous circumstances. Such relief shall be provided by distributing funds or supplies and by any other means deemed desirable by the Commission. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act, the Commission may make use of and co-operate with counties, townships, and any other municipal corporations charged by law with the duty of poor relief and with other local relief agencies.

Sec. 3. There is appropriated to the Illinois Emergency Relief Commission from the Emergency Relief Fund in the State treasury, the sum of \$20,000,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for carrying out the provisions of this act.

Sec. 4. The appropriation herein made is subject to the provisions of "An act in relation to State finance," approved June 10 1919, as amended.

Sec. 5. Because of the degree of unemployment and the necessity for furnishing assistance to the destitute without delay and particularly during the Winter months, an emergency exists, and this act shall take effect upon its passage.

Cook County Relief Bill Held Valid.—The "Kelly Plan" bill, which was passed by the Legislature some time ago—V. 134, p. 703—was held legal as to form and returned to Governor Emmerson by Attorney-General Carlstrom, according to recent Chicago news reports. The bill provides for revision of the assessing and reviewing machinery of Cook County. It is said that Governor Emmerson will not sign the bill until he is convinced that the revision will be competently handled.

Los Angeles Metropolitan Water District, Calif.—Validity of \$220,000,000 Bonds Sustained.—News dispatches from the Coast report that on Feb. 9 the validity of the \$220,000,000 Colorado River Aqueduct bonds, upheld by the Superior Court of Sutter County on Dec. 9—V. 133, p. 4000—was affirmed by the Superior Court in Los Angeles. The complaint entered against the issue charged that the bonds are not sufficient for the purpose and that the water obtained would be unfit for use. Superior Judge Leon R. Yankwich held that the charges were not proved.

Newark, N. J.—Pay Cut Plan Rejected by City Workers.—On Feb. 4, Harry V. Osborne, attorney for the civil service employees of this city, went before the City Commission and announced that the workers of the city would not consider the 10% wage cut that had been asked of them. It was stated by Mr. Osborne that the city employees were willing to fight the matter out in the courts. He submitted a set of plans for obtaining funds without resorting to salary cuts. We quote in part as follows from the Newark "Evening News" of Feb. 4:

Newark police, firemen, other civil service employees and teachers gave their official answer to-day to the suggestion that they accept a 10% cut in wages to reduce the budget. The answer was no. It was accompanied by an extensive argument at a hearing before the City Commission against such procedure.

Through their counsel, Harry V. Osborne, the employees asserted that the City Commission has not the legal power to effect wage reductions. The civil service group is ready to contest the subject in court if the wage cuts are ordered.

Mr. Osborne departed from a prepared statement to deliver a bitter attack on Julius S. Rippel, Newark banker. The conference ended with the commissioners promising to consider further points raised by wage cut opponents. On its part the commissioners virtually served notice that hereafter city employees, drawing down Newark's money as salary are all going to have to live in Newark where they make that money.

The proposal that reductions be accepted voluntarily by the teachers, police and firemen was made a week ago to-day at a series of conferences held by the City Commission. The salaries of these groups are protected by law. The 10% cut suggestion, was the outcome of negotiations between the Commission and a group of bankers on the purchase of Newark bonds for the financing of municipal operations. It was represented to the Commission that the New York banking group handling the bonds had been insisting upon a reduction of approximately \$2,000,000 in the Newark budget to make its bond offerings more attractive. The bankers did not specify where the cuts were to be made but officials can see no other way to meet the demand than by salary reductions.

Suggests Alternatives.

These alternative methods of effecting the budget economy sought were suggested by Mr. Osborne:

"Legislation that would give Newark from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000 in accordance with Governor Moore's municipal relief program.

"Speeding up of tax arrears collections and a 6% discount for taxes paid in advance.

"Sale of Newark's bonds to small investors as a means of releasing hoarded savings.

"Obtaining assistance from the Reconstruction Finance Corp. and the Federal Reserve Bank in the rediscounting of North Jersey municipal paper."

Refers to Debt Limit.

"Newark with a net debt limit of \$100,000,000 and only \$44,000,000 net indebtedness is certainly not bankrupt.

"An examination of the balance sheet of the city for 1930 shows that it owns properties valued at \$171,000,000 which is more, by approximately \$60,000,000, than the total interest bearing debt of the city."

"As additional security behind this total interest bearing debt is approximately a billion dollars worth of privately owned property, subject to taxation."

That Residence Question.

Mayor Congleton raised the question of employees of the city under civil service living outside of Newark. He said that the City Commission four years ago had been considering the fact that shortly after civil service examinations were given, city employees move out of Newark.

"The opinion among the city commissioners seems to be that if Newark is a good enough place to make your livelihood in it should be a good enough place to live in and help the landlord whose apartments are empty; to take part in the civic and cultural affairs of the city," the Mayor said.

He added that Newark may have to establish this policy as a fast and fixed rule. Many groups of city employees are present and I hope they will carry the word back to the other employees."

New Jersey.—Legislative Enactment Authorizes "Over-the-Counter" Bond Sales.—The difficulty that municipalities in general have experienced of late in financing their activities through the sale of bond issues resulted in the passage of a bill by the Legislature of this State authorizing the sale of these issues "over-the-counter." The measure, known as the Otto bill, was signed on Feb. 8 by Governor Moore, and provides that in the event that a municipality is unsuccessful in an attempt to dispose of its bonds at competitive sale, the issue may be offered in whole or in part directly to the public. This action, however, must be taken within a period of 60 days following the attempted public offering, and the bill applies specifically to such offerings in 1932.

The measure appears herewith in full text:

STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

Introduced Jan. 18 1932

By Mr. Otto

Referred to Committee on Municipal Corporations

An Act to supplement an Act entitled "An Act to authorize and regulate the issuance of bonds and other obligations and the incurring of indebtedness by county, city, borough, village, town, township or any municipality governed by an improvement commission or any municipality governed by a board of commissioners," approved March 22 1916.

Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. The bonds of any county or municipality authorized to be issued pursuant to the Act entitled "An Act to authorize and regulate the issuance of bonds and other obligations and the incurring of indebtedness by county, city, borough, village, town, township or any municipality governed by an improvement commission or any municipality governed by a board of commissioners," constituting chapter 252 of the laws of 1916, approved March 22 1916, as amended and the acts supplemental thereto, may be sold in the manner hereinafter provided, and without regard to the provisions of said Act, in any case where a notice of the sale of said bonds shall have been, or shall hereafter be, published in the manner prescribed by said Act, and no legally acceptable bid or proposal for the purchase of all of said bonds shall have been received pursuant to such notice, and the period prescribed by said notice for the submission of such bids or proposals shall have expired, or shall hereafter expire, at any time within the calendar year of 1932.

2. Any bonds authorized to be sold in the manner provided by this Act shall be sold at not less than par, either by the governing body of the county or municipality issuing such bonds, or by a committee of such governing body or a financial officer of such county or municipality, authorized by such governing body to sell such bonds. Such bonds may be sold either after competitive bidding or at private sale, and may be sold either all at one time or in installments from time to time, as may be determined by such governing body or by the committee or financial officer authorized to make such sale. No such sale shall, however, be made more than 60 days after the expiration of the period during which bids or proposals were required to be submitted pursuant to the notice of sale of such bonds. In the event that the governing body shall authorize a committee or a financial officer to sell such bonds, said governing body shall prescribe the rate of interest to which such bonds shall bear, and shall fix the minimum price at which such bonds may be sold, and the maximum rate of interest shall not be more than 6%.

3. In the event that any such bonds shall be sold or delivered in installments from time to time, as provided in this Act, the governing body, or the committee or financial officer authorized by such governing body to sell such bonds, may include in any such installment any of the bonds authorized to be sold, irrespective of maturity, and without regard to any limitation with respect to the maturity of such bonds prescribed by the Act to which this Act is a supplement.

4. This Act shall take effect immediately.

New York City.—Comptroller Berry Extends Thanks to Local Bankers for Co-operation on Financial Requirements.—

Comptroller Berry recently sent to the banking houses and banks which participated in the recent conferences with city officials relative to the city's financial requirements, the following letter expressing his appreciation of their efforts:

On Dec. 23 1931, I addressed the following letter to eight of the leading financial institutions in New York City:

"Gentlemen.—The position occupied by New York City bonds in the present market is a matter of grave concern to city officials, especially as despite all rumors to the contrary the financial condition of Greater New York is beyond question.

"May we appeal to you as a civic duty to form one of a group of New York bankers to consider this and any other relevant questions relating to the financial condition of New York City, and when conclusions are reached to confer with the Mayor and other responsible city officials to the end that such measures as are deemed advisable may be taken to correct the present situation.

"If the Department of Finance, New York City, can furnish any assistance or information that would be helpful our facilities are at your service."

The response was most gratifying. Within a few days I had received letters of acceptance from each of the institutions, a working committee had been formed and the city's financial requirements were undergoing a thorough examination.

The members of your committee did not spare themselves at any time, holding conferences with city officials, accountants, &c. daily, evenings and Sundays, in their efforts to expedite the work in hand. As a result of this prompt and practical co-operation the city has been relieved of the temporary embarrassment occasioned by the world-wide financial strain and has been placed in the position to meet all obligations and maintain the high credit standing that always has been its portion.

The City of New York stands deeply indebted to the members of your group for their advice and assistance. As its chief fiscal officer I wish to acknowledge my own indebtedness to you.

The letter was sent to the Chase National Bank, the National City Bank of New York, the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, the First National Bank, the Bankers Trust Co., the Bank of Manhattan Trust Co., J. P. Morgan & Co. and Kuhn, Loeb & Co.

New York State.—Creation of Public Credit Association to Aid Municipalities Proposed.—It is expected that a bill will be introduced in the State Legislature shortly which would provide for the creation of a public credit corporation with power to buy and hold or to sell and guarantee municipal notes and bonds. This so called "Rochester credit plan," having been suggested by the officials of that city, is stated to be an effort to help in the restoration of public

confidence in obligations of municipalities throughout the State, and also to enable a State agency acting for these municipalities to deal directly with banking and investing interests in financing the needs of local government. The "Wall Street Journal" of Feb. 8 had the following to say on the subject:

The New York State legislature probably will begin consideration Wednesday of a highly important municipal bill designed to facilitate necessary borrowing by political units of the State in the present period of unsettlement. The proposed bill provides for creation of a State agency to be known as the Public Credit and Sinking Fund Corp., with a tentative capital of \$100,000,000, and vested with wide powers regarding municipal borrowing.

The corporation would be given power not to lend money to municipalities but to buy and resell municipal notes and other obligations, to guarantee such obligations and also to effect private sales and where necessary adjust maturities to market conditions, relieving the municipalities from statutory restrictions in these respects.

There is a discretionary power for possible future use to set up a guaranty fund to which such municipality shall contribute 25% of proceeds of bonds sold for it. New York Municipal experts point out that tax collections are very close to normal throughout the State and that municipal security, resting on unlimited taxing power and requiring less than 1% of a year's tax to liquidate even a relatively heavy debt within 20 to 30 years, is still good security.

However, many municipalities throughout the country at present are finding it difficult to float loans because of lack of investment demand and a primary purpose of the proposed corporation would be to remedy this situation. The organization would be vested with power to receive deposits of public moneys and other funds in an effort to discourage hoarding and provide funds for operation of the measure. General power would be given to guarantee deposits made with it by any municipality upon satisfactory security. The corporation would have power to borrow funds and to issue debentures legal for savings banks and due not later than April 1 1938. The corporation would exist for about five years, unless previously dissolved.

The explicit powers of such corporation, as they will be set forth in the proposed bill, which will be introduced by Senator Cilano and Assemblyman Marks, are detailed as follows:

(1) A general power to invest in, purchase and sell obligations of the State and obligations of any municipal corporation or public district or agency of the State, provided that after April 1 1933, such corporation shall not purchase any such obligations maturing subsequent to April 1 1938, and provided that the corporation shall not purchase any obligations of the State except at a price to yield 4% or more to maturity or any obligations of a municipal corporation or public district or agency of the State except at a price to yield 5% or more to maturity.

(2) A general power to receive deposits in amounts exceeding \$2,000 and to pay interest on such deposits at a rate not to exceed 2%, provided that this power shall be exercised primarily for the purpose of receiving deposits of public moneys but may be used, subject to such limitation of amount, for such other purposes and subject to such regulations as the board may establish with a view to protecting the public credit, to discouraging hoarding and providing funds for the purpose of this Act. Moneys of the State, including moneys in the hands of the State Treasurer, sinking fund moneys and the proceeds of bonds issued for any public purpose, or of any municipal corporation, public district or other agency of the State may be deposited with such corporation and such deposit shall relieve any officer making the same of any personal responsibility for the security of the funds on deposit.

Deposits shall be subject at all times to withdrawal upon demand unless in the discretion of the board as to any class or all of such deposits the right to withdraw shall be made subject to notice for a period of not exceeding 60 days. It may also issue certificates of deposit for any period not exceeding one year. The corporation and all sums now or hereafter appropriated to it shall be unconditionally liable for all such deposits, and the State declares its purpose to make such appropriations as may be necessary to protect such deposits and so far as may be permitted by the constitution by amendment or otherwise does and will guarantee such deposits.

(3) A general power to guarantee deposits made by any municipality, public district or other agency upon satisfactory security to be given to the corporation by the bank in which any such deposit is to be made.

(4) The power to deposit its funds in any bank which is a legal depository of State moneys, subject to the requirements of section 8 of the State finance law. This power, so far as may be and in the absolute discretion of the board, shall be so used as in effect to redeposit in local depositories, subject to the control of the corporation, any funds withdrawn for deposit with it. In the event of the liquidation of any bank in which any such deposit shall be made, the corporation shall have the like priority as is accorded by law to the deposit of State funds.

(5) The power to invest its surplus or idle funds in obligations of the United States maturing within one year from the date of investment.

New York State.—*Redistricting of State Held Void by Court of Appeals.*—In a decision handed down on Feb. 9, the Court of Appeals upheld the ruling previously given by the Appellate Division, that the redistricting of the State into 45 Congressional districts, which was effected by a resolution adopted by the Legislature in 1931, is unconstitutional. The Court directed that, unless the Legislature makes a new reapportionment by law, 43 of the 45 representatives allotted to the State under the last Congressional reapportionment act, shall be elected from the existing 43 districts and the two additional representatives-at-large by the entire State. The decision is referred to more at length on an earlier page of this issue in our department of Current Events and Discussions.

New York State.—*Senate Moves to Investigate State Administration.*—A concurrent resolution providing for a general investigation of all State departments was adopted on Feb. 10 by the Republican majority in the Senate, the vote of 27 to 21 being on strict party lines. Under the terms of the resolution a legislative committee of 5 members, dominated by Republicans and possessing the same powers as those under which the Hofstadter Committee on New York City affairs is invested—V. 134, p. 881—is to "inquire into and examine every matter and thing whatsoever affecting or in any way bearing upon or relating to the operation, conduct and activities of each department, board, bureau, commission, office, institution and agency of the State, to the end that when the Legislature convenes in 1933 it will have before it the information gathered by said committee to assist in intelligent action upon, consideration of and disposition and determination of the 1933 budget." The assembly was not in session when the resolution was passed, but its concurrence early next week is said to be assured.

Legislature Passes Amended Budget of \$301,775,337 for 1932-33.—On Feb. 10 the Republican majority in the Legislature forced the passage in the Senate and Assembly of a budget for 1932-33 calling for outlays aggregating \$301,775,337, having previously slashed \$21,455,751 from the

\$223,231,083 budget figure submitted by Governor Roosevelt—V. 134, p. 537. This amended budget was adopted by the Legislature despite the warning of the Governor that the paring down of his submitted total by the fiscal committees of the Legislature would necessarily entail a much greater expenditure of funds eventually. In addition to the passage of the revised budget, the Senate passed three of the four emergency tax bills that had been recommended by Governor Roosevelt. The approved bills provide:

A 100% increase in the personal income tax, a 50% increase being retroactive on 1931 incomes, in addition to the retroactive 50% increase authorized at the special session.

A 100% increase in the stock transfer tax, from \$2 to \$4 a hundred shares. One cent increase in the gasoline tax, making the tax three cents a gallon. The fourth emergency tax measure, the motor truck tax bill, is still in committee. There was a public hearing on it on Feb. 9, at which it was agreed that the bill would have to be amended.

Multiple Dwelling Law Bills Introduced in Legislature.—The New York "Journal of Commerce" of recent date carried the following report dealing with two bills that were prepared under the supervision of the Real Estate Board of New York, calling for a moratorium of one year on certain provisions of the multiple dwelling law, which have been introduced in the Legislature:

Two bills providing for a moratorium affecting certain features of the multiple dwelling law have been drafted by a special committee appointed by Leon S. Aftmayer, Chairman of the Committee on Old Law Tenements of the Real Estate Board of New York, and after their approval by various civic organizations participating in the movement will be presented to the State Legislature. One measure calls for a one-year suspension of the structural alterations to existing buildings required under the law. The other provides for a similar extension of time in which to comply with the restrictions on the occupancy of cellar and basement rooms. These amendments to the Multiple Dwelling Law, it is understood, have the backing of the city administration.

The proposed legislation is the result of a meeting convoked by the Real Estate Board of New York, Inc., on Jan. 8 and attended by the representatives of more than 30 of the leading civic and trade organizations in N. Y. City.

Under the authority vested in him at the meeting, the Chairman, Mr. Aftmayer, appointed a committee to draw the bills. Jones Wilder Mersereau, Executive Vice-President of the Real Estate Board, in a statement on the measures yesterday said in part:

"In both cases the proposed amendments are, of course, subject to the provision already in the Multiple Dwelling Law, that the tenement house commissioner may require earlier compliance with the provisions of the law in any case in which in his opinion such action is necessary for the health and safety of the occupants. With that safeguard it has been recognized by the representatives of the civic organizations and by the city authorities that at this time, when the occupants of the houses affected would have no other place to go where they could afford to pay the price for shelter and with the knowledge that the owners of houses affected with their present decreased income are unable to meet taxes, interest, amortization payments, operation and up-keep costs, and pay the costs of required structural alteration, it is essential in the interest of both the tenants and the owners that the sought for extensions of time be granted. For that reason the Real Estate Board is actively taking the lead and is supported by the other civic organizations in sponsoring and backing these proposed bills."

West Palm Beach, Fla.—*Protective Committee Urges Deposit of Bonds.*—Following the recent announcement by them of the refunding plans for this city—V. 134, p. 1060, the Protective Committees representing holders of the general and improvement bonds of West Palm Beach on Feb. 8 issued a call to non-depositing bondholders to lodge their bonds with the depositories. The committees already have about 75% of both classes of bonds on deposit. The Bank of New York & Trust Co. is depository for the general bonds and the Chase National Bank of New York is depository for the improvement bonds.

The notice to non-depositing bondholders says in part:

While it seems unlikely that there will be any considerable number of bondholders who will not wish to take advantage of the contract, it is only proper to call attention to the fact that the committees, having permitted all bondholders to participate, provided for a pledge of all available revenues for the payment of the principal and interest of the bonds to be issued in pursuance of its provisions. Bondholders who do not participate in the plan will, therefore, be obliged at their own expense, to require the city to raise revenues in excess of those stipulated for in the contract with the committees, notwithstanding the fact that the revenues which the city is officials to be the maximum which can probably be raised. It is contemplated moneys appropriated for the payment of the bonds provided for in the contract with the committees will be available solely to the holders of those bonds.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS.

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Abington), Montgomery county, Pa.—*ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.*—The township received a price of 103.7006 for the issue of \$50,000 5% bonds sold in December to E. H. Rollins & Sons of Philadelphia—V. 133, p. 4354. Net interest cost basis about 4.65%. The bonds are dated Dec. 1 1931 and mature Dec. 1 as follows: \$6,000 in 1936, \$12,000 in 1941, \$18,000 in 1946 and \$24,000 in 1951.

ADAMS TOWNSHIP, Lucas County, Ohio.—*BOND OFFERING.*—William T. Gravius, Township Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on March 1 for the purchase of \$20,000 6% fire building and fire department equipment bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 on Jan. 1 from 1933 to 1942, inclusive. Principal and interest (Jan. and July) are payable at the office of the Township Clerk. A certified check for 1% of the amount of the bonds must accompany each proposal. A complete transcript of the proceedings will be furnished the successful bidder.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY (P. O. Pittsburgh), Pa.—*BOND ISSUE PLANNED.*—R. G. Woodside, County Controller, has stated that the proposed bond issue of \$4,500,000 will bear interest at 4½% and be dated Jan. 1 1932.

ANGOLA SCHOOL CITY, Steuben County, Ind.—*BOND OFFERING.*—John L. Estrich, Superintendent of Schools, will receive sealed bids until March 15 for the purchase of \$80,000 4½% coupon school bonds. Dated March 15 1932. Due on June and Dec. 30 from 1933 to 1947, incl. Prin. and interest are payable at the Angola State Bank. The corporation has an assessed valuation of \$4,145,000 and the tax rate is \$1.08 per \$100. This issue will constitute the only outstanding indebtedness.

ARIZONA, State of (P. O. Phoenix).—*NOTE OFFERING.*—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until Feb. 20 by Mit Simms, State Treasurer, for the purchase of an issue of \$1,500,000 tax anticipation notes. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Dated March 7 1932. Due on July 7 1932. These notes are said to be secured by a lien on the second installment of 1931 taxes.

AUSTIN, Travis County, Tex.—*BONDS REGISTERED.*—The two issues of 5% semi-ann. bonds aggregating \$200,000, that were sold recently—V. 134, p. 881—were registered by the State Comptroller on Feb. 3. The issues are as follows: \$150,000 municipal library bonds. Due from Jan. 1 1933 to 1962 incl. \$50,000 fire station bonds. Due from Jan. 1 1933 to 1962 incl.

AVON LAKE, Lorain County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$5,237.44 village's portion improvement bonds offered on Jan. 6—V. 134, p. 161—were awarded as 6s, at a price of par, to the Central Bank Co., of Lorain. Dated Oct. 1 1931. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$500 from 1933 to 1941, inclusive, and \$737.44 in 1942.

The Central Bank Co. also purchased the two issues of 6% bonds totaling \$27,102.63 mentioned in—V. 134, p. 881. Price paid was par.

BANGOR, Penobscot County, Me.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—C. E. Millett, City Treasurer, reports that the \$400,000 temporary loan offered on Feb. 5 was awarded to the Merchants National Bank of Bangor at 5.32% discount basis, plus a premium of \$1.50. Dated Feb. 5 1932. Due \$200,000 on Sept. 5 1932 and \$200,000 on Oct. 5 1932. Legal opinion of Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston. Only one bid was received at the offering.

BAY CITY, Bay County, Mich.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—In connection with the proposed award on Feb. 15 of an issue of \$90,000 6% special assessment bonds, notice and description of which appeared in—V. 134, p. 1061—we are in receipt of the following:

Financial Statement. Assessed valuation 1931. Bonds outstanding Jan. 1 1932: Library, Park, Old water (refund), Emergency relief, Water (revenue), Special assessment, Sinking funds: General, Water, Local improvement, Tax Levy.

Table with columns: 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931. Rows: Amount Collected, Percentage Collected.

BEDFORD, Lawrence County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—Ruth S. Browning, City Clerk, reports that the Stone City Bank, of Bedford, has purchased an issue of \$12,500 4 1/2% fire station construction bonds at a price of par. The issue was recently approved by the State Board of Tax Commissioners.

BELLEFONTAINE, Logan County, Ohio.—NOTE SALE.—R. A. Herring, City Auditor, reports that the Sinking Fund Commission has purchased the issue of \$10,000 6% current expense notes recently authorized by the City Council. Dated Feb. 1 1932. Due May 1 1932.

BENTON HARBOR, Berrien County, Mich.—ACT TO PROTECT MUNICIPAL DEPOSITS.—The City Commission has instituted legal steps to have approximately \$200,000 of harbor commission funds on deposit in three closed Berrien County banks declared a trust fund and a prior claim against the institutions.

BESSEMER CITY, Gaston County, N. C.—BELATED BOND REPORT.—Chas. M. Johnson, Director of Local Government, informs us that the \$19,500 issue of 6% coupon public improvement and funding bonds offered on Sept. 29—V. 133, p. 1953—was not sold. Dated Sept. 1 1931. Due from Sept. 1 1932 to 1951, inclusive.

BEXLEY (P. O. Columbus), Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The BancOhio Securities Co., of Columbus is reported to have purchased the following issues of bonds aggregating \$55,750, which were included in an offering of \$59,325 5s on Jan. 4, at which time no bids were received—V. 134, p. 356:

\$51,000 special assessment storm sewer bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1933 to 1935 incl. and \$6,000 from 1936 to 1941 incl. 4,750 special assessment street impt. bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$500 from 1933 to 1940 incl. and \$750 in 1941.

Each issue is dated Jan. 1 1932. The third issue included in the unsuccessful offering on Jan. 4 consisted of \$3,570 special assessment improvement bonds, due \$400 on Oct. 1 from 1933 to 1940 incl. and \$375 Oct. 1 1941.

BLUE EARTH COUNTY (P. O. Mankato), Minn.—PRICE PAID.—The \$75,000 drainage funding bonds that were sold recently—V. 133, p. 1061—were purchased as 4 1/2%, payable F. & A., at par. Dated Feb. 1 1932. Due from Feb. 1 1935 to 1942.

BOSTON, Suffolk County, Mass.—BONDS PUBLICLY OFFERED.—R. L. Day & Co. of Boston are making public offering of various 3 1/4% registered city bonds, due in July 1933, priced to yield 5%.

BOSTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Boston), Wayne County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Thomas A. Daugherty, Trustee, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Feb. 19 for the purchase of \$20,000 4 1/2% school bonds. Dated March 1 1932. Denom. \$500. Due \$500, July 1 1933; \$500, Jan. and July 1 from 1934 to 1937 incl.; \$500, Jan. 1, and \$1,000, July 1 1938, and \$1,000, Jan. and July 1 1939 to 1945 incl. Principal and interest (January and July) are payable at the Farmers State Bank, Boston. A certified check for \$250, payable to the order of the Trustee, must accompany each proposal.

BOUND BROOK, Somerset County, N. J.—BOND REPORT.—E. L. Belli, Borough Clerk, reports that B. J. Van Ingen & Co., of New York, did not exercise the option granted them to purchase the issue of \$75,000 coupon or registered general impt. bonds, for which no bids were received at the offering on Dec. 29. The option was for a period of 30 days—V. 134, p. 356. Mr. Belli, however, adds that negotiations are now under way for the disposal of the bonds, and the same may be sold shortly.

Dated Nov. 1 1931. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1932 to 1936 incl., and \$4,000 from 1937 to 1951 incl.

BRADDOCK TOWNSHIP (P. O. Brinton Road, R. D. No. 5, Wilkingsburg) Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Joseph A. Ford, Secretary of the Board of Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. on March 1 for the purchase of \$8,000 4 1/2% coupon bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 on Sept. 1 from 1932 to 1939 incl. Interest is payable in March and September. The issue has been approved by the Department of Internal Affairs at Harrisburg. Successful bidder to furnish and pay for the printing of the bonds. A certified check for \$500, payable to the order of the township, must accompany each proposal.

BRISTOL COUNTY (P. O. Taunton), Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The \$250,000 temporary loan offered on Feb. 9—V. 134, p. 1061—was awarded as follows: \$200,000 to the National Shawmut Bank, of Boston, at 6% discount and \$50,000 to the First National Bank, of Attleboro, at 5.85% discount basis. The loan is dated Feb. 10 1932 and is payable on Nov. 10 1932.

BROADALBIN, MAYFIELD AND PERTH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Broadalbin), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received at the office of Lynn Pitcher, Secretary of the Board of Education, until 12 M. on Feb. 20 for the purchase of \$175,000 not to exceed 6% interest bonds. Dated May 1 1932. Denom. \$5,000. Due \$5,000 on May 1 from 1933 to 1967 incl. Prin. and ann. int. payable at the Broadalbin Bank. The District reserves the right to redeem and pay off such bonds as and when a more favorable interest rate can be secured. A certified check for 10% of the amount of the bonds must accompany each proposal.

Financial Statement. Actual assessed valuation, Equalization rate, Equalized valuation, Tax rate, Bonded Indebtedness of School District.

Table with columns: Village Former District No. 8 (Broadalbin), Former District No. 4 (Broadalbin), Former District No. 10 (Mayfield), Bonded indebtedness of village.

BUFFALO, Erie County, N. Y.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The city failed to receive a bid at the offering on Feb. 10 of \$4,790,000 coupon or registered bonds, the rate of interest for which was optional with the bidder and limited to 5%—V. 134, p. 1061. The offering comprised \$3,000,000 home relief bonds to mature in 1935, and three issues totaling \$1,790,000, due serially from 1933 to 1962 incl. Failure to receive an offer was attributed to the stipulation in the notice of sale that tenders must be for all of the bonds, the bankers being unwilling to bid the required price of par for the 1935 relief bonds on a 5% coupon, inasmuch as various short-term issues, notably the \$100,000,000 New York City 3 to 5-year stock notes, are available at a 6% yield basis. It is believed that the city will attempt a private sale of the \$3,000,000 relief bonds and again make public offering of the \$1,790,000 serial issues.

BURLINGTON, Burlington County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Walter W. Marrs, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on March 1 for the purchase of \$130,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered sewer bonds. Dated March 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due March 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1934 to 1939 incl., and \$4,000 from 1940 to 1967 incl. Principal and interest (March and September) are payable at the Mechanics National Bank, Burlington. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$130,000. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the city, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

BURLINGAME AND SAN MATEO SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Redwood City) San Mateo County, Calif.—BONDS DEFEATED.—It is reported that at an election on Jan. 26 the voters rejected a proposal to issue \$240,000 in high school bonds.

CADILLAC, Wexford County, Mich.—BONDED DEBT.—H. Lee Worden, City Clerk, recently issued figures indicating that within four years the municipality will have paid off all of its present bonded debt. School bonds amounting to \$18,000 were retired on Feb. 1, leaving \$70,000 due during the next four years. Sewage disposal bonds to the amount of \$10,000 mature in July 1932, 1933 and 1934.

CALDWELL, Noble County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$3,998.15 6% coupon improvement bonds offered on Feb. 4—V. 134, p. 705—was awarded to the Farmers & Merchants Bank, at par plus a premium of \$216.85, equal to a price of 105.42, a basis of about 4.85%. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due July 1 as follows: \$398.15 in 1933, and \$400 from 1934 to 1942, incl.

CALHOUN COUNTY (P. O. Anniston) Ala.—OFFERING DETAILS.—In connection with the offering scheduled for Feb. 15 of the \$76,000 issue of not to exceed 6% semi-ann. court house bonds—V. 134, p. 1061—we are informed that the prin. and int. (F. & A.) will be payable at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. in New York City.

CALIFORNIA, State of (P. O. Sacramento)—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Feb. 23 by Charles G. Johnson, State Treasurer, for the purchase of \$1,325,000 4 1/2% semi-annual Veterans Welfare bonds. Due on Feb. 1 as follows: \$60,000 in 1939, \$297,000, 1940; \$298,000, 1941; \$306,000, 1942; \$332,000, 1943, and \$322,000 in 1944. We are informed by the State Treasurer that these bonds are the balance of the \$6,000,000 total issue that was offered for sale with only partial success on Dec. 17, the rest having been sold privately.

CALIFORNIA, State of (P. O. Sacramento)—BONDS SOLD.—It is now reported that of the \$3,250,000 4 1/2% semi-ann. Veterans' Welfare bonds offered for sale without success on Jan. 21—V. 134, p. 705—the following bonds have since been sold at par, as follows:

\$1,550,000 to a syndicate composed of the National City Co. of California, the American Securities Co., Weedon & Co., Dean Witter & Co., and Heller, Bruce & Co., all of San Francisco. Due from 1939 to 1948. 75,000 to the Anglo-California Trust Co. of San Francisco. Due in 1948. 50,000 to the Capital National Bank of Sacramento. Due on Feb. 1 1948. 220,000 to Elworthy & Co. of San Francisco. Due on Feb. 1 1949. 30,000 to Elworthy & Co. of San Francisco. Due on Feb. 1 1948. 200,000 to the State Finance Department. Due on Feb. 1 1949. (This report supplements those given in V. 134, p. 882 and 1061.)

CAMDEN COUNTY (P. O. Camden), N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—John W. Sell, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 M. on Feb. 24 for the purchase of \$500,000 coupon or registered 5, 5 1/2, 5 3/4 or 6% road, bridge and institution bonds. Dated March 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due March 1 as follows: \$15,000 from 1934 to 1961 incl., and \$20,000 from 1962 to 1965 incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (March and Sept.) are payable at the Chemical Bank & Trust Co., New York. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$500,000. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the County, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

CAMPBELL, Mahoning County, Ohio.—RECEIVERSHIP PLAN PROPOSED.—It is reported that the town is considering placing itself in receivership or becoming annexed to Youngstown, of which it is a suburb as a means of assisting in the rehabilitation of its general financial condition. According to report, default has occurred in the payment of matured bonds totaling \$51,000 and municipal salaries in arrears amount to \$95,208. One-half of anticipated revenues of \$223,925 for the year 1932, are needed for sinking fund charges on the town's general purpose indebtedness, and it is further reported that a deficit of \$266,786 has already been incurred. The annexation plan is being urged by Mayor Mark E. Moore of Youngstown.

CATTARAUGUS COUNTY (P. O. Salamanca), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—R. L. Farnham, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Feb. 17 for the purchase of \$150,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered refunding highway bonds. Dated Feb. 15 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Feb. 15 as follows: \$5,000 from 1933 to 1942 incl., and \$50,000 in 1943 and 1944. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A. 15) are payable at the Salamanca Trust Co., Salamanca. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1% and must be the same for all of the bonds. A certified check for \$3,000, payable to the order of the County Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

Financial Statement. Assessed valuation, real estate and special franchise, Full valuation of real property as fixed by the County Board, Supervisors, Bonded Indebtedness outstanding Feb. 15 1932, This issue.

Table with columns: Total bonded debt, Temporary loans, Population: 1920 Federal Census, 1930 Federal Census, Tax Data.

Table with columns: Year, Tax Levy, Taxes unpaid at close of fiscal year, Oct. 31, Percentage unpaid.

CHARLOTTE, Mecklenburg County, N. C.—NOTE SALE.—A \$50,000 issue of bond anticipation notes at 6% was awarded as follows: \$10,000 to the American Trust Co. of Charlotte; \$10,000 to the Union National Bank of Charlotte; \$10,000 to the Merchants and Farmers National Bank of Charlotte; \$10,000 to the Commercial National Bank of Charlotte, and \$10,000 to the Charlotte National Bank of Charlotte. Due in three months.

CHEHALIS, Lewis County, Wash.—BONDS CALLED.—It is stated that E. McBroom, City Treasurer, called for payment at his office, on and after Jan. 22, the following bonds: Bonds up to and including No. 244 of Local Impt. Dist. No. 45-A; bonds up to and including No. 116 of Local Impt. Dist. No. 155.

CHISHOLM, St. Louis County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 issue of bridge bonds offered for sale on Jan. 8—V. 134, p. 162—was reported to have been purchased by local investors, as 5 1/2% at par. Due \$20,000 on Jan. 15 1933 and \$10,000 on Jan. 15 1934.

In connection with this award, we quote as follows from the St. Paul "Pioneer-Press" of Feb. 3:

"Sale of \$30,000 of bonds for construction of a bridge over Longyear Lake was ordered by the village council to-day. The sale was ordered on receipt of a decision by Judge E. J. Kenny in District Court in the injunction hearing to restrain the village from its plans to sell the bonds.

"The injunction was sought by mining companies, charging the village was not authorized to build the bridge, as a State highway led to the span. Sale of the bonds had been approved by Chisholm voters last December."

CLAREMONT HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles), Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Feb. 23 by L. E. Lampton, County Clerk, for the purchase of an issue of \$148,000 school bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%, payable F. & A. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Feb. 1 1932. Due on Feb. 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1933 to 1944, and \$8,000, 1945 to 1952, all incl. Prin. and int. payable at the County Treasury. All bonds are to bear the same rate of interest. A certified check for 3%, payable to the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, must accompany the bid.

CLAYTON, Gloucester County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The Clayton National Bank is reported to have purchased on Jan. 25 an issue of \$25,900 general improvement bonds as 5s at a price of par.

The bonds are dated Feb. 9 1932 and will be issued in either coupon or registered form, in denominations of \$500. Interest is payable in Feb. and Aug. Issue matures serially, beginning in 1933.

COLDWATER, Mercer County, Ohio.—NOTES AUTHORIZED.—An ordinance was recently adopted providing for the sale of \$2,250 6% special assessment notes, to be dated Feb. 15 1932. Denom. \$375. Due \$375 on Feb. and Aug. 15 from 1933 to 1935 incl.

CONCORD, Merrimack County, N. H.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The temporary loan of \$100,000 purchased on Feb. 4 at a 5% discount basis by the New Hampshire Savings Bank, of Concord—V. 134, p. 1061—is dated Feb. 4 1932 and is due on Aug. 4 1932.

CORVALLIS, Benton County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. on Feb. 15 by A. A. Hull, Police Judge, for the purchase of a \$5,848.65 issue of 6% paving bonds. Denom. \$500, one for \$384.65. Dated Feb. 1 1932. Due on Feb. 1 1942, optional after one year. Prin. and int. (P. & S.) 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 \$500, payable to the Police Judge, must accompany the bid.

CUYAHOGA FALLS, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—J. E. Preston, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 M. on Feb. 29 for the purchase of \$439,489.79 5% bonds, comprising the following issues: \$303,198.01 improvement bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$33,198.01 in 1933 and \$30,000 from 1934 to 1942 inclusive. 129,236.18 improvement bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$12,236.18 in 1933, and \$13,000 from 1934 to 1942 inclusive. 5,691.26 city's portion improvement bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows \$1,191.26 in 1933, and \$500 from 1934 to 1942 incl. 1,364.34 improvement bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$564.34 in 1933, and \$200 from 1934 to 1937 incl.

Each issue is dated April 1 1932. Interest is payable in April and Oct. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 5%, expressed in a multiple of $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

DAUPHIN COUNTY (P. O. Harrisburg), Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Henry W. Gough, County Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Feb. 29 for the purchase of \$260,000 4 $\frac{1}{2}$, 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ or 4% coupon bonds. Dated March 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$13,000 on March 1 from 1933 to 1952 incl. The bonds may be registered as to principal only. Bids will bear interest at either one of the rates indicated above. A certified check for 2% of the amount of the issue bid for, payable to the order of the County Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The bonds are being offered subject to the favorable legal opinion of Townsend, Elliott & Munson of Philadelphia.

DEER PARK, Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—J. L. Henderson, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 9 p. m. on Feb. 25 for the purchase of \$3,062.45 6% special assessment improvement bonds. Dated Jan. 13 1932. One bond for \$402.45, others for \$380. Principal and interest payable at the Silverton Bank, Silverton. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 6%, expressed in a multiple of $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Village, must accompany each proposal.

DENNISON, Tuscarawas County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$6,575.90 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ % revenue deficiency bonds offered on Feb. 9—V. 134, p. 882—was not sold, as no bids were received. At a previous offering on Jan. 26 there were no bids submitted. Bonds are dated Dec. 1 1931 and mature Dec. 1 as follows: \$575.90 in 1933, and \$750 from 1934 to 1941 incl.

DOUGLAS COUNTY (P. O. Waterville), Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$34,600 issue of refunding bonds offered for sale on Feb. 8 (V. 134, p. 883) was purchased by the State of Washington as 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ s at par. Due in from 2 to 5 years. There were no other bids received.

DOWNINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Chester County, Pa.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The Department of Internal Affairs at Harrisburg has approved of a district bond issue of \$160,000 to finance the construction of a new school building.

DUPLIN COUNTY (P. O. Kenansville), N. C.—BELATED BOND SALE REPORT.—The two issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$165,000, offered for sale on Sept. 1—V. 133, p. 1318—were purchased by Stranahan, Harris & Co., Inc., of Toledo, as 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, at par, according to Chas. M. Johnson, Distractor of Local Government. The issues are as follows: \$109,000 school funding bonds. Due from Sept. 1 1933 to 1959 incl. 56,000 road and bridge funding and refunding bonds. Due from Sept. 1 1933 to 1955 incl.

EAST PITTSBURGH, Allegheny County, Pa.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$75,000 coupon borough bonds offered on Feb. 1 to bear interest at either 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ or 5%—V. 134, p. 705—was not sold, as no bids were received. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due \$5,000 on Jan. 1 from 1938 to 1952 incl.

EDENBURG (P. O. Knox), Clarion County, Pa.—PRICE PAID.—The Clarion County National Bank, of Knox, paid a price of par for the issue of \$12,000 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % paving and sewer bonds sold in December—V. 133, p. 3817. The bonds mature in 30 years.

EDGEWOOD (P. O. Pittsburgh), Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—Although no bids were received at the specified time on Feb. 8 at the offering of \$85,000 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ or 4% coupon (registerable as to principal) municipal building bonds—V. 134, p. 883—the issue was subsequently sold on Feb. 10 as 5s to Singer, Deane & Scribner, of Pittsburgh, at par plus a premium of \$50, equal to a price of 100.05 a basis of about 4.99%. Dated arch 1 1932. Due on March 1 as follows: \$10,000 in 1937; \$5,000 in 1939 and 1940; \$5,000 from 1942 to 1944 incl.; also \$5,000 from 1946 to 1953 incl., and \$10,000 in 1954.

ELK CITY, Beckham County, Okla.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on Feb. 3 it is reported that the voters approved the issuance of \$25,000 in sewage disposal plant bonds.

FLORIDA, State of (P. O. Tallahassee).—SCHOOL PAYMENTS.—The following report on the payment of State funds for school purposes is taken from the "Florida Times-Union" of Feb. 6:

"Florida's county school systems received further aid from the State to-day when \$1,012,864.99 was made available for immediate distribution. The apportionment was made up of \$969,476.82 from automobile license collections, \$41,965.61 from the one-mill constitutional ad valorem tax collections and \$1,422.56 from interest on State deposits. "It was the third large apportionment of funds by the State since the first of the year."

FORT WORTH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Fort Worth), Tarrant County, Tex.—BOND REPORT.—We are informed by Ed. P. Williams, Business Manager of the District, that the \$30,000 issue of school bonds that was purchased by the sinking fund—V. 134, p. 883—was a block of bonds that had been called, but no new bonds have been issued recently.

FROSTBURG, Allegany County, Md.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids addressed to Roland Lammert, City Clerk, will be received until

Feb. 18 for the purchase of an issue of \$25,000 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % water bonds, to be issued in denoms. of \$1,000.

GALION, Crawford County, Ohio.—BOND ORDINANCE ADOPTED.—At a recent meeting of the City Council an ordinance was adopted providing for the issuance of \$13,500 aerial fire truck purchase bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1932. One bond for \$1,500, others for \$3,000. Due on Feb. 1 from 1933 to 1937 incl. Prin. and int. are payable at the office of the City Treasurer.

GENESE, Henry County, Ill.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The \$5,000 issue of 5% well construction bonds mentioned in V. 134, p. 1062—has been purchased at a price of par by the First National Bank, of Geneseo. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 each year from 1933 to 1937 incl. Principal and semi-annual interest are payable in Geneseo.

GONZALES COUNTY (P. O. Gonzales), Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—In Feb. 2 a \$25,000 issue of 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ % bridge funding, series of 1931, bonds was registered by the State Comptroller. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially.

GREENSBORO, Guilford County, N. C.—NOTES AUTHORIZED.—At a recent session the City Council authorized the issuance of \$400,000 in bond anticipation notes to be used for the refinancing of a similar amount of outstanding bonds. It is stated that the notes will be issued to cover Feb. 1 maturities and to repay funds that were advanced by outside parties to meet Jan. 1 maturities. An ordinance passed by the Council on Jan. 29 to allow for the issuance of 5% bonds was repealed and the above ordinance was substituted.

It is also stated that the City Council has authorized the issuance of \$970,000 in short-term bond anticipation notes to be offered as renewals in retiring outstanding obligations that mature on Feb. 15. The bond notes are said to be due and payable on Sept. 15 1932, will bear 6% interest, and the holders of the city obligations maturing on Feb. 15 will be asked to make the exchange and accept payment of accrued interest in cash.

HAMILTON, Butler County, Ohio.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The city council adopted an ordinance on Jan. 20 providing for the issuance of \$3,200 5% sanitary sewer construction bonds, to be dated March 1 1932 and mature \$320 annually on Sept. 1 from 1933 to 1942 incl.

HAMPTON, Elizabeth City County, Va.—BOND REPORT.—A bill empowering this city to issue \$110,000 school bonds is reported to have been passed by the State Senate.

HANCOCK AND TOMKINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Hancock), Delaware County, N. Y.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$538,000 coupon or registered school bonds offered at not to exceed 6% interest on Feb. 9—V. 134, p. 1062—was not sold, as no bids were received. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due on Jan. 1 from 1932 to 1962 incl.

HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP (P. O. Upper Darby), Delaware County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—H. A. Fritschman, General Secretary of the Board of Township Commissioners, informs us that a total of \$145,000 funding bonds recently sold, \$85,000 were purchased by Drexel & Co. of Philadelphia and \$60,000 by J. Hazelton Mirkil, trustee of the estate of Henry R. Shoch. The bonds were sold as 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, at a price of par, and mature on Jan. 15, 1932.

HAWAII, Territory of (P. O. Honolulu).—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 9 a. m. on Mar. 1 by E. S. Smith, Territorial Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$405,000 issue of 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % coupon public improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Mar. 1 1932. Due on Mar. 1 as follows: \$16,000, 1936 to 1955, and \$17,000, 1956 to 1960, all incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable either in Honolulu or N. Y. City. The bonds will be registered as to principal. Bids will be received until 2 p. m. on the above date at the Bankers Trust Co. in N. Y. City. The approving opinion of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of N. Y. City will be furnished to the successful bidder or bidders. The Bankers Trust Co. have prepared and will certify the bonds. Unless otherwise agreed, delivery will be made at the Bankers Trust Co. in N. Y. City or, at the option of the purchaser, at the office of the Territorial Treasurer, at the agreed date. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the Treasurer, is required.

HOBOKEN, Hudson County, N. J.—BOND REDEMPTION PLANNED.—The city plans to redeem 20% of its outstanding tax revenue bonds during the latter part of February, according to report. Such bonds outstanding at the beginning of the year amounted to \$2,750,000, of which 30% has already been retired.

HOLLAND, Ottawa County, Mich.—BONDS RE-OFFERED.—The two issues of coupon general obligation bonds, aggregating \$65,000, offered at not to exceed 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % interest on Dec. 2, at which time no bids were received (V. 133, p. 4003), are being readvertised for award at 1 p. m. on Feb. 12. Sealed bids should be addressed to Oscar Peterson, City Clerk. Bidder to name the rate of interest, which is again limited to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %. The offering consists of: \$40,000 cemetery bonds. Due \$2,000 on Aug. 1 from 1932 to 1951, incl. 25,000 North River Ave. impt. bonds. Due \$2,000 and \$3,000, alternately, on Aug. 1 from 1932 to 1941, inclusive.

Each issue is dated Dec. 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and interest (Feb. and Aug.) are payable at the office of the City Treasurer. A certified check for \$1,300 must accompany each proposal. Bids to be conditioned upon the successful bidder furnishing legal opinion and printed bonds ready for execution.

HOMESTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Samuel C. Boof, President of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on March 1 for the purchase of \$150,000 4 $\frac{1}{2}$, 5 or 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ % school bonds. Dated March 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. The bonds will mature on the basis of either \$5,000 annually for a period of 30 years, or in units of \$50,000 in 10, 20 and 30 years. Rate of interest and maturity dates will be such as may be finally determined by the Board of Directors. A certified check for \$2,500 must accompany each proposal.

ILLINOIS (State of).—\$18,750,000 6% NOTES PUBLICLY OFFERED.—A comprehensive syndicate of banks and investment houses throughout the State made public offering on Feb. 10 of \$18,750,000 6% revenue notes, to mature on or after Dec. 1 1932, the exact date being contingent upon the sale of a like amount of State bonds, the proceeds from which would be used to retire the notes. The purpose of the offering is to provide funds for the relief of the destitute residents of the State. The bill providing for the sale of the notes was signed by Governor Emmerson on Feb. 8 and is given in full text in an item appearing on page 0000 of this section. One of the first to subscribe to the loan was the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., of New York, which agreed to purchase \$1,000,000 of the issue. The subscription price is par. Legality of the issue has been approved by Chapman & Cutler, of Chicago. The Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of Feb. 10 commented on the issue as follows:

"These revenue notes are issued by the State of Illinois under authorization of the Legislature in anticipation of and payable from a general state ad valorem tax now levied as a part of the 1932 tax levy for emergency relief. Such revenue notes are to be issued in an amount of not more than 75% of the levied taxes.

"Special provision has been made to retire this issue of revenue notes on and after Dec. 1 1932, through issuance of full faith and general credit obligations of the State of Illinois. Issuance of such bonds will be contingent upon their approval by voters at the fall election of 1932 and the salability following authorization.

"To assure salability of the proposed issue of bonds following the fall elections, they have been given unusual security. The authorization to be submitted to voters will provide for serial bond issue and provide for the levy of an annual tax sufficient to meet the principal and interest requirements of such bonds.

"Such tax will be collected and extended only if a sufficient amount is not realized to pay such principal and interest out of the motor fuel or gasoline tax, as the one cent of the gasoline tax which is distributed to the several counties has been specially appropriated by law to this purpose, each county contributing in proportion to the amount of relief it receives.

"If the bond issue is voted in November and the bonds are sold, the notes will be retired from the proceeds thereof as soon as practicable, probably not later than January 1933. If, however, the bond issue is not authorized and sold as planned, the notes will be retired as the tax against which they are issued is collected. The notes do not bear any specific maturity date but will bear interest at 6% until retired."

IOWA, State of (P. O. Des Moines).—WARRANT SALE.—It is announced by R. E. Johnson, State Treasurer, that he is selling \$1,000,000 of anticipatory warrants to the State Sinking Fund to protect public deposits. The warrants will bear 5% int. on March 1. The warrant receipts are to be used to pay public funds in closed banks.

IRWIN SCHOOL DISTRICT, Westmoreland County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 4 1/4% coupon school bonds offered on Jan. 30—V. 134, p. 706—were awarded at a price of par to the State Teachers Retirement Fund, Lansing. Dated Feb. 1 1932. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$5,000 in 1937; \$15,000 in 1942, and \$5,000 from 1943 to 1945, inclusive.

ISLAND CREEK TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Steubenville), Jefferson County, Ohio.—NO BIDS.—E. R. Harding, Clerk of the Board of Education, reports that no bids were received at the offering on Jan. 28 of \$1,862 6/8 school bonds (V. 134, p. 706). The bonds will be disposed of at private sale. Dated Feb. 1 1932. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$287 in 1933 and \$225 from 1934 to 1940, inclusive.

JACKSON, Jackson County, Mich.—ELECTION RESULT.—At an election held on Feb. 2, the voters approved of the plan to use the balance of \$8,165.53 in the emergency water bond fund for bond retirement purposes. The measure was adopted by a vote of 2,723 to 2,059.

The question submitted to the voters read as follows: "Shall the City Commission be authorized to use \$5,165.53 cash balance in the emergency water bond fund for the purchase and retiring of water bonds heretofore issued, in addition to the scheduled maturities of such bonds and in advance of regular maturities?"

JACKSON COUNTY ROAD DISTRICTS (P. O. Edna), Tex.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The two issues of 5 1/2% semi-ann. road bonds, aggregating \$190,000, offered on Feb. 8—V. 134, p. 706—were not sold as there were no bids received. The issues are divided as follows: \$70,000 District No. 3 bonds. Due from April 10 1935 to 1959, incl. 120,000 District No. 4 bonds. Due from April 10 1933 to 1962, incl.

KAUAI COUNTY (P. O. Lihue), Hawaii.—BOND NOTICE.—It is announced that the Bankers Trust Co. of New York has been appointed agent for the payment of the public impt. bond coupons of the above county.

La SALLE, La Salle County, Ill.—BONDS VOTED.—The \$95,000 bond proposal submitted for consideration of the voters at the election on Jan. 20—V. 133, p. 4004—was approved by a vote of 2,473 to 496.

LAVACA COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Hallettsville), Tex.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—In connection with the unsuccessful offering on Feb. 1 of the \$35,000 issue of road bonds—V. 134, p. 1063—we are informed that no definite plan of re-offering has been made at present but the bonds will probably be sold to local investors.

LAWRENCEBURG, Anderson County, Ky.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until March 4, by the City Council Board, for the purchase of a \$40,000 issue of 6% waterworks impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due in 25 years.

LIVINGSTON PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 37 (P. O. Springville), La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received, according to report, until 10 a. m. on Feb. 19, by the President of the Police Jury, for the purchase of a \$4,000 issue of school bonds. (This report complements that given in V. 134, p. 1063.)

LOGAN COUNTY (P. O. Sterling), Colo.—WARRANTS CALLED.—It is reported that D. B. Deizell, County Treasurer, calls for payment at his office on Feb. 19, on which date interest shall cease, various school district warrants.

LOS ANGELES, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND REPORT.—It is stated that the \$3,000,000 issue of not to exceed 5% semi-ann. water works, Election of 1930, Class C, series 1, bonds, offered for sale without success on Feb. 2—V. 134, p. 1063—may now be offered for sale over the counter. Dated Feb. 1 1932. Due \$75,000 from Feb. 1 1933 to 1972, incl.

LOUDOUN COUNTY (P. O. Purcellville), Va.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$35,000 issue of refunding bonds offered on Feb. 9—V. 134, p. 884—was not sold as there were no bids received. It is stated that a temporary financing arrangement is being made. The bonds mature from April 1 1933 to 1947 inclusive.

LYONS, Larimer County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—A \$47,000 issue of water extension bonds is reported to have been purchased recently by a local investor.

McCRACKEN COUNTY (P. O. Paducah), Ky.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Fiscal Court held on Feb. 5, a resolution was adopted providing for the sale of \$185,000 in bonds to fund the county's floating debt. (The original issue of these bonds was for \$190,000 and was unsuccessfully offered on Jan. 9—V. 134, p. 540.)

McGINTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bastrup, Morehouse Parish, La.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—We are informed by E. D. Shaw, District Superintendent, that the \$5,000 issue of 6% semi-ann. school bonds offered on Nov. 17—V. 133, p. 2794—was not sold as there were no bids submitted.

McKEESROCKS, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$175,000 4 1/4% coupon bonds offered on Feb. 9—V. 134, p. 884—was sold "over-the-counter," after the failure to receive a bid in response to the call for tenders. Dated Dec. 15 1931. Due Dec. 15 as follows: \$20,000 in 1946; \$30,000 from 1947 to 1950 incl., and \$35,000 in 1951.

MANHEIM (P. O. Dolgville), Herkimer County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—F. M. Pierce, Town Supervisor, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Feb. 25, for the purchase of \$14,000 6% registered snow removal equipment purchase bonds. Dated March 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due March 1 as follows: \$2,000 in 1935 and \$4,000 from 1936 to 1938, incl. Principal and interest (March and September) are payable in Dolgville. A certified check for 3% must accompany each proposal. Legality approved by George H. Bunce, Town Attorney.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Indianapolis), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—T. P. Sexton, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Feb. 24, for the purchase of \$2,000 4 1/2% road improvement bonds. Dated Feb. 15 1932. Denom. \$100. Due \$100 July 15 1933; \$100 Jan. and July 15 from 1934 to 1942, incl., and \$100 Jan. 15 1943. Principal and interest (Jan. and July 15) are payable at the office of the County Treasurer.

MARLBORO, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Day Trust Co. recently purchased an issue of \$50,000 tax anticipation notes, due on Oct. 10 1932.

MARYLAND, State of.—RAPID RE-SALE FOLLOWS AWARD OF \$2,122,000 CERTIFICATES.—Within an hour following the award on Feb. 10 of \$2,122,000 4 1/4% coupon (registerable as to principal) certificates of Indebtedness (V. 134, p. 707) to a group composed of the Chase Harris Investment Co., of New York, Alex. Brown & Sons, of Baltimore, and the Baltimore-Gillett Co., of Baltimore, announcement was made that the entire issue had been subscribed for by investors. Re-offering was made at prices to yield 4.75% for the 1935 maturity; 1936 and 1937, 4.70%; 1938, 4.65%; to yield 4.60% for 1940, 4.55%, and the bonds due from 1941 to 1947 incl. were sold to yield 4.50%. The bankers paid the State a price of 96.2739 for the certificates, the net interest issues: Award comprised the following issues: Due Feb. 15 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.

The following is an official list of the offers received at the sale:

Bidder	Rate Bid.
Alexander Brown & Sons; Chase Harris Forbes Corp.; Brown Bros. Harriman & Co., and Baltimore-Gillett Co., jointly	*96.27
Mercantile Trust Co.; Baker, Watts & Co.; Wallace, Sanderson & Co.; R. L. Day & Co.; Stein Brothers & Boyce, and Foster & Co., jointly	96.147
Union Trust Co.; National City Co.; First National Old Colony Corp.; First Detroit Co., and Schaumburg, Rebhann and Osborne, jointly	95.109
Robert Garrett & Sons; Bankers Trust Co.; Guaranty Co. of New York; N. W. Harris & Co., and Field, Gloré & Co., jointly	94.9791
First National Securities Corp.; First National Bank of New York; R. W. Pressprich & Co., and Darby & Co., jointly	94.43
Dillon, Read & Co.	93.097

*Accepted bid.

MARYSVILLE, Union County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—H. C. Doellinger, Village Clerk, reports that the Sinking Fund Trustees have purchased an issue of \$4,150 5 1/4% street improvement bonds. One bond for \$400, others for \$750. Due as follows: \$400 Jan. and \$750 July 1 1932, and \$750 Jan. and July 1 in 1933 and 1934.

MAUI COUNTY (P. O. Wailuku), Hawaii.—BOND NOTICE.—It is announced that the Bankers Trust Co. of New York has been appointed agent for the payment of the public improvement bond coupons of this county.

MAYFIELD, Graves County, Ky.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 issue of funding bonds offered for sale on Feb. 6—V. 134, p. 884—was purchased by Usher & Gardner of Mayfield. Due in 10 years.

MEBANE, Alamance County, N. C.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—We are informed by Chas. M. Johnson, Director of Local Government, that the two issues of coupon bonds aggregating \$86,000 offered on Sept. 29—V. 133, p. 1956—were not sold. The bonds are divided as follows: \$30,000 sewer bonds. Due \$1,000 from July 1 1934 to 1963 incl. 56,000 gold bonds. Due from July 1 1949 to 1959.

MECHANICVILLE, Saratoga County, N. Y.—NOTE AUTHORIZATION SOUGHT.—A bill has been introduced in the State Legislature authorizing the city to issue \$38,000 in notes, to mature on July 1 in 1932, 1933 and 1934.

MELROSE, Middlesex County, Mass.—PRICE PAID.—R. L. Day & Co., and Estabrook & Co., both of Boston, jointly, paid a price of par for the issue of \$400,000 5% coupon high school bonds mentioned in V. 134, p. 1063. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$27,000 from 1932 to 1945, incl., and \$22,000 in 1946.

METZGER WATER DISTRICT (P. O. Metzger) Washington County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2:30 p. m. on Feb. 20, by D. R. Brackett, District Secretary, for the purchase of an issue of \$11,000 6% semi-ann. water bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated April 1 1932. Due \$1,000 from July 1 1947 to 1957, incl. Payable at the United States National Bank of Portland. A certified check for 5% must accompany the bid.

MICHIGAN (State of)—BOND SALE.—Stranahan, Harris & Co. of Toledo have purchased \$244,000 Kent County Assessment District No. 1145 bonds as 6s at a price of 100.064, a basis of about 5.99%. Due May 1 as follows: \$26,000 from 1933 to 1936 incl.; \$25,000 in 1937; \$28,000 from 1938 to 1940 incl., and \$29,000 in 1941. (The above supersedes the report given in V. 134, p. 884.)

MILWAUKEE, Milwaukee County, Wis.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—At a meeting on Feb. 2 the Common Council Finance Committee approved the first bond ordinance for 1932, recommending that \$520,000 in bonds be issued, divided as follows: \$420,000 4 1/2% coupon semi-ann. school bonds. \$100,000 4 1/2% coupon semi-ann. grade-crossing abolition bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer.

MILWAUKEE, Milwaukee County, Wis.—BOND ELECTION.—It is reported that an election will be held on April 5 in order to have the voters pass on the proposed issuance of \$200,000 in playground bonds.

MONMOUTH COUNTY (P. O. Freehold), N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—C. Asa Francis, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on Feb. 17 for the purchase of \$500,000 not to exceed 5% interest tax anticipation bonds. Dated March 1 1932. Denom. may be specified by the bidder. Due on June 30 1932. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of 1-100th of 1%. Principal and interest are payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Cladwell & Raymond of New York will be furnished the successful bidder.

MORGAN CITY, St. Mary Parish, La.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$175,000 issue of 6% semi-ann. municipal water, electric light and power plant bonds offered on Feb. 8—V. 134, p. 1064—was not sold at that time as there were no bids received. The meeting was continued until Feb. 10. Due in from one to 15 years.

MOUNT ANGEL, Marion County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$5,500 issue of 5% semi-ann. refunding bonds offered for sale on Feb. 1—V. 134, p. 707—was purchased by local investors at par. Denom. \$500. Dated March 1 1932.

NASSAU COUNTY (P. O. Mineola), N. Y.—BOND AUTHORIZATION SOUGHT.—The Board of County Supervisors voted on Feb. 8 to have a measure introduced in the State Legislature which would permit the county to refund \$4,600,000 in tax-anticipation notes which mature during February and July. The re-financing would be arranged through the sale of short-term bonds. The Supervisors stated that the county is in urgent need of the funds and forwarded a message to Governor Roosevelt asking him to expedite passage of the measure.

NEWARK, Essex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—John Howe, Director of Revenue and Finance, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on Feb. 23 for the purchase of \$5,000,000 bonds, consisting of \$2,000,000 of public improvement, \$1,000,000 bridge, \$900,000 sewer, \$600,000 public construction, and \$500,000 for the Port Newark Terminal. Rate of interest to be named by bidder. Bonds will mature serially in from 1 to 40 years.

NEW KENSINGTON, Westmoreland County, Pa.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on Feb. 2 the voters approved of the issuance of \$400,000 in funding bonds by a vote of 1,164 to 202.

NEW MEXICO, State of (P. O. Santa Fe)—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Feb. 24 by the State Board of Finance for the purchase of an issue of \$1,000,000 highway bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 6%, payable A. & O. Denom. \$1,000 or multiples thereof, at the option of the purchaser. Dated April 1 1932. Due \$250,000 on April 1 and Oct. 1 1940 and \$250,000 on Jan. 1 and April 1 1941. Bids for all or one or more series will be considered. No bid at less than par and accrued interest will be considered. Prin. and int. payable at the Chase National Bank in New York City or at the office of the State Treasurer. The approving opinion of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York City will be furnished. A certified check for 2% of the amount bid, payable to the State Treasurer, is required.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—CITY PLANS CERTIFICATE ISSUE TO REFUND BANK TAXES.—The city will seek authority from the State Legislature to issue 5 1/4% certificates of indebtedness, due in from one to three years, in order to provide for the refunding of taxes collected from the national banks in the city from 1923 to 1926, which was ordered in a decision handed down on Dec. 7 by the Supreme Court of the United States—V. 133, p. 4005. The amount involved is estimated at \$13,000,000.

NORTHFIELD, Summit County, Ohio.—BELATED BOND SALE REPORT.—H. Vern Eddy, Village Clerk, reports that no bids were received at the offering on Oct. 30 of an issue of \$78,000 5% coupon or registered special assessment street improvement bonds—V. 133, p. 2795. Dated Oct. 1 1931. Due \$13,000 on Oct. 1 from 1933 to 1938 incl.

NORTH PLATTE, Lincoln County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—A \$50,000 issue of 5 1/2% semi-ann. Paying District No. 38 bonds is reported to have been purchased at par by the Omaha National Bank of Omaha.

NYACK, Rockland County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—William B. Bugbee, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Feb. 19 for the purchase of \$21,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered sewer extension bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Feb. 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1933 to 1942, incl., and \$1,000 in 1943. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of 1/4 or 1-10th of 1%. Principal and semi-annual interest (Feb. and Aug.) are payable at the Nyack National Bank, Nyack, or at the Bank of New York & Trust Co., New York. 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. These bonds were authorized by resolution of the Board of Trustees and will be paid from taxes on the village at large.

OKTIBBEHA COUNTY (P. O. Starkville), Miss.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that a \$31,000 issue of 6% public credit bonds has been purchased by Saunders & Thomas of Memphis. Dated Feb. 1 1932. Legal approval by Benjamin H. Charles of St. Louis.

OLDHAM COUNTY (P. O. Vega), Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on March 5, according to report, in order to have the voters pass on the proposed issuance of \$135,000 in road bonds.

OLD GLORY RURAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Old Glory), Stonewall County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—A \$2,800 issue of 5% registered school building bonds was purchased at par by the State of Texas. Due in 40 years.

OLEAN, Cattaraugus County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Herbert M. Jessop, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Feb. 16 for the purchase of \$75,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered public health bonds. Dated March 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due Mar. 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1933 to 1937 incl. and \$4,000 from 1938 to 1952 incl. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1% and must be the same for all of the bonds. A certified check for \$1,500, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clara Dillon & Vandewater of New York will be furnished the successful bidder.

Valuations—
Actual valuation, 1932 official estimate.....\$30,000,000.00
Assessed valuation, 1931-32, real estate.....23,908,180.00
Assessed valuation, 1931-32, special franchise.....669,000.00
Total assessed valuation (not including personal property).....24,577,240.00
Debt—
Total bonded debt, including this issue.....\$1,169,833.00
Water debt, included above.....214,000.00
*Net bonded debt.....\$955,833.00

*The net bonded indebtedness of the city will be slightly less than 4% of the assessed valuation upon the issuance of these bonds.

Tax Data—
1929. 1930. 1931.
Total budget to be raised by taxation \$341,205.62 \$326,470.17 \$380,018.86
Unpaid at end of year Dec. 31.....None 12,549.11 36,120.40
Percentage unpaid.....4% 9% 9%
Amount unpaid Feb. 1 1932.....344.20 35,064.22
Population—1920 (Federal Census), 20,506; 1930 (Fed. Census), 21,792.

ONEIDA COUNTY (P. O. Rhinelander), Wis.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Feb. 25, by John J. Verage, County Clerk, for the purchase of a \$400,000 issue of 4 1/2% semi-ann. highway bonds.

OSHKOSH, Winnebago County, Wis.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—At a meeting held on Feb. 4 the City Council passed the resolution introduced on Jan. 19—V. 134, p. 885—providing for the issuance of \$250,000 in 5% coupon sewer construction bonds. Dated Feb. 10 1932. Due \$50,000 from Feb. 10 1933 to 1942 inclusive.

OSWEGO, Tioga County, N. Y.—RATE OF INTEREST.—The issue of \$65,000 emergency relief notes sold recently to the First & Second National Bank & Trust Co. of Oswego—V. 134, p. 1064—carries an interest rate of 5%. The notes mature in three years.

OTERO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 26 (P. O. Fowler), Colo.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 issue of 4 1/2% school refunding bonds that was voted in November—V. 133, p. 3290—has since been purchased by Heath, Larson & Co. of Denver.

OTTUMWA, Wapello County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$42,000 issue of funding bonds that was authorized by the City Council on Jan. 25—V. 134, p. 1064—has been purchased by Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport.

PALMYRA TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Vincennes, R. R. No. 2), Knox County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids addressed to Chester Burnett, Trustee, will be received until 2 p. m. on Feb. 27, for the purchase of \$19,000 not to exceed 5% interest funding bonds. Dated Feb. 27 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1934 to 1941, incl., and \$3,000 in 1942. The approving opinion of Matson, Ross, McCord & Clifford, of Indianapolis, will be furnished the successful bidder.

PASSAIC, Passaic County, N. J.—CITY PLANS RENEWAL OF NOTES.—It is reported that the city is planning to renew \$1,400,000 tax revenue notes of 1931 which mature on Feb. 15 1932.

PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Pemberton), Burlington County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Caroline M. Stull, Township Clerk, will offer at public sale at the residence of Walter H. Stull, Trenton Road, Brown's Mills, at 10:30 a. m. on Feb. 27, an issue of \$14,000 6% road improvement bonds. Dated Feb. 27 1932. Denom. \$100. Due \$1,400 on Feb. 27 from 1933 to 1942, incl. Principal and interest (February and August) are payable at the Peoples National Bank, Pemberton. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for must accompany each proposal.

PERRY COUNTY (P. O. Cannelton), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 4% Tobin Township road improvement bonds offered on Jan. 26—V. 134, p. 542—were awarded to the First Cannelton National Bank, of Cannelton, at a price of par. Dated Oct. 15 1931. Due \$500 each six months from July 15 1933 to Jan. 15 1943.

PORTSMOUTH, Scioto County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—William N. Gableman, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. (Eastern standard time) on Mar. 1 for the purchase of \$15,000 6% water works extension bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 on Oct. 1 from 1933 to 1947, incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (April and Oct.) are payable at the office of the City Treasurer. 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 1% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the above-mentioned official, must accompany each proposal. Opinions other than opinion of the city solicitor shall be paid for by the successful bidder.

Financial Statement.
Total outstanding bonds, Feb. 1 1932.....\$5,074,888.91
Assessment bonds included in total.....1,550,388.91
* Water works bonds included in total.....1,008,500.00
Voted bonds included in total.....1,573,700.00
Emergency Health bonds included in total.....6,500.00
General sinking fund balance Feb. 1 1932.....254,462.28
Special assessment sinking fund overdraft Feb. 1 1932.....172,278.75
Water works sinking fund balance Feb. 1 1932.....172,447.81
Tax valuation City of Portsmouth, Ohio.....60,000,000.00
Net amount bonded indebtedness subject to 1% limitation.....644,061.23
Population, 1930, 42,560. Tax rate, \$2.45.

*The bonds and interest of all water works extension bonds included in this figure are paid by the earnings of the water works.

PRESTON, Franklin County, Ida.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—It is stated that an ordinance was passed by the Village Council providing for the issuance of \$75,000 5% semi-annual refunding water works bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1934 to 1937; \$4,000, 1938 to 1940; \$5,000, 1941 to 1944; \$6,000, 1945 to 1948, and \$7,000 in 1949.

PROVIDENCE, Providence County, R. I.—CITY BORROWS \$115,000 FROM STATE FOR POOR RELIEF.—The first money borrowed from the State for unemployment relief purposes under the terms of the bill passed at the special session of the Legislature on Nov. 24—V. 133, p. 3816—was obtained by the city on Feb. 5 when a check for \$115,713.45 was received by City Treasurer Walter F. Fitzpatrick. The measure provides that any municipality may borrow from the State up to 10th of 1% of its assessed valuation, without regard to their previously incurred indebtedness, such loans to bear interest at 3%. Under this arrangement, the City of Providence may ultimately borrow \$687,584.

RADNOR RURAL CENTRALIZED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Radnor), Delaware County, Ohio.—BOND AWARD RESCINDED.—ISSUE RE-SOLD LATER.—W. A. Griffiths, Clerk of the Board of Education, reports that the award on Dec. 23 of \$100,000 bonds as 6s, at a price of par, to the BancOhio Securities Co., of Columbus, was rescinded, and the issue re-sold later as 5 1/2s, at a price of par, to the State Teachers Retirement System, at Columbus. Dated Jan. 1 1931. Due semi-annually in March and September from 1932 to 1951 incl.

RALEIGH, Wake County, N. C.—BELATED NOTE REPORT.—We are advised by Chas. M. Johnson, Director of Local Government, that the \$50,000 issue of revenue anticipation notes offered on Sept. 22—V. 133, p. 1958—was purchased by the North Carolina Bank & Trust Co. of Raleigh, as 6s at par. Dated Sept. 22 1931. Due on Oct. 22 1931.

RANDOLPH COUNTY (P. O. Winchester), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Harrison Cox, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Feb. 20 for the purchase of \$44,000 4% road construction bonds. Dated Feb. 2 1932. Denom. \$550. Due \$4,400, July 15 1933; \$4,400, Jan. and July 15 from 1934 to 1937 incl., and \$4,400, Jan. 15 1938.

REEDSBURG, Sauk County, Wis.—BONDS VOTED.—At the special election held on Feb. 2—V. 134, p. 708—the voters approved the issuance of the \$50,000 in 4% hospital bonds. Due \$2,500 from May 1 1933 to 1952 incl.

RILEY SCHOOL TOWNSHIP, Vigo County, Ind.—BELATED BOND SALE REPORT.—The issue of \$16,000 4% coupon school bonds offered on Sept. 4—V. 133, p. 1486—was awarded to the Fletcher American Co., of Indianapolis, at par plus a premium of \$229.71, equal to a price of 101.43, a basis of about 3.71%. Dated Sept. 1 1931. Due \$800 July 15 1932; \$800 Jan. and July 15 from 1933 to 1941, incl.; and \$800 Jan. 15 1942. Bids received at the sale were as follows:

Bidder Premium.
Fletcher American Co. (Successful bidder).....\$229.71
Inland National Corp.....8.50
Union Trust Co.....8.00
Hill, Joiner & Co.....161.00

ROBESONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Berks County, Pa.—BELATED BOND SALE REPORT.—William G. Kinsley, Secretary of the Board of School Directors, has informed us that an issue of \$17,000 4 1/2% school addition construction bonds was sold on June 30 1931 to the Reading National Bank & Trust Co., of Reading at a price of 105.13. Dated June 1 1931. Coupon bonds of \$500, due on June 1 from 1935 to 1958 incl. Interest is payable in June and December.

ROSEBURG, Douglas County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. on Feb. 19 by A. J. Geddes, City Recorder, for the purchase of a \$20,000 issue of 5% National Soldiers' Home site bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Nov. 1 1931. Due \$10,000 on Nov. 1 1949 and 1950. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer. Bidders are to satisfy themselves as to legality. A certified check for 5% must accompany the bid.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY (P. O. Clayton), Mo.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until noon on Feb. 24 by Phillip G. Deuser, County Treasurer, for the purchase of an issue of \$1,500,000 road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated March 1 1932. Due on March 1 as follows: \$45,000, 1937; \$60,000, 1938 to 1941; \$75,000, 1942 and 1943; \$90,000, 1944 to 1946; \$105,000, 1947 to 1949; \$150,000, 1950 and 1951, and \$180,000 in 1952. Bids will be received for \$1,500,000 or any block of \$500,000 thereof. The rate of interest on said bonds is still to be determined, and bids will be received (at not less than 95, the minimum allowed by law) for said bonds bearing any rate not exceeding 5% per annum, the maximum allowed by law. The average maturity of each block (of \$500,000) of these bonds which may be awarded will be the average maturity of the entire issue (of \$1,500,000), i. e. one-third of the bonds of each of the above maturities. Each bid must be submitted on the form furnished by the County Treasurer. Principal and interest (M. & S.) payable at the First National Bank in St. Louis. The approving opinions of Robert F. Stanton, County Counselor, and Benj. H. Charles of St. Louis, will be furnished. A certified check for 1% of the amount bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, is required.

SALEM, Marion County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. on Feb. 15 by Mark Poulsen, City Recorder, for the purchase of a \$20,000 issue of 4 1/2% water system bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due on Jan. 1 1937. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in gold at the office of the City Treasurer. The approving opinion of Teal, Winfree, McCulloch & Shuler of Portland will be furnished. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the bonds must accompany the bid.

SALISBURY, Rowan County, N. C.—BELATED BOND REPORT.—We are informed by Chas. M. Johnson, Director of Local Government, that the \$309,000 issue of not to exceed 6% semi-ann. funding and refunding bonds offered on Sept. 29—V. 133, p. 2136—was not sold. Dated July 1 1931. Due from July 1 1941 to 1961 incl.

SALT LAKE CITY, Salt Lake County, Utah.—NOTE SALE.—A \$250,000 issue of 6% tax anticipation notes is reported by the City Recorder to have been purchased recently at par by the National City Co. of New York. Dated Jan. 15 1932. Due on Jan. 15 1933.

It is also stated that these notes were sold subject to the approving opinion of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York.

BOND DETAILS.—The \$100,000 issue of 4 1/2% sewer bonds that was purchased at par by the Walker Bros. Bank & Trust Co. of Salt Lake City—V. 134, p. 1065—is due \$25,000 from Dec. 15 1942 to 1945, incl. The bonds are said to have been sold subject to the approving opinion of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York.

SAN CLEMENTE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Santa Ana), Orange County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Feb. 16 by J. M. Backs, County-Clerk, for the purchase of a \$30,000 issue of 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due as follows: \$1,000, 1937 to 1946, and \$2,000, 1947 to 1956, all incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer. The approving opinion of O'Melveny, Tuller & Myers of Los Angeles will be furnished. A certified check for 3% of the bonds bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, is required. (These bonds were offered for sale without success on Jan. 14—V. 134, p. 886.)

SANDUSKY, Erie County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—C. F. Breining, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Feb. 23 for the purchase of \$20,000 5% city's portion street improvement bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 on Dec. 1 from 1933 to 1942, incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (June and Dec.) are payable at the Third National Exchange Bank, Sandusky. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 5%, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the order of the City, must accompany each proposal.

SANFORD, Lee County, N. C.—BELATED BOND REPORT.—The two issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$62,000, offered for sale on Sept. 1—V. 133, p. 1486—were purchased by the Page Trust Co. of Raleigh, as 5 1/2s, at par, reports Chas. M. Johnson, Director of Local Government. The issues are divided as follows: \$45,000 public imp. bonds. Due from Sept. 1 1934 to 1945 incl. 17,000 water bonds. Due \$1,000 from Sept. 1 1934 to 1950 incl.

SAN FRANCISCO (City and County), Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$2,000,000 issue of 4 1/2% semi-ann. Hetch Hetchy water bonds that was offered for sale without success on Nov. 23—V. 133, p. 3660—is reported to have since been purchased at par by a syndicate composed of the American Trust Co., the Anglo-California Trust Co., the Anglo-London-Paris National Bank, the Hibernia Bank, the San Francisco Bank, the Wells-Fargo Bank & Union Trust Co., and the Crocker-First National Bank— all of San Francisco. Due \$50,000 from 1938 to 1977 incl.

SAN LUIS OBISPO WATER WORKS DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. San Luis Obispo), Calif.—BOND SALE CANCELLED.—We are informed by J. G. Driscoll, County Clerk, that the proceedings for the sale of the \$18,000 issue of 6% semi-annual water works bonds on Feb. 1 (V. 134, p. 709) have been discontinued, and may be resumed later. Dated Jan. 4 1932. Due from Jan. 4 1933 to 1951, incl.

SHEFFIELD LAKE (P. O. Lorain), Lorain County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Frank F. Field, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Feb. 26, for the purchase of \$13,500 6% water supply improvement bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1932. One bond for \$1,500, others for \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1933 to 1935, incl.; \$2,000 in 1936; \$1,000, 1937 and 1938; \$2,000, 1939; \$1,000 in 1940 and 1941, and \$2,500 in 1942. Interest is payable semi-annually in April and October. 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.

SPOKANE, Spokane County, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on March 4, by H. D. Dearing, Secretary of the Sinking Commission, for the purchase of an issue of \$150,000 coupon or registered general imp. bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 6%, payable M. & S. Bidders are requested to name the price and rate of interest at which they will purchase the whole or any part of said bonds separately. Denom. \$1,000. Dated March 1 1932. Due on March 1 as follows: \$11,000, 1934; \$12,000, 1935; \$13,000, 1936; \$14,000, 1937 and 1938; \$15,000, 1939; \$16,000, 1940; \$17,000, 1941; and \$18,000 in 1942. No bids will be accepted for less than par and accrued interest. These bonds are issued pursuant to the terms of ordinance No. C-5063, passed by the City Council Jan. 27, and under authority of, and in strict compliance with the City Charter and the laws and constitution of the State. If delivery be demanded

outside of Spokane, delivery shall be at the expense of the purchaser. A certified check for 5% of the par value of the bonds bid for payable to the City, is required.

SPRINGFIELD, Hampden County, Mass.—INTEREST REQUIREMENTS MAY SHOW INCREASE.—In his budget estimates for 1932, City Treasurer George W. Rice Jr. has asked for an appropriation of \$160,000 to cover interest charges on temporary borrowings, as compared with the appropriation of \$90,000 for the same purpose last year. Mr. Rice stated that the increase is necessary because interest rates on temporary loans now range from 3 to 6%, as compared with from 1.15 to 3% in 1931.

STAMFORD, Fairfield County, Conn.—LOAN OFFERING.—The city treasurer will receive sealed bids until Feb. 16, for the purchase at discount basis of a \$500,000 temporary loan, to be dated Feb. 18 1932 and mature in installments of \$100,000 from Oct. 10 to Dec. 12 1932.

STRATFORD (P. O. Stratford) Fairfield County, Conn.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The \$75,000 of tax anticipation notes disposed of by the town, of which \$75,000 were purchased by the Stratford Trust Co. and \$25,000 by local investors—V. 134, p. 1066—bear interest at 6%, are dated Jan. 28 1932 and mature \$37,000 on May 1 and \$38,000 on Sept. 1 in 1932.

SYRACUSE, Onondaga County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Leon G. Dibble, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until Feb. 19 for the purchase of \$2,082,000 not to exceed 6% interest bonds, comprising a \$873,000 series B welfare issue, due in 1935, a series A welfare issue of \$723,000, to mature from 1933 to 1937, incl., and an issue of \$486,000 revenue bonds, to mature from 1933 to 1937, incl.

TERRACE PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT, Hamilton County, Ohio.—NOTE SALE.—The State Teachers Retirement System, at Columbus, has purchased at par an issue of \$15,000 6% notes, due on Jan. 10 1933, according to R. E. Havemann, Clerk of the Board of Education.

TIPPECANOE COUNTY (P. O. Lafayette), Ind.—RATE OF INTEREST.—The issue of \$79,125 coupon refunding bonds awarded on Feb. 1 at a price of 100.03 to the Union Trust Co., of Indianapolis—V. 134, p. 1066—bears interest at 5%, the net interest cost of the financing being about 4.99%. Dated Jan. 15 1932. Due semi-annually from July 15 1932 to Jan. 15 1937.

UPLAND, Delaware County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Frank M. Rea, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on March 7 for the purchase of \$75,000 coupon (registerable as to principal) bonds to bear interest at one of the following rates: 4 1/4, 4 1/2, 4 3/4 or 5%. Dated Feb. 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$10,000 in 1937; \$15,000 in 1942; \$20,000 in 1947, and \$30,000 in 1952. Interest payable semi-annually. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Borough, must accompany each proposal. These bonds are being issued subject to the favorable legal opinion of Townsend, Elliott & Munson, of Philadelphia.

VENTURA, Ventura County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on Jan. 7 the voters approved the issuance of \$100,000 in street impt. bonds by a count of 1,886 "for" and 558 "against." We are informed by the City Clerk that the date of sale has not as yet been set.

VERMILION COUNTY (P. O. Newport), Ind.—NOTE OFFERING.—W. A. Rein, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Feb. 29 for the purchase of \$70,000 not to exceed 6% interest notes. Dated March 1 1932. Denom. \$5,000. Due \$35,000 on June and Dec. 1 1932. Principal and interest payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check for 3% of the par value of the notes bid for, payable to the order of the Board of County Commissioners, must accompany each proposal.

VINCENNES, Knox County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—J. L. Muentzer, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Feb. 20 for the purchase of \$111,400 not to exceed 5% interest bonds, divided as follows:
\$75,500 series No. 2 funding bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$7,000 from 1934 to 1942 incl., and \$12,500 in 1943.
35,900 series No. 1 funding bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1934 to 1942 incl., and \$8,900 in 1943.

Each issue is dated Feb. 20 1932. Interest is payable in Jan. and July. Bonds will be ready for delivery on or prior to Feb. 25. The approving opinion of Matson, Ross, McCord & Clifford, of Indianapolis, will be furnished the successful bidder upon payment therefor.

WAKE COUNTY (P. O. Raleigh), N. C.—NOTES NOT SOLD.—The \$50,000 issue of general county purpose notes offered on Sept. 22—V. 133, p. 1960—was not sold, according to Chas. M. Johnson, Director of Local Government. Dated Sept. 22 1931. Due in six months.

WALL, Allegheny County, Pa.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$10,000 4 1/2% coupon borough bonds offered on Nov. 30—V. 133, p. 3291—has not as yet been sold. Dated June 1 1931. Due June 1 as follows: \$2,000 in 1936, and \$1,000 from 1937 to 1944 incl.

WASHINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Greenville), Miss.—BOND ELECTION.—It is stated that on Feb. 23 an election will be held in order to have the voters pass on the proposed issuance of \$451,800 in county bonds to refund drainage district obligations due in 1932 and 1933.

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY DISTRICT, Md.—BOND OFFERING.—T. Howard Duckett, Chairman of the Suburban Sanitary Commission, will receive sealed bids at his office, 804 Tower Bldg., 14th and K Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C., until 3 p. m. on Feb. 17 for the purchase of \$150,000 4 1/2% series Y water bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1932. Due

in 50 years; optional in 30 years. It is stated that the bonds carry all exemptions as to taxes of Maryland municipal bonds and are guaranteed unconditionally as to principal and interest by Montgomery and Prince George's counties by indorsement on each bond. A certified check for \$1,500 must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Masslich & Mitchell, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder. Application has been made to the Public Service Commission of Maryland for the approval of the issue.

WAYNE, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of refunding bonds aggregating \$19,000 offered on Feb. 2—V. 134, p. 887—were awarded at par and accrued interest to the Municipal Advisory Council of Michigan, the only bidder:

\$15,000 5 1/2% street paving asst. district No. 1 bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000 in 1933, \$2,000 in 1934 and \$3,000 from 1935 to 1938 incl.
2,000 5% water works bonds. Due \$1,000 on Dec. 30 in 1932 and 1933.
1,000 4 1/2% water works impt. district No. 2 bonds. Due Dec. 15 1932.
1,000 4 1/2% street intersection paving bonds. Due \$500 on Dec. 15 in 1932 and 1933.

The village will furnish the approving opinion of Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, of Detroit.

WAYNE COUNTY (P. O. Richmond), Ind.—NOTE OFFERING.—W. Howard Brooks, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on March 15 for the purchase of \$65,000 4 1/2% township pool relief notes or warrants. Dated March 15 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$32,500 on May and Nov. 15 1933. Principal and interest payable at the First National Bank, Richmond. A certified check for 3% of the amount bid for must accompany each proposal.

WESTERN, Grays Harbor County, Wash.—BONDS VOTED.—It is reported that at an election held on Jan. 28 the voters approved the issuance of \$14,000 in refunding bonds by a large majority.

WHATCOM COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 322 (P. O. Bellingham), Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$9,000 issue of school bonds offered for sale on Jan. 26—V. 134, p. 710—was purchased by the State of Washington, as 6s, at par. Dated Feb. 1 1932. Due in from two to 10 years. There were no other bids received.

WYNNE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wynne), Cross County, Ark.—BELATED BOND REPORT.—We are informed by the Clerk of the Board of Education that the \$20,000 issue of 5 1/2% semi-annual school bonds scheduled for sale on Oct. 8—V. 133, p. 2138—was not awarded as a court ruling invalidated the issue.

YAKIMA COUNTY (P. O. Yakima), Wash.—BONDS AND WARRANTS CALLED.—It is reported that R. W. White, County Treasurer, called for payment at his office, on Jan. 25, on which date interest ceased, various school district, current expense, soldiers' relief, road drainage and irrigation warrants and drainage bonds.

ZANESVILLE, Muskingum County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Board of Sinking Fund Trustees purchased on Feb. 2 an issue of \$2,000 5% improvement bonds, dated Dec. 1 1931 and due \$200 annually on Dec. 1 from 1933 to 1942 incl. Interest is payable in June and December.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

BEAUPRE, Que.—BELATED BOND SALE REPORT.—Vital Roy, Secretary-Treasurer, informs us that the issue of \$11,000 5% bonds offered on Sept. 30—V. 133, p. 2138—was awarded to the Corporation de Prets, of Quebec, the only bidder, at a price of 95, a basis of about 6.09%. The bonds are dated Aug. 1 1931 and mature serially in from 1 to 10 years.

EAST SANDWICH TOWNSHIP, Ont.—SERVICE ON BONDED DEBT DEFAULTED.—Principal and interest payments which became due Feb. 1 on outstanding bonds of the township were allowed to default because of the absence of funds to meet them, according to the Feb. 5 issue of the "Monetary Times" of Toronto. The municipality's affairs are being investigated by the Ontario government in the hope that some constructive suggestion may be made which will enable the municipality to again meet its obligations. It is stated that of a total tax levy of \$388,000 for 1931, collections as of Dec. 1 amounted to only \$110,000. Prior to 1931, taxes in arrears amounted to \$480,000. The municipality has about \$150,000 bonds maturing in 1932 and, while it is expected that it may be necessary to postpone these maturities, it is believed that a substantial proportion of the interest charges will be paid, it is further reported.

TORONTO, Ont.—INTERNAL LOAN OF \$15,000,000 PLANNED.—George Wilson, Civic Finance Commissioner, has announced that an issue of \$15,000,000 5 1/2% serial bonds will be offered soon after March 1. The bonds will be offered in Canada only, the procedure followed in the recent permanent financing effected by the City of Montreal, Que., and the Provinces of New Brunswick and Ontario—V. 134, p. 887.

VICTORIA, B. C.—CITY TO PAY OBLIGATIONS IN UNITED STATES FUNDS.—The action taken by the city several weeks ago proposing to pay principal and interest payments due on its bonds in Canadian funds only, although the loans had been floated with the proviso that such payment be made in United States funds, has been rescinded by the city, according to the "Monetary Times" of Toronto of Feb. 5. The city altered its former decision after considerable opposition to the plan was voiced by leading bond houses in Eastern Canada, the British Columbia Bond Dealers' Association, the Investment Bankers' Association of Canada and the British Columbia government.

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