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The Financial Situation.

The new tax bill to provide for deficiencies of revenue and to balance the budget for the new fiscal year, beginning July 1 1932 was introduced in the House of Representatives at Washington on Monday and, as was to be expected, satisfies no one. But this has no bearing upon the merits of the measure. The bill proposes new tax burdens of an exceptionally drastic character, and new tax burdens are never popular, while at the moment they are viewed with especial displeasure because of the intense business depression prevailing and which really makes it a great hardship to be called upon to assume additional burdens of any kind and raises the question of ability to bear them. That is the reason why we say that dissatisfaction with the provisions of the measure is general and was to be expected. However, the country is confronted with an economic situation which makes new tax levies imperative. The Government is grappling with a budget deficit of enormous size, running in excess of \$2,000,000,000, and this cannot be allowed to continue if the country is to maintain its credit and, in fact, its very solvency. The whole community is praying for business revival, but there can be no genuine or enduring revival unless first of all the budget is balanced. Everything else drops into insignificance alongside of this all-controlling factor. To do otherwise and let budget deficits continue, year after year, would mean running perpetually into debt, and a country that pursues a policy of that kind is doomed to financial destruction and, in fact, invites financial chaos. Balancing the budget in the present instance, because of the magnitude of the deficiency of revenues, is a hard problem, but must

be solved. And we must all of us do our part in contributing the means to that end.

As already stated, the tax proposals are of a most radical kind, certainly in the magnitude of the sums that the country is obliged to raise; but in this the task is simply in proportion to the magnitude of the problem itself. The normal income tax is raised from 1½% to 2% on the first \$4,000 of net income; from 3% to 4% on the second \$4,000 of net income, and from 5% to 6% on the remainder. New surtax rates are proposed, applicable to all net income above \$10,000, with a graduated scale of rates beginning at 1% on incomes between \$10,000 to \$12,000, and increasing gradually to 40% on incomes of more than \$100,000, which is twice the present maximum. Exemptions are lowered, and married individuals would be exempted up to \$2,500, and single persons with no dependents up to \$1,000 instead of \$3,500 and \$1,500, respectively, as in existing law, and the earned income basis is reduced from \$30,000 to \$12,000, and the credit on account of the same reduced from 25% to 12½%. A gift tax with a maximum rate of 30% is included to prevent evasion of the inheritance levy. A levy of 10% on all amusement admissions of 25c. and over is provided. Stock transfer taxes are increased from 2c. to 4c., and made applicable to stocks loaned for covering short sales. The capital gains-and-losses sections of the existing law are changed to avoid an undue amount of stock and bond losses being charged off against taxable incomes. The change would restrict losses deductible from gross income to actual gains made in similar transactions during the same tax-paying year.

The special excise taxes include one of 4c. a gallon on lubricating oil; a tax of 5c. on all telephone, telegraph, cable and radio messages (originating in the United States) costing between 31c. and 49c., and 10c. on messages of 50c. and above; a tax of 1c. a gallon on imported gasoline, gas oil, fuel and crude oil, and 35c. a gallon on malt syrups; 40c. on grape concentrates, and 5c. a gallon on wort.

But the really novel tax is a proposal to levy a manufacturers' sales tax of 2¼% on the wholesale price of manufactured products. "Your Committee recommends," says the report, "that as a temporary measure, to last only during the period of the present emergency, a manufacturers' excise tax, at a rate of 2¼%, be levied upon all manufactured articles with a few specified exemptions, including an exemption of farmers and of staple food products, and an exemption of small manufacturers." This sales tax is meeting with considerable opposition, and is the most important of all the taxes proposed, not alone because of its nature, but also because out of a total of \$1,121,000,000 of new revenue which it is expected to provide no less than \$595,000,000, is counted upon

as the result of this 2¼% sales or excise tax. There is much to be said in favor of a sales tax where it is light and when it is of uniform application. The tax, however, in this instance is above 2% at the very start, and if it once got on the statute book we may be sure it would have the same experience as the income tax, which, when it first went on the statute book (after the adoption of an amendment to the Federal Constitution authorizing such a tax) we were assured would always remain at a low rate, but which at once started on an upward tour until with American participation in the war it was raised to a prodigious figure and is now again to do duty in the same way, a maximum surtax of 40% being now proposed in addition to the normal tax of 6%, making 46% together. In like manner we may be certain this sales tax would be raised higher and still higher. It unquestionably would be a burden at 2¼%, and would become positively onerous at higher rates. It will require a costly bureau for its collection, and the administrative features attending its collection and to guard against evasion are complicated and not easy of execution, at least at the outset.

The whole array of new taxes now proposed—not only the sales tax but all the other forms of taxes—could be avoided in the way suggested in this article last week by the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution and the levying of high excise taxes on all forms of intoxicating beverages. Indeed, such a course has become, as we pointed out in our discussions last week, an absolute necessity from an economic standpoint, the social and ethical features of liquor drinking being blotted out of sight by the economic pressure referred to. However, if repeal of the Prohibition Amendment is not a feasible proposition at this juncture, because of the delay that would be involved, there would appear to be considerable merit in the suggestion that is made by quite a number of members of Congress to legalize 2¾% beer. This is to be offered as an amendment to the bill during the consideration of the measure in the House. This amendment, which is to be offered by Representative Cullen of New York City, provides that "There shall be levied and collected on all non-intoxicating beer, lager beer, ale, porter or other similar non-intoxicating fermented lager containing ½ of 1% and not more than 2¾% of alcohol by weight, brewed or manufactured and hereafter sold or removed for consumption or sale, within the United States, by whatever name such liquor may be called, a tax of \$5 per barrel, containing not more than 31 gallons, and at a like rate for any other quantity or for the fractional part of a barrel; provided that no such articles shall contain more than 2¾% of alcohol by weight; and provided further that the manufacture of any such article shall be conducted under permits to be issued in accordance with the National Prohibition Act and under such regulations as shall be promulgated by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Attorney-General of the United States; and provided further that this provision shall be effective one month after the enactment of this Act."

It is estimated that this proposal, if enacted into law, would yield a revenue of \$300,000,000 a year, which is only about one-half the \$595,000,000 counted upon as the result of the sales tax, but the rate of the tax could be raised, and no doubt other means could be found, wholly within the Federal Prohibition

Amendment, for raising large amounts of revenue through excise taxes of one kind or another. If, therefore, the beer tax can be made immediately workable, Congress should not hesitate a moment about making it a substitute for the sales tax provision. If, then, the President should feel it incumbent to veto the whole tax bill, he should be allowed to take the responsibility and also the consequences.

There appears the more reason for adopting such a course, since it is becoming plainer with each succeeding day that for the time being at least no dependence whatever can be placed upon the yield counted upon from the income taxes, even with the rates so drastically increased as proposed in the bill under consideration. We notice that the daily papers say that Representative Will R. Wood informed President Hoover that still further taxes might have to be added to the pending bill to supplement falling income tax returns. Representative Wood's statement to the President, we are told, was based on his belief that the Treasury Department's estimates of the yield this year and next from the income tax are altogether too high. "We ought to go slow and see whether the March 15 income tax receipts confirm those estimates. *In my opinion we will wake up with an awful jar after those returns come in,*" he is said to have declared. To our mind, Mr. Wood is not exaggerating in the least in the statement he has made. We think there is to be a sad awakening as to the extent of the country's income during this period of trade prostration. It will be found literally true that there is to be little or no income and that hence the higher tax rates, and especially the surtax rates, will not yield the revenue counted upon. And the income results for 1932 are going to be much poorer than those for 1931, which further diminishes the chance of the Government getting much of a yield from that source.

Incidentally it deserves to be pointed out to what extent these income tax levies are being carried. The State government is indulging in the practice, the same as the Federal Government. New York State has recently adopted legislation by which the State income tax payable in 1932, and based on the incomes of 1931, is to be increased 50% and the income tax payable in 1933 is to be increased by another 50%, so that in the two years together the increase will reach 100%. As the personal income tax in this State is levied on a graduated basis, the rate running from 1% to 3%, the higher rate applying on incomes above \$50,000, this means that with the levy increased by 100% the maximum personal income tax will be 6%. But where the income is derived from the profits of corporations, as it is apt to be, then the corporation itself must first pay the corporation income tax, which is 4½%, making 10½% altogether, which the State exacts. But in addition there are the much larger income taxes of the Federal Government, personal and corporate. The Federal income taxes, as we have seen, are now to be increased—from a maximum of 5% to 6% in the case of the normal tax, and from a maximum of 20% to 40% in the case of the surtaxes, the higher figure applying on incomes in excess of \$100,000. The total of the Federal taxes on amounts above \$100,000 will therefore be 40% plus 6%, or 46%. But if the citizen gets his income from the profits of corporations in the shape of dividends on their shares, then the corporation itself must first pay the corporation income tax, which is

now to be raised from 12% to 13%. Adding this 13% to the 40% maximum surtax, we get 53% as the sum that has to be paid on incomes in excess of \$100,000. If now we take into account the 10½% which goes to the State government (on amounts over \$50,000 in this case), we get a grand total of 63½% as the toll which State and Federal Governments together will exact. Verily we are proceeding fast to the point of absolute confiscation and making a record for ourselves which even Soviet Russia might envy. The fact that there are few individuals who will be obliged to pay these extreme rates, since profits and income have fallen away to the vanishing point, does not change the situation in any way.

If once we get the Federal budget balanced, and do so by appropriating the illegitimate profits of the bootleggers instead of further burdening the honest citizen, then the country will be prepared to enter upon an assured basis of business revival and which then may be expected to be lasting. It seems likely, too, that in the process of recovery we can depend upon aid from abroad to help the movement along. Certainly things are getting in very much better shape on the other side of the ocean. This view would appear justified from this week's developments and events abroad. All over Europe the central banks have been engaged in reducing their discount rates, which is certainly indicative of improved conditions. This, too, follows several reductions last week, more particularly the action of the Bank of Norway and the Bank of Sweden, in both lowering their rates from 5½% to 5% after having in February reduced them from 6% to 5½%. This week, that is, on March 8, the Bank of Germany marked its discount rate down from 7% to 6%. On Thursday the Bank of England, which on Feb. 18 had lowered its rate from 6% to 5%, made a further cut to 4%. Following this action, the Bank of the Irish Free State reduced its rate from 6% to 5%, and the Bank of Denmark likewise reduced from 6% to 5%. Even the Bank of Japan yesterday lowered its rate from 6.57% to 5.84%. Obviously, there is reason for great encouragement in all this, since it would seem to justify the conclusion that things are now once more getting back to the normal following the collapse of last summer and autumn.

On the other hand, legislative projects continue to hatch at Washington and furnish occasion for much anxiety. The process of undertaking to provide measures of relief is certainly being carried to extraordinary lengths—to such extremes, indeed, as to create a feeling of solicitude and anxiety rather than of assurance and encouragement. On Tuesday morning the daily papers contained dispatches from Washington, dated the day before, saying that the Democratic leaders of the House had taken another Administration suggestion on that day when Representative Steagall of Alabama, Chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee, introduced a bill to create a fund of \$517,000,000 with which to guarantee deposits in Federal Reserve member banks. The fund would be known as the "Federal Guaranty Fund for Depositors in Member Banks of the Federal Reserve System," and would be created in the following manner: (1) By transferring \$167,000,000 from the United States Treasury. This amount, Mr. Steagall said, had been paid by Federal Reserve banks as a franchise tax when the banks had no reason to make such payments. (2) Adding \$130,

000,000 from the Federal Reserve System surplus of \$275,000,000. (3) Assessing member banks \$130,000,000 in ratio to their deposits, with the provision of obtaining an additional \$70,000,000 by the same process after the Board commences to function.

The Steagall measure proposes, it was added, to create a "Federal bank liquidating board," composed of the Secretary of the Treasury, Comptroller of the Currency and three members appointed by the President, which would be authorized to assess member banks an additional \$100,000,000 annually after the first 12 months, provided such funds are necessary to strengthen crippled institutions. The Board would take over any member bank, certified by the Comptroller of the Currency as insolvent, and pay off all depositors in installments, the final payment to be made 20 months after the bank has collapsed. Fifty per cent. of Federal Reserve System net earnings would be returned to the member banks. Authority to "tax" checks at not more than 10c. for each \$100 would be allowed.

"We have come to the situation where, so far as national banks are concerned, people will not longer trust them," Mr. Steagall told the House. "Millions are afraid. This did not just happen. It was brought about in part by conditions no one could foretell, also by unwise, unfriendly and unjustified strangling processes that have been turned on by the law, and by the Administration, and by the Federal Reserve banks. The Federal Reserve Act did not intend to make money for the Reserve banks. But they have paid into the Treasury \$167,000,000 as a franchise tax, a tax they had no business to pay. The Federal Reserve surplus now is \$275,000,000."

This is carrying zeal to extremes. Guaranteeing bank deposits has been tried over and over again in the different States of this country, and has been a failure wherever attempted. It is wrong in principle. It puts a premium on bad management and operates to the disadvantage of the strong, conservatively managed banks, which are obliged to pay for the follies and mistakes, and often the downright dishonesty of the badly managed banks. In periods of exigency and emergency, such as that through which the country has been passing during the last three years, hosts of banks are apt to be the victim of circumstances by reason of conditions and events which were entirely beyond their control, though even here the best managed banks are apt to stand up well where the poorly managed institutions readily are forced to the wall. What measures of relief should be provided in such a state of things is a matter of judgment, and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation may be well devised to provide the needed relief on the present occasion. But the Banking and Currency Committee of the House is engaged in making permanent changes in our banking laws.

In that view and from that standpoint the insertion of a provision for the guarantee of bank deposits is a grave mistake. We are sure it would do incalculable harm if it became a part of our banking system. What is it that it is proposed to do in the bill introduced by Mr. Steagall, the Chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee? The bill would create a fund of \$517,000,000, as the above excerpt shows, the fund to be known as the "Federal Guaranty Fund for Depositors in Member Banks of the Federal Reserve System." How is it to be created? The first step is to be the transferring of \$167,000,000 from the United States Treasury. Here we see a

new manifestation of the belief so commonly entertained that the United States Treasury is an inexhaustible reservoir for supplying funds for any purpose wished or desired. In the second place, \$130,000,000 is to be taken from the \$275,000,000 surplus of the Federal Reserve banks, obviously impairing the condition of the Federal Reserve System to that extent. In the third place, the member banks themselves are to be assessed in amount of \$130,000,000, "in ratio to their deposits" and "with the provision of obtaining an additional \$70,000,000." Thus the member banks are to be given the questionable privilege of assessing themselves. Mr. Steagall says: "We have come to the situation where, so far as National banks are concerned, people will not longer trust them. Millions are afraid." Would they be any the less afraid if through a Guarantee Deposit scheme all the weak member banks in the system were made the burden and the care of the sound and wisely administered banks? Would the latter indeed remain in a system where they would have to tax themselves, year in and year out, in larger or smaller amount for the delinquencies of others? Would they not be more apt to desert such a system? And what shall we say of the proposition of depriving the Federal Reserve banks of a large portion of their accumulated surplus—and at a time, too, when, as happened to most of them during 1931, they are not earning their dividends, but are obliged to draw upon accumulated surplus in order to maintain their dividend payments? In such circumstances, how long could confidence in the stability and integrity of the Federal Reserve banks be maintained and how long would it be before doubts and suspicions would arise as to the soundness and value of the Reserve notes? Is it not certain that the guarantee deposit scheme would be more likely to drive member banks out of the system rather than draw in any banks now on the outside? In the last analysis would not the danger be that, instead of fortifying and strengthening the Federal Reserve System, the plan would work for their destruction?

Great success attended the financing of the United States Treasury the present week. This financing consisted of the offering of no less than \$900,000,000 (or thereabouts) of Treasury certificates of indebtedness. These certificates consisted of two series, both dated and bearing interest from March 15 1932, one series consisting of seven months' certificates due Oct. 15 1932 and carrying $3\frac{1}{8}\%$ interest for an aggregate of \$300,000,000 (or thereabouts), and the second series consisting of certificates running for a year and carrying $3\frac{3}{4}\%$ interest for a total of \$600,000,000. Subscription books for these certificates were opened Monday morning and were closed in the afternoon of the very next day. Subscriptions aggregated no less than \$3,402,725,500. The amount subscribed for the seven months' issue of \$300,000,000 at $3\frac{1}{8}\%$ was \$952,619,500, while the subscriptions for the $3\frac{3}{4}\%$ issue for amount of \$600,000,000 aggregated \$2,450,106,000. Presumably the subscriptions came mainly from banks and banking institutions, and the fact that subscriptions for \$3,402,725,500 were secured furnishes testimony to the fact that there is no lack of banking credit, notwithstanding that the campaign for combatting so-called hoarding rests entirely on the idea that the country has been suffering by reason of such a shortage. The rates of interest in the two issues of certificates were the

same as in the offering in January, when the Secretary offered a six months' issue of certificates bearing $3\frac{1}{8}\%$ interest and another series running for a year and carrying $3\frac{3}{4}\%$ interest.

The Federal Reserve weekly returns are now being interpreted in the light of the changes made in the Reserve Act by the Glass-Steagall measure, in order to see whether the amendments are working any change in Reserve policy. No distinct sign of any change is as yet discernible. All that is apparently happening is that the member banks are reducing their borrowings at the Federal Reserve Bank, as evidenced by the falling off in the holdings of discounted bills, and that the Reserve institutions are undertaking to make good the void thus created by adding to their holdings of Government securities and also their holdings of acceptances purchased in the open market, the latter to the extent that bills may be available at the buying rate for acceptances in force at the Reserve institutions. During the past week the discount holdings of the 12 Reserve banks, after having been reduced the previous two weeks from \$845,781,000 to \$828,402,000, were further reduced to \$747,979,000. On the other hand, increase in United States Government securities served in part to offset this decrease; after having risen last week from \$740,556,000 to \$759,955,000, the holdings of United States securities further increased the present week to \$785,123,000. Holdings of other securities, after having been heavily reduced in previous weeks, this week recorded a moderate addition, having increased from \$6,073,000 to \$9,497,000. The Reserve institutions have also been able to add to their acceptance holdings; after a steady reduction in these holdings extending back for many weeks, the increase in these holdings this week has been from \$115,640,000 March 2 to \$137,584,000 March 9. The increases, however, in all these different items were insufficient to counterbalance the shrinkage in the discount holdings, which latter reflect the borrowings of the member banks. As a result, the total of the bill and security holdings, which constitute a measure of the volume of Reserve credit outstanding, shows a reduction for the week from \$1,710,070,000 to \$1,680,183,000. The amount of Federal Reserve notes outstanding also shows a moderate further reduction, being reported at \$2,617,381,000 this week (March 9) against \$2,638,488,000 last week (March 2). With gold exports now on a greatly reduced scale, the Reserve banks have been able to add substantially to their gold reserves, which this week are reported at \$2,959,420,000 against \$2,938,974,000 last week. As a result, the ratio of total reserves to deposit and Federal Reserve note liabilities combined is also a little higher at 68.8% against 68.1%. Foreign bank deposits have been further reduced and stand at \$13,464,000 March 9 against \$16,382,000 March 2. Foreign banks, however, were able, like the Reserve banks themselves, to add to their holdings of acceptances, the total of which stands at \$317,113,000 this week against \$311,640,000 last week.

The stock market this week has been a tame affair, with the fluctuations narrow and with no definite trend until Friday, when prices turned sharply downward. The market apparently was very little influenced either by favorable events or unfavorable events. The rise of about 20 points in the rate for sterling exchange on Tuesday exercised only a mo-

mentary influence on the course of prices on that day, and the reduction in the Bank of England discount rate on Thursday from 5% to 4% left no discernible impress on prices, even though it was accompanied by reductions in the rates of other European central banks. Trade accounts regarding the steel industry were a trifle more optimistic than heretofore, and the "Iron Age" reported the steel mills working to 27% of capacity against 26% last week. On the other hand, the U. S. Steel Corp., in the statement given out on Thursday, showed unfilled orders on the books of the subsidiary companies even smaller by 102,521 tons than at the end of January, when the total of such orders was the smallest in the entire steel history; for Feb. 29 the backlog was 2,545,629 tons as against 2,648,050 tons at the end of January; at the end of February 1931 the unfilled orders aggregated 3,965,194 tons, and at the end of February 1930 4,479,748 tons.

Some selling of steel stock followed the appearance of this statement, but with little effect on price. Another unfavorable event on Thursday was the action of the Midland Steel Products Co. in voting to omit the quarterly dividend, ordinarily payable about April 1, on the \$2 non-cumul. stock, and also on the common stock. This, too, was without effect on the market. The Int. Tel. & Tel. Corp., after the close of the market on Thursday, announced suspension of dividends on its shares. Another dividend suspension was that of McKesson & Robbins, Inc., Delaware, which omitted the quarterly dividend of 87½c. a share, due March 15, on the \$50 par 7% conv. pref. stock, Series A. The American & Foreign Power Co., Inc., on March 9 omitted the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 a share on the \$7 cumul. pref. stock and \$1.50 a share on the \$6 cumul. pref. stock. The Associated Telephone Utilities Co. also omitted the quarterly dividends of \$1.50 a share on its \$6 cumul. prior pref. stock, \$1.50 a share on the \$6 Series A conv. pref. stock, and \$1.75 a share on the \$7 cumul. prior pref. stock, which become due about this time. The Central Public Service Corp. deferred its quarterly dividends, due April 1, on the Art Metal Construction Co. on March 11 omitted its quarterly dividend of 10c. a share on the \$10 par common stock. Edison Bros. Stores, Inc., on March 10 also omitted its quarterly dividend of 1¾% on the 7% cumul. conv. pref. stock. The International Telephone & Telegraph Corp. on March 10 failed to take action on the quarterly dividend due about April 15 on the capital stock. On Jan. 15 last a dividend of 15c. a share was paid on this issue.

The Western Union Telegraph Co., which three months ago reduced its quarterly dividend from \$2 a share to \$1.50 a share on Tuesday, made a further reduction to \$1 a share. The Gold Dust Corp. reduced its quarterly dividend from 62½c. a share to 40c. a share on the no par common stock. The National Steel Corp. decreased the quarterly dividend on the no par common stock from 50c. a share to 25c. a share. The Pratt & Lambert Co. reduced its quarterly dividend on common from 75c. a share to 50c. a share. The Niles-Bement-Pond Co. reduced its quarterly dividend on common from 25c. a share to 15c. a share. International Carriers, Ltd., reduced its quarterly dividend from 12½c. a share to 10c. a share. With the fluctuations narrow most of the week, 255 stocks touched new highs for the year to date and 60 stocks new lows. The call loan rate on the Stock Exchange again remained unchanged at 2½%.

Trading has gradually dwindled as dullness supervened. At the half-day session on Saturday the sales on the New York Stock Exchange were 1,162,617 shares; on Monday they were 1,583,319 shares; on Tuesday, 1,637,883 shares; on Wednesday, 1,330,810 shares; on Thursday, 1,048,890 shares, and on Friday 1,258,130 shares. On the New York Curb Market the sales last Saturday were 133,361 shares; on Monday, 208,455 shares; on Tuesday, 205,610 shares; on Wednesday, 225,855 shares; on Thursday, 192,243 shares, and on Friday, 187,520 shares.

As compared with Friday of last week, prices show narrow and irregular changes, but mostly lower. General Electric closed yesterday at 20¾ against 20¼ on Friday of last week; North American at 36⅝ against 38; Pacific Gas & Electric at 34⅞ against 35⅝; Standard Gas & Electric at 31¼ against 31⅝; Consolidated Gas of New York at 65¼ against 66; Columbia Gas & Electric at 14½ against 14¾; Brooklyn Union Gas at 86 against 86¾; Electric Power & Light at 13⅞ against 13½; Public Service of New Jersey at 57⅞ against 58¼; International Harvester at 23½ against 23⅝; J. I. Case Threshing Machine at 37⅞ against 36½; Sears, Roebuck & Co. at 33⅝ against 34⅞; Montgomery Ward & Co. at 9⅞ against 11; Woolworth at 43⅞ against 44½; Safeway Stores at 56 against 56⅝; Western Union Telegraph at 42⅞ against 43; American Tel. & Tel. at 128⅝ ex-div. against 132⅝; International Tel. & Tel. at 9⅞ against 11½; American Can at 68¾ against 71⅞; United States Industrial Alcohol at 28½ against 28⅞; Commercial Solvents at 9⅞ against 9⅝; Shattuck & Co. at 12¼ against 12, and Corn Products at 44¾ against 44⅞.

Allied Chemical & Dye closed yesterday at 80¾ against 83½ on Friday of last week; E. I. duPont de Nemours at 54⅜ against 56¼; National Cash Register "A" at 12¼ against 11⅞; International Nickel at 8¼ against 8¾; Timken Roller Bearing at 20 against 20⅞; Mack Trucks at 16¼ against 17¾; Yellow Truck & Coach at 3⅝ against 3¾; Johns-Manville at 18⅝ against 19½; Gillette Safety Razor at 21¾ against 22⅝; National Dairy Products at 28⅞ against 30⅝; Associated Dry Goods at 5⅞ bid against 5¾; Texas Gulf Sulphur at 24½ against 25½; Freeport Texas at 18½ against 19; Amer. & Foreign Power at 6½ against 7¾; General American Tank Car at 33⅞ against 33⅝; United Gas Improvement at 20½ against 20⅝; National Biscuit at 44¾ against 44¾; Coca Cola at 116⅝ ex-div. against 117½; Continental Can at 39 against 39⅞; Eastman Kodak at 79¾ against 82½; Gold Dust Corp. at 18⅝ against 18; Standard Brands at 13⅝ against 13⅝; Paramount Publix Corp. at 9⅞ against 10½; Kreuger & Toll at 5⅝ against 7½; Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. at 29⅝ against 30¾; Drug, Inc. at 53¼ against 53; Columbian Carbon at 38¼ against 35½; Amer. Tobacco at 83 against 84; Liggett & Myers, class B at 58½ against 58; Reynolds Tobacco class B at 38¾ against 39, and Lorillard at 16 against 15⅞.

The steel shares are mostly lower. United States Steel closed yesterday at 46½ against 48¾ on Friday of last week; Bethlehem Steel at 21 against 22¾; Vanadium at 16¼ against 17½, and Republic Iron & Steel at 5¼ against 6. In the auto group, Auburn Auto closed yesterday at 99⅞ against 91 on Friday of last week; General Motors at 20⅝ against 22; Chrysler at 11¾ against 12¾; Nash Motors at 16½ against 17¾; Packard Motors at 3⅞ against 3⅞.

Hudson Motor Car at $6\frac{1}{2}$ against $7\frac{1}{4}$, and Hupp Motors at $3\frac{5}{8}$ against $3\frac{7}{8}$. In the rubber group, Goodyear Tire & Rubber closed yesterday at $16\frac{5}{8}$ against $16\frac{7}{8}$ on Friday of last week; B. F. Goodrich & Co. at $4\frac{1}{4}$ against 4; United States Rubber at $4\frac{3}{4}$ against $4\frac{7}{8}$, and the preferred at 9 against $9\frac{1}{4}$.

The railroad shares have been sluggish. Pennsylvania R.R. closed yesterday at $18\frac{3}{4}$ against $18\frac{3}{4}$ on Friday of last week; Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe at $80\frac{3}{4}$ against 83; Atlantic Coast Line at $29\frac{1}{4}$ bid against 28; Chicago Rock Island & Pacific at $10\frac{1}{2}$ against $11\frac{1}{4}$; New York Central at $30\frac{1}{4}$ against $31\frac{3}{8}$; Baltimore & Ohio at $17\frac{3}{4}$ against $18\frac{1}{8}$; New Haven at $24\frac{5}{8}$ against $24\frac{1}{2}$; Union Pacific at $81\frac{1}{2}$ against 83; Southern Pacific at $26\frac{3}{4}$ against $27\frac{1}{4}$; Missouri Pacific at $7\frac{7}{8}$ against $8\frac{1}{4}$; Missouri-Kansas-Texas at $5\frac{3}{4}$ against $5\frac{7}{8}$; Southern Ry. at $9\frac{1}{2}$ against $10\frac{1}{8}$; Chesapeake & Ohio at $22\frac{7}{8}$ against $23\frac{5}{8}$; Northern Pacific at $19\frac{7}{8}$ against 20, and Great Northern at $19\frac{3}{4}$ against $20\frac{1}{4}$.

The oil shares have been no exception to the general dullness. Standard Oil of N. J. closed yesterday at $29\frac{7}{8}$ against $29\frac{3}{4}$ on Friday of last week; Standard Oil of Calif. at $25\frac{7}{8}$ against $25\frac{1}{2}$; Atlantic Refining at $11\frac{3}{4}$ against $11\frac{3}{8}$; Sinclair Oil at $6\frac{3}{8}$ against 6; Texas Corp. at $12\frac{1}{4}$ against $11\frac{7}{8}$; Phillips Petroleum at $5\frac{1}{2}$ against $5\frac{5}{8}$, and Pure Oil at $4\frac{1}{2}$ against $4\frac{1}{2}$.

The copper stocks have likewise fluctuated within narrow limits, Anaconda Copper closed yesterday at 10 against $10\frac{1}{8}$ on Friday of last week; Kennecott Copper at $9\frac{7}{8}$ against 10; Calumet & Hecla at 3 against $2\frac{7}{8}$ bid; American Smelting & Refining at $14\frac{7}{8}$ against $15\frac{7}{8}$; Phelps Dodge at $6\frac{1}{8}$ against $6\frac{1}{4}$, and Cerro de Pasco Copper at $11\frac{1}{2}$ against $12\frac{1}{2}$.

Although financial development in Europe were encouraging this week, price trends on the stock exchanges at London, Paris and Berlin were irregular. Trading also was on a smaller scale than in the excited and rapidly advancing sessions of last week. The London market was stimulated for a time, Tuesday, by the precipitate advance in sterling exchange, but most securities declined in the later dealings. Reduction of the Bank of England discount rate, Thursday, from 5 to 4% again gave the market a fillip, but the upward movement was not sustained as the reduction had been largely discounted. In Berlin some satisfaction was apparent, Tuesday, when the Reichsbank discount rate was lowered from 7 to 6%, but in this instance also the step had been anticipated and previous advances in securities had discounted its effects. Sentiment remained cheerful, however, on all the larger European markets, with the financial improvement in Great Britain the chief factor. The new issues market in London is especially active, and high premiums are reported for all recent flotations. In contrast with the financial improvement in Europe, trade and industrial reports show that little, if any, progress is being made in Britain or on the Continent toward recovery from the current depression.

The London Stock Exchange was uncertain at the opening, Monday, due partly to less encouraging advices from New York over the last week-end. Reports from the Continent also were disappointing, and profit-taking appeared on a considerable scale, forcing prices down. British Government funds

were firm, but industrial stocks dropped sharply. Copper mining shares were an exception, these issues advancing on the prospects of curtailment in production. In Tuesday's dealings British funds were prominent, these issues advancing as a result of the quick gain in sterling exchange. After early strength in other departments of the market, prices drifted lower and industrial stocks generally closed at recession for the day. Gold mining stocks were especially heavy, as the price of the metal in London dropped to compensate for the advance in the exchange. British Government funds were again well supported Wednesday, but industrial securities were mixed. Price changes were small, as dealings dwindled. The expected reduction in the Bank rate Thursday, occasioned some bidding up of shares, but the best prices of the day were not maintained. British funds were slightly better, but international trading favorites were off on discouraging overnight reports from New York. Prices in all departments of the market were slightly lower in quiet trading yesterday.

The Paris Bourse was nervous and uncertain at the opening, Monday, and as the session progressed prices weakened further. There was little support and in some instances the declines reached substantial proportions. Tuesday's dealings brought further recessions, but there were periods of strength during the day and these kept the declines to small figures. The recovery of sterling was viewed favorably and holders of foreign securities generally preferred to keep their investments, but French stocks were in heavy supply at times. A brisk forward movement developed at the opening Wednesday, and the favorable tone was maintained through most of the session. Bank of France shares and Young Plan bonds were in heaviest demand, but other issues also advanced sharply. The Paris market again turned dull and uncertain Thursday, partly because of a less favorable interpretation of foreign developments. Price movements were small, and French securities showed better results than foreign issues. After a weak opening, prices improved on the Boerse, yesterday, and most stocks scored net gains.

The Berlin Boerse was dull and irregular Monday. Restrictions against the publication of quotations remained in force, while an additional factor making for quiet dealings was the impending Presidential election. Mining stocks were in favor, but other sections of the market declined. Dealings Tuesday were lively and prices advanced at first on the announcement of the Reichsbank discount rate reduction. Little public interest was evoked, however, and most of the early gains were lost in the later trading. Reichsbank shares were up for the day, but mining and brewery stocks declined. The opening Wednesday was favorable, with gains reported in almost all issues. The trend again turned uncertain in later dealings, however, and net changes for the day were irregular and small. Business was almost at a standstill, Thursday, owing to the approaching election. There was moderate improvement in quotations at the start, but in the absence of any dealings of consequence the trend turned downward and changes again were quite unimportant. Modest liquidation yesterday, in anticipation of the election, forced prices down on the Boerse.

Although skirmishes are reported almost daily between the Chinese and Japanese forces in the terri-

tory around Shanghai, major hostilities are apparently at an end, and every effort is now being made to find a formula for the liquidation of the incident. Early negotiations between representatives of the two countries, with this end in view, are already foreshadowed. Japanese officials informed the Chinese Government, Thursday, that they are prepared to discuss the problem in a meeting based on the resolution adopted by the League of Nations Assembly, March 4, which called upon the two Governments to take prompt steps insuring the effectiveness of the armistice and further measures for an immediate peace parley, at which civilian authorities of other Powers having interests at Shanghai are to assist. To this proposal the Chinese are prepared to assent, it is indicated. Some questions have been raised, however, regarding the withdrawal of Japanese forces from the Chinese area around Shanghai. While China desires complete and unconditional withdrawal of the foreign forces, Japan proposes to discuss at a later date arrangements for the evacuation of the Chinese territory occupied during the period of hostilities from Jan. 28 to March 4.

The continued sporadic firing near Shanghai is apparently due to the distrust in which each side naturally holds the other at this time. Japanese military officials accused the Chinese of sniping behind their lines. The Chinese, in turn, blamed their opponents for airplane raids and military movements beyond the 12½-mile zone originally stipulated for Japanese occupation. There was some danger, early this week, of a resumption of hostilities on a large scale as the result of the Japanese incursions, which were resisted by the Nineteenth Route Army of the Chinese. In general, however, the orders issued by the two high commands on March 3 were observed, and comparatively peaceful conditions prevailed. Japanese reinforcements continued to arrive at Shanghai all week, and it is estimated that nearly 75,000 troops have now been transferred from Sasebo and other Japanese ports. This movement continues to cause anxiety, and there is also some uncertainty regarding the positions taken by the Japanese. It was indicated by the Japanese commanders that they would occupy an area 12½ miles around the International Settlement. As against such statements, however, the Japanese left wing now rests directly on the Settlement, while the territory occupied stretches some 20 miles to the west, along the Whangpoo and Yangtze Rivers.

There were several incidents involving foreigners at Shanghai, which reflected the tenseness of the situation. H. D. Robison, United States Trade Commissioner at Shanghai, was beaten, last Saturday, by armed Japanese civilians who were policing a part of the International Settlement. An American mission teacher, Miss Rose Marlowe, was beaten the same day by two Japanese in civilian clothes, while she was visiting a compound in the area recently subjected to bombardment. United States Consul-General Edwin S. Cunningham protested vigorously to the Japanese authorities against these incidents. A series of mob attacks by Chinese on Japanese civilians was reported early this week, two Japanese citizens dying from the injuries they sustained. Japanese Consul-General Murai dispatched notes to the International Settlement's Municipal Council and to the French Concession Council requesting immediate steps toward the arrest of the Chinese involved and asking adequate protection for Japanese

nationals. The Chinese boycott of Japanese goods remains stringently in force.

The first move toward formal peace negotiations was made by the Japanese Minister to China, Mamoru Shigemitsu, through the mediation of Sir Miles Lampson, diplomatic representative of Great Britain. Through the good offices of Sir Miles, a note was transmitted to Quo Tai-chi, Vice-Foreign Minister of China, early Thursday, in which it was stated that the Japanese civil and military authorities are ready to open direct negotiations in accordance with the League Assembly resolution of March 4. The note proposed, a dispatch to the New York "Times" said, first, an agreement to cease hostilities, and second, to discuss the withdrawal of the Japanese forces. Chinese officials promptly conferred and drew up a reply which, a dispatch to the New York "Herald Tribune" stated, called for the complete cessation of hostilities, the simultaneous withdrawal of the opposing military forces and the inauguration of a round table conference under the auspices of the Western Powers. The conference, the Chinese insist, must be limited to the questions of cessation of fighting and withdrawal of troops, which must be unconditional.

With the military situations at Shanghai moving toward adjustment, interest centered, this week, on the proceedings of the League of Nations Assembly, which was called into special session for the second time in the history of the League in order to consider the Sino-Japanese conflict. After unanimous adoption of the resolution of March 4, the League Assembly settled down to a more leisurely consideration of further measures. In the general discussion that began last Saturday, it was speedily made apparent that fundamental issues affecting the League itself were at stake, as well as the issues between China and Japan. Representatives of 15 small Powers spoke last Saturday, and they demanded without exception that the League must face unflinchingly the question whether the Sino-Japanese conflict is to be settled by war instead of League law. "They agreed that the League must keep its Covenant respected," a Geneva dispatch to the New York "Times" said. "They agreed that the League must first exhaust all the possibilities of conciliation, but, if this failed, it must enforce its law. No one welcomed a resort to the sanctions of Article XVI, but no one shied at that prospect." This determination became more pronounced Monday, when representatives of three additional small countries joined the 15 original ones in demanding action by the League. The representatives of Britain, France, Italy and Germany, on the other hand, exerted themselves to restrain the zeal of the smaller nations. The general discussion ended Tuesday, and a committee was appointed to draft a resolution on the dispute between China and Japan.

Great difficulties were encountered in framing the resolution, according to a special cable of Thursday, sent by Frank H. Simonds to the New York "Evening Post." "The great Powers, who want to say nothing because they mean to do nothing, have been brought by the small nations face to face with the language of the Covenant of the League," the report states. "What is written there is binding and, while it is possible to turn a blind eye to the events in the Far East, it is impossible wholly to ignore the Covenant and not reduce the whole system at Geneva to ruin." The committee wrestled for two days with the "old

familiar task of Geneva," Mr. Simonds remarked. This task he described as the finding of formulae which imply the maximum in appearance with the minimum of reality.

The drafting committee completed its task Thursday, and the resolution formulated was placed before the full Assembly yesterday. It provides for a Committee of Nineteen, to be composed of the 12 members of the Council, M. Paul Hymans as President of the Assembly, and six members to be chosen by secret ballot. This committee is to be charged with a formal effort to settle the immediate Sino-Japanese dispute. The resolution further provides in unequivocal language, another report to the "Evening Post" states, that the League cannot recognize any treaty or any agreement between the contestants obtained by means contrary to the provisions of the League Covenant. This brings the League definitely into alignment with the attitude of the United States, expressed by Secretary Stimson in his identical note to China and Japan, of Jan. 7. All the great Powers with interests at Shanghai are called upon to collaborate for the maintenance of order in the zone to be evacuated by the Japanese. The resolution was adopted by the Assembly yesterday, with Japan and China abstaining from the voting.

Henry Pu-yi, former Emperor of China, was officially installed as Provisional President of the Republic of Manchuria, Wednesday, in a ceremony conducted in accordance with classical Manchu tradition. This newest of the States, formed under Japanese auspices and protected by Japanese arms, will be administered from Changchun, which was proclaimed the capital on March 1. The inaugural ceremony was attended by 30 Chinese and 15 Japanese. "Despite costly and elaborate preparations, little public enthusiasm is being evinced over the anachronism of attempting to elevate to a position of power a former 'son of heaven' who is generally regarded as a mere puppet of the Japanese," a Mukden dispatch to the New York "Times" remarked. Although the Manchurians were lukewarm about accepting the new regime, much enthusiasm was expressed in Tokio, dispatches from that capital indicated. In Washington it was remarked, Wednesday, that with Henry Pu-yi's inauguration the new Government in Manchuria becomes a candidate for foreign recognition. Other nations, it is thought, are likely to act very slowly in this matter. Member States of the League of Nations will probably delay until the League Manchurian investigating commission has submitted its report, while the two great non-member States, the United States and Soviet Russia, are definitely on record against partition of China. The League Commission of five members has started its inquiry in Tokio, where conversations are in progress with officials of the Japanese Government.

The plan for an economic union of the Danubian countries, suggested last week by Premier Tardieu of France, has been debated with fervor throughout Europe this past week, but there has been little progress toward realization of the plan. The union would include Austria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Jugoslavia and Rumania, practical results to be achieved by a system of preferential tariffs. This suggestion, which is perhaps more political than economic in its real significance, promptly brought

to the surface the rivalries of France, Germany and Italy in the Balkans, which have been submerged during recent months. To the immediate counter-proposal of Germany, offering preferential tariff treatment to Austria, there has been added this week a series of Italian suggestions, contained in a formal reply to the French proposal. In this communication, sent by Foreign Minister Dino Grandi on Monday, Italy is said to have expressed dubiety regarding the plan for a Danubian Union. The proposal appears to be, Signor Grandi is reported to have said, "not immune from the political and economic difficulties France herself found in previous British efforts to solve the economic situation of the Danubian countries." It was questioned whether the action would lead to quicker and better results than individual commercial agreements. If any conference is held by Danubian statesmen to consider the plan, the Italian Minister added, then Britain, France, Italy and Germany should also confer, with a view to a subsequent joint meeting of the four Powers with the Danubian countries.

In Geneva, where responsible Ministers of all the countries concerned are at present gathered for the League Assembly meeting, it is hinted that the representatives of the five countries may possibly confer in April regarding the French suggestion. There is general agreement that tariff walls must be lowered, a dispatch of Thursday to the New York "Times" states, and in view of the political situation it is also believed that this can be accomplished only by preferential tariffs and not by a customs union. Sir John Simon, British Foreign Secretary, was said to have indicated that Britain would be inclined to encourage any scheme which would be economic in character and not political. There was much uneasiness in Poland, early this week, as the impression prevailed that the Union would gravely endanger Polish interests in the five countries. In the semi-official "Gazeta Polska," however, comfort was taken Wednesday in the reflection that "the Union will be a barrier to German political extension in the Balkans and Central Europe under cover of economic expansion." Czechoslovakian officials were somewhat distrustful of the plan, a Prague report of Wednesday to the New York "Times" said. There would be more likelihood of a workable arrangement if an agreement were reached without the influence of the great Powers, it was remarked. Austrian opinion was divided. Former Chancellor Ignatz Seipel, leader of the powerful Christian Socialist party, issued a statement Wednesday approving the plan and also the Italian suggestion that it can be brought to fulfillment only under the approval of all the great Powers of Europe. In most other Austrian circles the French proposal was subjected to a good deal of criticism, the plea being made particularly that Germany should be included in the Union.

The death of Aristide Briand, who labored indefatigably in the cause of peace, occurred at Paris last Saturday. His passing in his seventieth year followed many months of illness, which finally made necessary in January his withdrawal from the Cabinet then presided over by Pierre Laval. Almost to the end, M. Briand retained active control of the foreign affairs of France, and it is likely that his influence will prevail for years to come, as he was a persistent advocate of closer political and economic

ties among the countries of Europe. In recent years he was also the dominant figure in the varied activities of the League of Nations. His death, accordingly, was noted with sorrow in all countries. In fitting tribute to his colleague, Sir Austen Chamberlain, former Foreign Secretary in the British Government, remarked: "He was the greatest European of us all." M. Briand's political career was remarkable in many ways. Among his international achievements must be included the leading part he took in the Kellogg-Briand treaty negotiations and his contribution to the conclusion of the Locarno treaty. He was Premier of France 11 times, and on 23 occasions was a member of the Cabinet. Thousands of messages were received at Paris this week from persons in all walks of life and in all countries, expressing admiration for the rugged French statesman and sorrow at his passing. France will pay him her highest honors to-day in a national funeral.

Balloting for the presidential office in Germany, to-morrow, will be followed with the keenest interest in all countries, as the result may well have an intimate bearing on the reparations and debt problems, on the international efforts for disarmament, and perhaps also on such delicate questions as the European frontiers. The campaign which ends to-day has been stormy and bitter, with international questions in the forefront at all times. President Paul von Hindenburg is the leading candidate, the 84-year-old statesman having agreed to run for a second term as a non-partisan candidate, owing to the admitted exigencies of German affairs. His chief opponent is Adolph Hitler, colorful leader of the National Socialist (Nazi) party. Behind the President are grouped most of the Conservative elements in Germany, but Herr Hitler also has a great following in all walks of life. Other candidates are Theodor Duesterberg, National People's party and Steel Helmet League; Ernst Thaelmann, Communist party, and Adolph Winter, People's Revalorization League. The Federal Election Board in Germany estimates the number of eligible voters at 44,000,000, and it is further calculated that approximately 38,000,000 will exercise the franchise to-morrow. The voting to-morrow may not be final, however, as the German electoral laws require a second election if no candidate receives a clear majority on the first ballot. In the latter event a second election will be held April 10.

In a brief session of the Dail Eireann in Dublin, Wednesday, Eamonn de Valera, leader of the Fianna Fail, or Irish Republican party, was elected President of the Irish Free State to succeed William T. Cosgrave, who held the post for 10 years. The lower house of the Irish Parliament thus gave effect to the popular will, as expressed in the general election of Feb. 16. Balloting was along party lines, with the Labor group of seven members joining forces with the Fianna Fail. Mr. de Valera was accordingly elected by 81 votes, the Opposition mustering 68 votes against him. The change in administration was accomplished peaceably, dispatches said, with the Republicans in the Parliament showing great enthusiasm, while excited crowds surged in the streets outside. Although the Fianna Fail is committed to abolition of the oath of allegiance to the British Crown, Mr. de Valera and his party associ-

ates swore fealty on taking their seats, as is customary. It is anticipated that a test on this matter will follow soon. The new Government also has promised to repeal dictatorial laws passed at the instance of former President Cosgrave, designed to repress political terrorism. Fianna Fail control of the Dail can only be maintained with the aid of the Laborites, and much importance therefore attaches to a warning by the Labor leaders that they will oppose the de Valera regime if any attempt is made to lead Ireland into war, either economic or actual, with friendly nations. Royal assent to Mr. de Valera's election was given late Wednesday, by Governor-General James McNeill. A new Cabinet was announced thereafter, as follows:

President of the Executive Council and Minister for External Affairs—Eamonn De Valera.

Vice-President and Minister for Local Government and Public Health—Sean T. O'Kelly.

Lands and Fisheries—Patrick J. Rutledge.

Industry and Commerce—Sean Lemass.

Finance—Sean McEntee.

Agriculture—Dr. James Ryan.

Defense—Frank Aiken.

Education—Thomas Derrig.

Justice—James Geoghegan.

Posts and Telegraphs—Senator Joseph Connolly.

The threat of a Fascist revolt in Finland, which appeared imminent early this month, was dissipated last Sunday, when General Martil Wallenius and Vihttori Kosola, leaders of the movement, were arrested and brought to Helsingfors for trial. The Fascists, organized as the Lapuan party, concentrated an "army" of about 4,000 supporters at Mant-sala, 40 miles from the capital, on Feb. 29, with the announced intention of marching on Helsingfors in order to press their demands for the resignations of Baron von Born, Minister of the Interior, and General Jalander, Governor of the Province of Nyland. Antagonism against these officials was aroused by their repression of the Lapuan extremists, it was indicated. President Pehr Svinhufvud acted promptly to meet the threat of a march on the capital, detachments of Government troops being ordered to disperse the Fascists. The Cabinet also was reorganized, General K. L. Oesch being appointed to share the Ministry of the Interior with Baron von Born, in order to place a military man in this important post. A strict censorship was clamped on all communications. It appears, however, that the march of Government troops toward Mantsala caused a hasty reconsideration of their decision by the Fascists. About 3,000 Lapuans formally surrendered last Saturday, and with the capture of the leaders on the following day the incident was considered closed. It was conceded everywhere in Finland that President Svinhufvud handled the affair with great skill, as there was no loss of life.

The Reichsbank on Tuesday (March 8) reduced its discount rate from 7% to 6% and its collateral rate from 8% to 7%. The Bank of England on Thursday (March 10) reduced its discount rate from 5% to 4%, and the Bank of Ireland from 6% to 5%. On Friday the Danish National Bank reduced its rate from 6% to 5%, and the Bank of Japan reduced its rate 6.57% to 5.84%, effective Saturday. Rates are 11% in Greece; 8% in Austria and Hungary; 7½% in Lithuania; 7% in Rumania, Finland, Portugal, Italy and Hungary; 6½% in Spain; 6% in Germany, Danzig, Czechoslovakia, India and in Colombia; 5½% in Estonia and in Chile; 5% in Ireland, Denmark, Sweden and in Norway; 4% in England; 3½%

in Belgium; 3% in Holland; 2½% in France, and 2% in Switzerland. In the London open market discounts for short bills on Friday were 2½@2¾% as against 3¼@4½% on Friday of last week, and 2⅝@3½% for three months' bills as against 3¼@4¾% on Friday of last week. Money on call in London on Friday was 1¾%. At Paris the open market rate continues at 1⅞%, and in Switzerland at 1½%.

The Bank of England has this week lowered the discount rate from 5% to 4%. The 5% rate had been in effect only since Feb. 18 last when the Governors voted to reduce it from 6%. The latter rate was inaugurated at the time the Gold Standard Act was suspended. The Bank's statement for the week ended Mar. 9 shows a gain of £2,681 in bullion but as this was by for offset by an expansion of £2,689,000 in circulation, reserves decreased £2,686,000. Public deposits rose £813,000 and other deposits £12,788,773. The latter consists of bankers' accounts which increased £13,082,447 and other accounts which fell off £293,674. The proportion of reserve to liability fell off sharply again this week to 31.19%. A week ago it was 36.92 and two weeks ago it was 43.71% while a year ago it was 50.64%. Loans on government securities increased £7,135,000 and those on other securities £9,170,504. The latter consists of discounts and advances and securities which rose £188,390 and £8,982,114 respectively. Below we show a comparison of the different times for five years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
	March 9.	March 11.	March 12.	March 13.	March 14.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	354,474,000	350,326,938	350,457,635	355,004,507	134,402,250
Public deposits.....	7,835,000	8,751,239	8,987,199	11,933,957	9,770,395
Other deposits.....	126,747,150	92,743,263	95,744,104	101,015,197	103,632,443
Bankers' accounts	93,565,017	59,274,585	59,001,400	63,384,137	-----
Other accounts.....	33,182,133	33,468,678	36,742,704	37,631,060	-----
Government secur.	54,370,906	30,434,684	37,331,563	44,836,855	31,506,814
Other securities.....	56,475,363	37,947,359	23,530,114	29,326,701	56,982,386
Disct. & advances	11,545,035	9,238,678	7,959,833	12,517,418	-----
Securities.....	44,930,328	28,708,681	15,570,281	16,809,283	-----
Reserve notes & coin	41,979,000	51,402,090	62,175,203	57,064,373	43,250,468
Coin and bullion.....	121,455,416	141,729,028	152,622,838	152,068,880	157,852,718
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	31.19%	50.64%	59.36%	50.52%	38%
Bank rate.....	4%	3%	4%	5½%	4½%

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

The Bank of Germany statement for the first week of March reveals a loss in gold and bullion of 48,489,000 marks. The Bank's total gold is now 880,006,000 marks, which compares with 2,285,393,000 marks a year ago and 2,462,149,000 marks two years ago. Reserve in foreign currency, silver and other coin and notes on other German banks record increases of 7,561,000 marks, 12,888,000 marks and 4,202,000 marks, while deposits abroad remain unchanged. Notes in circulation contracted 89,420,000 marks, reducing the total of the item to 4,178,896,000 marks. Last year circulation aggregated 4,144,808,000 marks and the year before 4,480,231,000 marks. Decreases are recorded in bills of exchange and checks of 64,972,000 marks, in advances of 84,613,000 marks, in investments of 58,000 marks, in other assets of 100,516,000 marks, in other daily maturing obligations of 103,867,000 marks and in other liabilities of 80,710,000 marks. The proportion of gold and foreign currency to note circulation stands this week at 24.8%. Last year the item was 59.7% and the previous year it was 61.7%. A comparison of the various items for three years is furnished below:

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	Mar. 7 1932.	Mar. 7 1931.	Mar. 7 1930.
	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.
Assets—				
Gold and bullion.....	Dec. 48,489,000	880,006,000	2,285,393,000	2,462,149,000
Of which depos. abr'd.	No change	79,691,000	207,638,000	149,788,000
Res'v in for'n curr.....	Inc. 7,561,000	156,409,000	189,424,000	301,792,000
Bills of exch. & checks.....	Dec. 64,972,000	3,302,496,000	2,043,111,000	1,933,186,000
Silver and other coin.....	Inc. 12,888,000	133,582,000	166,163,000	138,446,000
Notes on oth. Ger. bks.....	Inc. 4,202,000	6,314,000	21,257,000	12,243,000
Advances.....	Dec. 84,613,000	218,430,000	84,608,000	85,573,000
Investments.....	Dec. 58,000	161,752,000	102,264,000	93,246,000
Other assets.....	Dec. 100,516,000	875,814,000	549,633,000	516,814,000
Liabilities—				
Notes in circulation.....	Dec. 89,420,000	4,178,896,000	4,144,808,000	4,480,231,000
Oth. daily matur. oblig.....	Dec. 103,867,000	318,872,000	301,308,000	630,286,000
Other liabilities.....	Dec. 80,710,000	750,404,000	338,962,000	148,964,000
Propor. of gold & for'n curr. to note circ'u'n.....	Dec. 0.4%	24.8%	59.7%	61.7%

The statement of the Bank of France for the week ended Mar. 4, shows an increase in gold holdings of 678,455,409 francs. Total gold holdings are now 75,737,752,636 francs, as compared with 56,082,737,848 francs a year ago and 42,753,011,108 francs two years ago. Credit balances abroad declined 1,434,000,000 francs while bills bought abroad gained 43,000,000 francs. Notes in circulation rose 264,000,000 francs, raising the total of notes outstanding to 83,452,578,505 francs. Total circulation a year ago stood at 78,328,213,785, francs and two years ago at 70,373,157,180 francs. French commercial bills discounted and creditor current accounts declined 45,000,000 francs and 1,972,000,000 francs while advances against securities gained 96,000,000 francs. The proportion of gold on hand to sight liabilities is up to 68.84% from 67.18% a week ago. The item was 55.16% in the same week last year. Below we furnish a comparison of the various items from three years:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	Mar. 4 1932.	Mar. 6 1931.	Mar. 7 1930.
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
Gold holdings.....	Inc. 678,455,409	75,737,752,636	56,082,737,848	42,753,011,108
Credit bals. abr'd.....	Dec. 1,434,000,000	4,833,147,684	6,954,769,800	6,959,689,865
French commercial bills discounted aDec.	45,000,000	5,499,851,556	6,303,876,728	5,686,458,024
Bills bought abr'd.....	Inc. 43,000,000	8,902,246,837	19,361,161,455	18,732,114,793
Adv. agst. secur. Inc.	96,000,000	2,803,332,121	2,051,522,803	2,634,504,055
Note circulation.....	Inc. 264,000,000	83,452,578,505	78,328,213,785	70,373,157,180
Cred. curr. acct's.....	Dec. 1,972,000,000	26,564,175,956	23,337,972,673	15,576,485,212
Proportion of gold on hand to sight liabilities.....	Inc. 1.66%	68.84%	55.16%	49.74%

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

An easy tone prevailed in the New York money market this week. Purchases of bankers' acceptances by the Reserve institution reduced the available supply in the market sufficiently to induce a reduction of yield rates by dealers, yesterday, on bills of 30 to 90 days' maturity. Bills of longer maturities were unchanged. Call loans on the New York Stock Exchange were 2½% for all transactions, but in the unofficial "Street" market trades were reported Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and yesterday at 2¼%, or a concession of ¼% from the official level. Time loans were unchanged. An indication of the heavy supply of available funds was afforded by the Treasury offering of \$300,000,000 in seven months 3⅛% certificates, and \$600,000,000 in 12 months 3¾% certificates, announced Monday. Books were closed Tuesday evening, and it was made known in Washington two days later that subscriptions to the two issues aggregated \$3,402,725,500. Brokers' loans against stock and bond collateral increased \$57,000,000 for the week to Wednesday night, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Gold movements for the same period consisted of exports of \$15,280,000 and imports of \$6,200,000. The exports were more than offset by a decline of \$19,

247,000 in the stock of gold held earmarked for foreign account.

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 has shown little or no improvement this week. Rates were nominally quoted at 3@3½% for all dates. The demand for prime commercial paper has shown marked improvement this week. More paper was obtainable and the volume of sales was greatly increased. Rates are unchanged. Quotations for choice names of four to six months' maturity at 3½@3¾%. Names less well known at 4@4¼%. On some very high class 90-day paper occasional transactions at 3½% continued to be noted.

Prime bankers' acceptances have been somewhat stronger this week. Rates were unchanged until Friday morning, when 30-, 60- and 90-day bills were reduced ⅛ of 1%. The quotations of the American Acceptance Council for bills up to and including three months are 2⅝% bid, 2½% asked; for four months, 2¾% bid and 2⅝% asked; for five and six months, 3% bid and 2⅞% asked. The bill buying rate of the New York Reserve Bank remains unchanged at 2⅝% on maturities up to 45 days, at 2¾% on maturities of 46 to 120 days, and at 3% on maturities of 121 to 180 days. The Federal Reserve banks show an increase this week in their holdings of acceptances, the total having risen from \$115,640,000 to \$137,584,000. Their holdings of acceptances for foreign correspondents also increased from \$311,640,000 to \$317,113,000. 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.....	3	2½		3	2½	2½	2½
		—90 Days—		—60 Days—		—30 Days—	
		Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills.....	2½	2½		2½	2½	2½	2½
FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.							
Eligible member banks.....							3% bid
Eligible non-member banks.....							3% bid

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

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

Federal Reserve Bank.	Rate in Effect on Mar. 11.	Date Established.	Previous Rate.
Boston.....	3½	Oct. 17 1931	2½
New York.....	3	Feb. 26 1932	3½
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.....	3	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.....	2½	Oct. 21 1931	2½

Sterling exchange, continuing the trend which began more than three weeks ago, is exceptionally firm. It will be recalled that sterling cable transfers closed on Friday of last week at 3.50½. On Tuesday of this week sterling made a spectacular rise, when cable transfers went to 3.73¼. In London on Tuesday at 11 a. m. the New York rate touched 3.77. Since then, however, the market has suffered a sharp reaction, with the range yesterday at 3.61¾@3.64½. On Thursday of this week the Bank of

England reduced its rediscount rate from 5% to 4%. The range this week has been from 3.51⅛ to 3.73⅛ for bankers' sight bills, compared with 3.48⅛ to 3.50¾ last week. The range for cable transfers has been from 3.51¼ to 3.73¼, compared with 3.48¼ to 3.50⅞ a week ago. The Bank of England reduced its rate of rediscount from 6% to 5% on Feb. 18. The general expectation in the market was that the present reduction was to have been made on Thursday of last week, as the Bank of England official rate had for some weeks been clearly out of line with the bill market. Even now that the rate has been so sharply reduced, it is still discrepant with the open market rates, which are around 2½%. Usually the Bank of England lowers its rate ½% at a time in contrast with the two full 1% reductions which have been made within a single month.

The current rate is the lowest since last July, when it was advanced in consecutive weeks from 2½% to 3½% and then to 4½%. For several weeks sterling has been in great demand in all centres, and there is undoubtedly a complete restoration of confidence in the British financial position, which has resulted in a large speculative interest in trading, which was largely responsible for the perpendicular upswing in Tuesday's trading. However, there were contributing factors without which the speculative interest could not have forced the rate so dizzily upward. On Wednesday of last week London banking authorities lifted all restrictions on foreign exchange trading. These restrictions were not of an official character, but were enforced by the London banks, since September with a view to preventing possible exports of capital from England. With the clear evidence of the past four weeks that no export of capital would take place, but that on the contrary foreign investors in nearly all markets were rushing funds to London, it was decided to let the pound find its own level. The pound was likewise prevented from appreciating rapidly by the fact that for many weeks the Bank of England and the British Treasury had been selling sterling exchange and buying dollars and francs for the purpose of liquidating credits obtained in New York and Paris during the summer in order to hold the pound to the gold standard. Most of these credits have been retired already and the necessary funds for retiring the remainder were in hand, according to well-informed banking circles, early last week. With the removal of this factor, speculative interests were free to run the rate up as they did on Saturday last, on Monday, and then to the Tuesday high mark of 3.73¼, a gain of 20¼ cents on the day and of 49⅛ cents from the low of 3.24 on Dec. 7.

As was to be expected, there was a reaction from the high points of Tuesday, and on Wednesday the rate moved down to 3.69½, on Thursday to 3.65⅝, and cable transfers closed yesterday at 3.64. However, at the lowest rates of the week sterling must still be considered firm with a distinct tendency to rise, and in the estimation of many bankers the trend is steadily toward 4.00, if not higher. Only official interference of some sort can prevent the rate from gradually ascending. Of course, as sterling advances the premium on gold in London declines. Last week gold sold in London at from 118s. 5d. to 118s. 10d., whereas some time ago the London market quoted gold as high as 120s. an ounce. On Saturday last gold sold in the London open market at 117s. 10d., and by Thursday of this week the rate

was down to 110s. 5d. Great Britain has decided to remain off the gold standard until the nation regains its financial strength, which will be when war debts and reparations questions are clarified and measures have been taken to overcome the maldistribution of the world's gold. This decision was revealed by the introduction in the House of Commons early this week of the Financial Emergency Enactments Continuance bill, which will prolong the suspension of the gold standard and the anti-profiteering acts. The gold standard suspension was originally scheduled to expire on March 21. The exact length of the prolongation has not yet been revealed, but is expected to be six months or a year. The bill will be rushed through all stages of reading before the Easter recess and will authorize the Treasury to continue to adopt foreign exchange measures necessary to cope with the difficulties arising from the suspension of the gold standard.

Gold continues to flow to England from India and other Eastern points. The movement will doubtless last as long as there is any premium at all on gold. English private holders also continue to sell their gold ornaments and hoarded gold coins to the London bullion dealers. This gold finds its way from the London open market to the Continent and is one of the main supports of sterling exchange. This week the Bank of England shows an increase in gold holdings of £2,681, the total standing a £121,455,416, which compares with £141,729,028 a year ago.

At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week ended March 9 as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, consisted of imports of \$6,200,000, of which \$3,014,000 came from Canada, \$1,416,000 from Argentina, \$949,000 from Brazil, \$580,000 from Mexico, and \$241,000 chiefly from Latin American countries. Gold exports totalled \$15,280,000, of which \$12,501,000 was shipped to France, \$2,750,000 to Belgium, \$23,000 to England and \$6,000 to Switzerland. The Reserve Bank reported a decrease of \$19,247,000 in gold earmarked for foreign account during the week ended Wednesday night. In tabular form the gold movement at the Port of New York for the week ended March 9, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, was as follows:

GOLD MOVEMENT AT NEW YORK, MARCH 3-MARCH 9, INCL.

<i>Imports.</i>	<i>Exports.</i>
\$3,014,000 from Canada	\$12,501,000 to France
1,416,000 from Argentina	2,750,000 to Belgium
949,000 from Brazil	23,000 to England
580,000 from Mexico	6,000 to Switzerland
241,000 chiefly from Latin American countries	
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\$6,200,000 total	\$15,280,000 total

Net Change in Gold Earmarked for Foreign Account.
Decrease \$19,247,000.

On Thursday there were no imports or exports of gold. Gold earmarked for foreign account decreased \$6,340,200. Yesterday gold imports were \$1,074,300 of which \$1,003,000 came from Canada and \$71,300 came from India. There were no exports. Gold earmarked for foreign account decreased \$450,500. During the week approximately \$1,220,000 of gold was received at San Francisco from China.

In connection with the reduction of the Bank of England rate on Thursday it is of interest to note that the Bank of Ireland also reduced its rediscount rate by 1% to 5%.

Canadian exchange continues at a severe discount, but as during the past few weeks the rate has been

moving steadily in favor of Montreal. On Saturday last Montreal funds were quoted at 10¼% discount, on Monday at 9¾%, on Tuesday at 10%, on Wednesday at 10¼%, on Thursday at 10⅛%, and on Friday at 10½%.

Referring to day-to-day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday last was firm. Bankers' sight was 3.51⅛@3.51½; cable transfers, 3.51¼@3.51⅝. On Monday sterling was in demand and stronger. The range was 3.52¼@3.53⅜ for bankers' sight and 3.52⅜@3.53½ for cable transfers. On Tuesday sterling made a spectacular rise cable transfers going to 3.73¼. The range was 3.60⅜@3.73⅛ for bankers' sight and 3.60½@3.73¼ for cable transfers. On Wednesday there was a reaction but exchange on London was still in demand and firm. Bankers' sight was 3.68⅜@3.71⅜; cable transfers 3.68½@3.71½. On Thursday sterling showed further reaction. The range was 3.61⅜@3.68⅛ for bankers' sight bills and 3.61½@3.68¼ for cable transfers. On Friday sterling suffered a further setback, the range was 3.61⅝@3.64 for bankers' sight and 3.61¾@3.64⅛ for cable transfers. Closing quotations on Friday were 3.63¾ for demand and 3.64 for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 3.62; 60-day bills at 3.60 90-day bills at 3.59; documents for payment (60 days) at 3.60 and seven-day grain bills at 3.63. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 3.62.

Exchange on the Continental countries has been extremely irregular as a result of the sharp turn in sterling exchange and of the flow of Continental funds to the London market. German marks have been the least affected by the action of sterling, as mark exchange is largely nominal and under severe governmental restriction. On Tuesday the long-expected reduction in the Reichsbank rediscount rate took place. The reduction was 1%, bringing the rate to 6%. At the same time the Lombard rate of the Reichsbank was cut to 7% from 8%. The Reichsbank considers the reduction in its rediscount rate as an experiment designed to help German trade. The low foreign exchange reserve made an earlier decrease in the rate impossible, but after the recent rediscount rate reductions in New York and London it was felt that a lower German rate would have no unfavorable consequences. If the reduction should cause repayment of foreign credits, Berlin bankers say, the Reichsbank might have to increase the discount charge again. The Bank will first try to reduce interest rates under the "standstill" agreement. The Reichsbank statement for the week ended March 7 shows some impairment of the Bank's position. The gold coin and bullion shows a decrease of 48,489,000 marks, only partly offset by an increase of 7,561,000 marks in reserves of foreign currency and an increase of 12,888,000 marks in silver and other coins. The loss in gold was also partly compensated by a decrease of 89,420,000 marks in circulation. Total gold holdings are now 880,006,000 marks. The ratio of reserves held against outstanding notes is down to 24.8%, compared with 25.2% a week earlier and with 59.7% on March 7 1931. The Bank's present gold holdings of 880,006,000 marks compare with 2,285,393,000 marks a year ago. Following the reduction in the Reichsbank's official rate of rediscount, bankers' acceptance rates in Berlin moved down to 5⅞% from 6½%, and call money is quoted at 6½%, against 7%. The Reichsbank's gold holdings were reduced through the re-

payment of 10% of the \$100,000,000 central bank credit.

French francs in responding to the action of sterling exchange show the most erratic trend of any of the Continental currencies. On Friday of last week New York cable transfers on Paris were quoted at 3.93 $\frac{5}{8}$. The franc was definitely weak in the New York market on Saturday and Monday, and with Tuesday's spectacular rise in sterling the franc rate dropped below par to 3.91 $\frac{3}{4}$. A recovery took place when sterling declined during the week, and the franc went as high as 3.94 by Thursday. The irregular quotations for franc exchange at present are due more to transactions on the other side than to trading in this market. The Bank of France continues to dispose of its foreign exchange holdings in all centres and makes especially heavy drafts on New York gold. The Bank intends to continue liquidating its foreign exchange holdings. This is now a question of principle on which the Government and the French Parliament have agreed. However, there appears to be no longer a flight of French private banking and invested capital from either New York or London, but on the contrary a flow of French private funds appears to be in progress to both centres. The current Bank of France statement, as of March 4, shows another exceptionally heavy increase in gold holdings of 678,455,409 francs, the total standing at record high of 75,737,752,636 francs, which compares with 56,082,737,848 francs on March 6 1931, and with 28,935,000,000 francs in June 1928 upon stabilization of the unit. The bank's ratio is also at record high of 68.84%, which compares with 55.16% a year ago and with legal requirements of 35%.

The other leading Continental exchanges present no new features. Exchange on Poland is at all times a minor one in the New York market, but interest attaches to it at this time owing to the recent publication of the report of the Bank of Poland. The annual report of the Bank of Poland shows the location of the gold which that institution holds abroad. On Dec. 31, Bank of Poland held a total of zl. 600,391,115 gold, of which zl. 486,522,150 was held in its own vaults. The remainder was earmarked abroad. The Bank on that date held zl. 28,643,490, or \$3,213,799 in the New York Federal Reserve Bank; zl. 24,400,197, or \$2,737,702, in the Bank of England at London; zl. 56,505,244, or \$6,339,388, in the Bank of France, and zl. 4,320,032, or \$484,707 in the Bank for International Settlements.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 92.43 on Friday of this week, against 89.10 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished on Friday at 3.93 7-16, against 3.93 $\frac{1}{2}$ on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 3.93 9-16, against 3.93 $\frac{5}{8}$, and commercial sight bills at 3.93 $\frac{5}{8}$, against 3.93 7-16. Antwerp belgas finished at 13.94 $\frac{1}{2}$ for bankers' sight bills and at 13.95 for cable transfers, against 13.94 and 13.94 $\frac{1}{2}$. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 23.77 for bankers' sight bills and 23.79 for cable transfers, in comparison with 23.76 and 23.78. Italian lire closed at 5.18 $\frac{1}{2}$ for bankers' sight bills and at 5.19 for cable transfers, against 5.18 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 5.19. 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 $\frac{5}{8}$; on Poland at 11.22, against 11.22, and on Finland at 1.60, against 1.58.

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 important features. On Thursday the Bank of Denmark followed the lead taken a few weeks ago by the Banks of Sweden and of Norway and reduced its rediscount rate by 1% to 5%. The market, in general, expected that this reduction would be made, as the three Scandinavian countries work in close relationship in all fiscal matters.

As a result of the constantly growing difficulties on the foreign exchange market, the Danish Government has rushed through a law creating a state monopoly institution through which all foreign exchange transactions must pass. The law gives the Minister of Commerce dictatorial powers over the foreign exchange market, but the Minister is delegating his authority to three persons, who with a special staff of about 60, will have complete control over all foreign exchange dealings in Denmark and hence also over all foreign trade. The committee of three will consist of one of the directors of the National Bank, a representative of the ministry of commerce, and Olaf Berntsen, the Danish-American banker, who recently resigned from the London branch of an American banking house to become Government Controller of Foreign Exchange.

The Scandinavian currencies fluctuated rather widely during the week on account of the sharp movements in sterling exchange. However, in sympathy with the pound, with which they are closely allied, these currencies are all firmer. As the pound appreciates in value the market expects that the Scandinavians will likewise rise. Swiss francs and Holland guilders were weak at one time, owing to the advance in the price of sterling and to the heavily increased flow of funds from the Swiss and Dutch centers to the London market. In Saturday's trading Swiss francs sold down to 19.29 for cable transfers, a shade under par, and have hovered only a trifle above par since, though they moved as high as 19.39 on Thursday. Par is 19.30. The guilder more sharply reflects the movement of funds to London. Par of the guilder is 40.20. On Saturday last guilder cable transfers were quoted in New York as low as 40.18. In the upswing of sterling on Tuesday, the rate went to 40.12, recovering later to 40.30. Spanish pesetas continue to be quoted at record low rates, although at these levels they have been exceptionally steady for the past few weeks.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at 40.29, against 40.22 on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 40.30, against 40.23, and commercial sight bills at 40.15, against 40.10. Swiss francs closed at 19.38 $\frac{1}{2}$ for checks and at 19.39 for cable transfers, against 19.32 and 19.32 $\frac{1}{2}$. Copenhagen checks finished at 20.05 and cable transfers at 20.10, against 19.28 and 19.33. Checks on Sweden closed at 20.10 and cable transfers at 20.15, against 19.28 and 19.33; while checks on Norway finished at 19.80 and cable transfers at 19.85, against 19.07 and 19.12. Spanish pesetas closed at 7.63 $\frac{1}{2}$ for bankers' sight bills and at 7.64 for cable transfers, against 7.65 and 7.65 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Exchange on the South American countries presents no new features. Argentine exchange, despite many evidences of improvement in home trade, shows

marked weakness, although it is well known that Argentina is seriously considering the organization of a central bank and other changes which should greatly help the currency and financial situation of the country. A completely revised budget for Argentina, with drastic cuts in most expenditures, will be immediately presented to the National Congress. Argentine paper pesos closed on Friday at 25¼ for bankers' sight bills against 25¼ on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 25.70 against 25.70. 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 in all main aspects continues to follow the trends which have developed since the suspension of gold by England and the Manchurian affair in September, followed by the suspension of gold payments by Japan in December. Japanese yen show irregular trends owing to the complications in the Japanese financial position as a result of the Shanghai situation. The Bank of Japan has been compelled to come to the rescue of a number of the smaller Japanese banks engaged in financing industries which were largely dependent upon prosperous trade with China. The gold coverage of the Bank of Japan is now down to 26%. A recent Tokio dispatch to the "Wall Street Journal" says: "At the first conference which has been held between Bank of Japan and Japanese banking leaders since the induction of the Seiyukai Cabinet, the current financial problems were tackled and concrete recommendations were made to Finance Minister Takahashi. Included among the recommendations are proposals that the Bank of Japan purchase in the open market bonds to extent of about 50,000,000 yen; that the Bank of Japan purchase future issues of Treasury bills, and that the Bank of Japan lower its rediscount rate. Banking leaders explained that

the measures would support the bond market, while the lower money rates would tend to restore confidence. Apparently, the stock market believes that some such steps are certain."

Closing quotations for yen checks yesterday were 31¾, against 32¾ on Friday of last week. Hong Kong closed at 25¼@25 5-16, against 25¾@25 7-16; Shanghai at 33¾@34 3-16, against 33¾; Manila at 49½, against 49½; Singapore at 42½, against 40½; Bombay at 27.70, against 26.45, and Calcutta at 27.70, against 26.45.

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

Banks of	March 10 1932.			March 12 1931.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England...	£ 121,455,416	£ -----	£ 121,455,416	£ 141,729,028	£ -----	£ 141,729,028
France a...	605,902,021	(d) -----	605,902,021	448,661,802	(d) -----	448,661,802
Germany b...	40,015,750	c994,600	41,010,350	103,887,750	994,600	104,882,350
Spain.....	89,948,000	21,066,000	111,014,000	96,625,000	28,379,000	125,004,000
Italy.....	60,854,000	-----	60,854,000	57,309,000	-----	57,309,000
Netherl'ds	72,310,000	2,200,000	74,510,000	37,170,000	2,607,000	39,777,000
Nat. Belg..	72,777,000	-----	72,777,000	40,462,000	-----	40,462,000
Switzerl'd	65,436,000	-----	65,436,000	25,718,000	-----	25,718,000
Sweden....	11,439,000	-----	11,439,000	13,350,000	-----	13,350,000
Denmark...	8,160,000	-----	8,160,000	9,547,000	-----	9,547,000
Norway...-	6,559,000	-----	6,559,000	8,134,000	-----	8,134,000
Total week	1154 856187	24,280,600	1179 116787	982,593,680	31,980,600	1014574280
Prev. week	1150 526312	24,074,600	1174 600912	981,342,962	31,882,600	1013225562

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 £3,984,550. c As of Oct. 7 1924. d Silver is now reported at only a trifling sum.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922. MARCH 5 1932 TO MARCH 11 1932, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York, Value in United States Money.				
	Mar. 5.	Mar. 7.	Mar. 8.	Mar. 9.	Mar. 10. Mar. 11.
EUROPE—	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Austria, schilling.....	139541	139541	139700	139707	139707
Belgium, belga.....	139163	139076	135060	139000	139119
Bulgaria, lev.....	007140	007143	007150	007143	007150
Czechoslovakia, krone	029631	029626	029631	029626	029628
Denmark, krone.....	193164	194462	200547	203635	200094
England, pound sterling.....	3.513630	3.527631	3.679404	3.696904	3.661071
Finland, marka.....	015327	015320	015640	015600	015630
France, franc.....	039533	038306	039184	039260	039352
Germany, reichsmark	237515	237510	237665	237815	237750
Greece, drachma.....	012876	012877	012875	012866	012872
Holland, guilder.....	401807	401605	401220	401757	402681
Hungary, pengo.....	174300	174300	174383	174370	174391
Italy, lira.....	051872	051880	051613	051869	051865
Norway, krone.....	191520	192647	198717	201735	199816
Poland, zloty.....	111860	111800	111875	111835	111875
Portugal, escudo.....	032000	031650	032175	033250	033325
Rumania, leu.....	005956	005968	005953	005971	005955
Spain, peseta.....	076457	076447	076454	076475	076360
Sweden, krona.....	193216	194344	201411	203529	202533
Switzerland, franc.....	192968	192991	192986	193177	193760
Yugoslavia, dinar.....	017796	017801	017801	017806	017806
ASIA—					
China—					
Chefoo tael.....	345625	348125	350625	341875	343125
Hankow tael.....	337083	336166	339166	334583	336250
Shanghai tael.....	332708	334687	333645	329375	331041
Tientsin tael.....	349375	351250	354375	345625	346875
Hong Kong dollar.....	251041	251250	251458	249583	250416
Mexican dollar.....	247187	248125	246250	244375	244162
Tientsin or Pelyang dollar.....	250000	252500	253750	250000	250000
Yuan dollar.....	245000	247500	248750	245000	245000
India, rupee.....	264458	265429	274625	279000	276033
Japan, yen.....	324531	315312	310892	311093	315357
Singapore (S.S.) dollar.....	401250	403750	410000	418750	413750
NORTH AMER.—					
Canada, dollar.....	896360	901448	902794	896102	895000
Cuba, peso.....	1,000468	1,000468	1,000546	1,000562	1,000625
Mexico, peso (silver).....	335400	336133	338866	336000	331450
Newfoundland, dollar.....	893250	899500	900000	893250	892750
SOUTH AMER.—					
Argentina, peso (gold).....	583847	583980	583610	583675	583610
Brazil, milreis.....	061888	062056	061993	061993	061993
Chile, peso.....	120500	120500	120500	120500	120500
Uruguay, peso.....	469833	468166	471666	471666	471666
Colombia, peso.....	952400	952400	952400	952400	952400

The Changing Attitude of Europe Toward Peace and Union.

The death of Aristide Briand makes possible an evaluation of his work for peace and European union such as could not well have been made during his lifetime. Briand was always a unique figure in French politics, and during the past decade particularly he enjoyed a personal popularity outside of France, and wielded a political influence in France, which made a dispassionate and all-round estimate of his efforts rather out of the question. A man who had been a member of twenty-five Cabinets, and had served sixteen times as Foreign Minister, four times as Minister of the Interior, three times as Minister of Justice, and twice as Minister of Education enjoyed, in the very nature of the case, an official as well as personal distinction which in itself constituted a formidable defense against attack. Moreover, in the years in which peace and European union were his great interests, he was almost always in a position to speak for France, and the identification of a great Power with the causes which he advocated gave weight to his words. To these conspicuous advantages he added that of a gift of oratory which rarely failed to charm his hearers, and more than once enabled him to dissipate a gathering opposition and win at least formal support for his contention.

It was the most difficult to challenge the statesman of long experience and the orator of the silver tongue because peace, the interest which bulked largest in his policy, had a moral appeal whose force was not to be gainsaid. The phrase-makers who coined the appellations of "Poincare la guerre" and "Briand la paix" pointed a distinction which the public, both within and without France, was quick to capitalize. The long and notable series of memorial addresses which Poincare, with amazing industry, poured out during the later years of his active life rarely failed to emphasize the guilt of Germany, the sufferings of France, and the imperative need of adhering strictly to the punitive prescriptions of the Versailles treaty. Briand said little publicly about punishment or obli-

gation, but pleaded eloquently and adroitly for reconciliation and co-operation. Foreign critics did not fail to note that even his most fervent pleas, when analyzed, embodied no abatement of French claims, and that for all his internationalism he remained quite as much a Frenchman as Poincare, but the nationalistic foundations of his thought were concealed, if indeed he felt them very deeply, by arguments and enthusiasm whose aim was tolerance, friendly discussion and adjustment, and ultimate peace. It was not to his discredit that he kept always in mind the primary interests of France; he could hardly have held high office for nearly a quarter of a century of rapid changes of Ministry if he had neglected them; but it was not with asperity or legal argument that they were defended.

The outstanding successes of Briand's peace policy were, of course, the Locarno pacts and the Paris anti-war agreement. It is clearer now than it was at the time that the Locarno pacts were in fact a reinforcement of the territorial prescriptions of the Versailles treaty, and that they bound Great Britain, France and Italy in a guaranty of the peace settlement in a way which the Treaty of Versailles itself did not contemplate. But they also insured, to all intents and purposes, the maintenance by Germany of a policy of territorial non-aggression at a time when German resentment over French policy was acute. The anti-war pact, on the other hand, was an attempt to insure peace everywhere and in perpetuity by binding all nations in an agreement to abandon war as an instrument of national policy. The anti-war pact was by no means solely the work of Briand, and the name of former Secretary of State Kellogg is appropriately linked with his in its formulation, but it represented, more than any other agreement to which he set his hand, his idealistic conception of universal peace as something possible of attainment if the nations really desired it.

As long as Briand lived, these contrasted conceptions dominated pretty much all discussion of the peace problem. Now that his personal influence has been removed, there is much reason for thinking that the discussion will take a different turn; the signs of change, indeed, were multiplying in the last two years before his death. The persistent demand of France for security, a demand which Briand never ignored but which he rather systematically kept in the background, has made it clear that until France, and other Powers also, attain something that they are willing to regard as security, disarmament will remain only a pleasing hope, and without disarmament there can certainly be no assurance of peace. The breakdown of the Young Plan under the pressure of a world-wide business crisis, the temporary suspension of reparations payments under the Hoover moratorium, and the announcement of the Bruening Government that further reparations payments are not to be expected because payment is impossible, have shown that in one important respect the expectations of the Peace Conference are doomed to disappointment; and if the Versailles treaty can be breached at one important point, it may be breached at others—for example, in regard to the irrational and impossible Polish Corridor or the union of Austria and Germany. The almost complete disregard of the obligations of the anti-war pact by the signatory Powers as far as preparations for war are concerned, the recognition that if the pact is to be implemented there may be only more war to end war,

and the demonstrated weakness of the League of Nations in the face of either war or disarmament, have made the Briand program of moral appeal seem like a counsel of perfection, ill-adapted to the conditions of a practical world.

It seems probable, therefore, that while organized and subsidized peace propaganda will go on, we shall see appreciably less interest in wholesale change by sweeping gestures, and more effort to ameliorate conditions bit by bit. The theoretical and unctuous will yield to what is practical and matter of fact. There is not the slightest reason to expect that the whole world, or any considerable part of it, will unanimously agree to disarm, or even to adopt any uniform scheme for the reduction and limitation of armaments, but the needs of finance and business and the dictates of common sense may well bring about irregular but substantial reductions which will in fact make war less likely. It will be a long time before the peace treaties as a whole are overhauled, but specific defects or injustices are likely to be remedied from time to time, and the whole reparations structure cut down to practicable proportions. The world has taken the measure of the League of Nations, and no longer looks to it to accomplish in the political field much that is internationally useful, but the nations will continue to confer, grievances will continue to be given publicity, and diplomatic pressure will continue to be brought to bear upon nations that seem disposed to resort to war. In these and similar ways, if not on a grand scale, the cause which Briand eloquently advocated may be advanced.

Much the same thing seems likely to happen to the other large project, that of a United States of Europe, to which Briand labored to give substance and life. In the form in which he proposed it, the plan of a European Union seems to have fallen completely flat, and there is small reason for thinking that any serious effort will be made to set it up again. The idea of regional unions, on the other hand, with either political or economic objects, was in the air long before Briand championed a union of the Continent, and in that form has continued to be agitated widely in various countries. A substantial contribution to the same general object has also been made in the long list of recent commercial treaties which have facilitated commercial interchange by reciprocal lifting of tariff obstacles, extension of credit, improvement of transportation, and similar means. The failure of the proposed Austro-German customs union has not checked the interest in trade unions elsewhere, and while Germany and Austria still rest under the restrictions of the peace treaties, the realization that German trade must be allowed to expand if reparations are not to collapse entirely, and that Austria will die of economic suffocation if something radical is not done for its relief, appears to have wrought a decided change of attitude in western Europe toward economic unions of which those two countries shall form parts.

The most striking recent evidence of the trend toward union has been furnished by the widespread interest which M. Tardieu's proposal of a Danubian union has aroused. As disclosed by M. Tardieu last week to the Chamber of Deputies in connection with the grant of a loan to Czechoslovakia, the plan took the form of a suggestion to the representatives of the Little Entente (Czechoslovakia, Rumania and Jugo-

slavia) and of Austria and Hungary at Geneva that those five countries should agree upon a scheme of preferential tariffs, the hope being expressed that Great Britain and Italy would join in approving the undertaking. The coincidence of the proposal and the loan seemed to suggest that the loan was intended to further the idea of federation, and speculation was busy with surmises as to the relation of the federation to the political alliances which France already has in eastern Europe. The announcement on March 3 that Germany was ready to grant tariff concessions to Austria raised the question also as to whether the proposed federation was not designed as an offset to a new form of Austro-German customs agreement, to which the political objections which were urged against the former customs union would not apply. Whatever the connection with French political policy, however, there seems no good reason to doubt that M. Tardieu was moved by a realization of the dangers of continued economic disorder and distress in the Balkans, and the need of effective economic help for Austria.

The Tardieu proposal has been variously received. The omission of Poland and Germany from the suggested federation was at once noted, and the belief was expressed that unless Germany, which is one of the best customers of the Eastern States, approved the scheme it could hardly work successfully. The Foreign Minister of Czechoslovakia, Dr. Benes, was reported as lukewarm toward the plan, as was also the Italian Government, which has been active in improving its commercial relations with Rumania, Jugoslavia and Hungary as well as with Austria and Russia. The fact that the Balkan States, while eager to find larger markets for their products, could

absorb only small proportions of the products of Germany and Italy was also emphasized. Some impetus was given to the proposal, however, by the report on March 6 that the Financial Commission of the League, which has been sitting at Paris, would shortly report in favor of joint action by the Danubian countries in putting their financial and exchange difficulties in order, and that the co-operation of Greece and Bulgaria would also be favored by the Commission. A memorandum of the Italian Government to France suggested, as a kind of counter-proposition, that Italy, France, Great Britain and Germany should co-operate with the Danubian States in working out an economic plan, but the French suggestion was not actually rejected.

Two ideas, then, may be seen working together at the moment in Europe. That of disarmament is obstructed by the French demand for security, the practical effect of the Sino-Japanese war, and the insistence of the peace propagandists, taking their cue from Briand, that whatever is done shall be general and elaborate. As long as these obstacles remain, there is little to be expected except failure of the Disarmament Conference. If the failure should result in inducing the various countries to undertake some practical reduction or limitation of armaments, either on their own account or in agreement with others, it would not be a matter of regret. The other idea is that of regional economic unions, specifically at the moment in the Balkans, but involving of necessity the co-operation of Germany, France, Great Britain and Italy. There appears to be in this idea the possibility of some practical relief for an economic situation which cannot, without increasing danger, continue indefinitely as it is.

Gross and Net Earnings of United States Railroads for the Month of January.

Our compilation of the earnings of United States railroads this time covers January, the opening month of the new year, and the results may be epitomized by saying that this new year has not opened very auspiciously. On the contrary, the results are discouraging in the extreme, and highly disappointing. Not only do our tabulations show very heavy losses in gross and net earnings alike as compared with the opening month of the preceding year, but these losses come after very heavy losses in the same month of both 1931 and 1930, making a cumulative record of shrinkage that it is safe to say has no parallel in railroad history in this country. Of course in saying this we are simply repeating what we were obliged to say month after month during 1931, and especially in the closing months of that year. But obviously the matter becomes increasingly serious the longer the story continues, and for January 1932 the disappointment is the keener inasmuch as in that month there seemed a genuine basis for hope that some change for the better might ensue.

The basis for the hope of better results was the fact that in that month the roads got the benefit of the increase in freight rates authorized by the Inter-State Commerce Commission. The advances permitted were put definitely into effect on Jan. 4. To be sure, they were very moderate increases, and applied to only a limited list of articles and commodities, but such as they were they were a favoring influence, and it was supposed their presence would

be reflected in some degree at least in improved returns, whereas the opposite is found to have been the case. Lest, however, undue significance be attached to this fact, it should be pointed out that the month of January the present year had one less working day than the same month last year and than other recent Januaries, it having contained five Sundays, whereas in the same month of the years immediately preceding January had only four Sundays, leaving therefore one working day more in these other years. Probably this loss of a day the present year served completely to offset the advantage derived from the higher rates authorized by the Commerce Commission, which increase in rates was very moderate, after all, as already remarked.

However, admitting this, the heavy further losses this year still remain as a serious fact, coming, as they do, on top of the heavy antecedent losses in the two years preceding. In other words, we are comparing with extremely bad exhibits in 1931 and 1930, yet now are compelled to record a further big shrinkage. This is a feature beyond all other features that arrests attention. The magnitude of these previous losses needs to be recalled in order to realize how extremely unfavorable is the record for 1932 with these losses further augmented. For this purpose it is needful only to remind the reader how we characterized the showing for January of last year. We then said that nothing could be gained by attempting to gloss over the character of the showing of earnings for the opening month of the new year (1931).

It was dismal in the extreme. There had been other recent months when the losses in earnings, gross and net, had been larger in amount, but the 1931 shrinkage carried added significance by reason of the fact that comparison was with figures in January of the previous year (1930), which were themselves poor.

We pointed out that our compilations for January 1930 had registered \$36,102,247 decrease in gross, or 7.41% (as compared with January 1929), and \$23,005,176 decrease in net earnings (before the deduction of the taxes), or 19.55%, while for January 1931 it was found that there had been a further shrinkage of \$85,314,308 in gross, or 18.93%, and a further shrinkage in net earnings of \$22,883,171, or 24.13%. Now on top of all this the tables which we present to-day register a still further contraction in the large sum of \$90,545,842, or 24.77% in the gross earnings, and a further contraction in the net earnings of \$26,082,545, or 36.21%. As a result of this cumulative record of losses, gross earnings for January 1932 are down to \$274,976,249 against \$486,201,495 in January 1929, and net earnings for January 1932 stand at only \$45,940,685, whereas three years before, in January 1929, they footed up \$117,730,186. It is necessary to go all the way back to 1916 to find a total of the gross as small as that for January 1932, and back to 1921 to find a total of the net as small as that now recorded for 1932. No wonder railroad securities have suffered such frightful depreciation in the interval!

Month of January—	1932.	1931.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (—)	
Miles of road (168 roads).....	244,243	242,365	+1,878	+0.77
Gross earnings.....	\$274,976,249	\$365,522,091	-\$90,545,842	24.77%
Operating expenses.....	229,035,564	293,498,861	-64,463,297	21.96%
Ratio of exps. to earnings.....	83.30%	80.03%	+3.27%	
Net earnings.....	\$45,940,685	\$72,023,230	-\$26,082,545	36.21%

What we said a year ago as to the causes of the tremendous losses may also again be repeated the present year, on the further augmentation of these losses, only with greater emphasis. In other words, there is no mystery as to the reason for the extremely unfavorable results here disclosed. Business depression of the severest type is the great underlying cause, and it might almost be said the sole underlying cause, though this would ignore the fact that the railroads are constantly suffering from the competition of other means of transport, such as the motor truck and the motor bus, and other similar forms of conveyances, this competition extending, not alone to the passenger traffic, where it has been simply working havoc with the business of the steam roads, but also to an increasing degree to the short-haul freight traffic. As between 1929 and 1932, however, trade prostration and poor business generally, with the necessary consequence of a greatly reduced volume of traffic, has been the potent factor in the general collapse which has overtaken the railroads everywhere from one end of the country to the other. This has been the great overhanging cloud from the influence of which no section of the country, nor any class of roads, could escape.

We may also again say that the statistics in support of this statement are overwhelming and are of the same type and class as those enumerated by us in explaining the poor results for all other recent months. The automobile trade, as has been the case all along, has furnished the strongest evidence of the depression which has been the common affliction of the whole country. In January the present year the number of motor vehicles produced in the United States was only 123,100 against 171,903 in January

1931, 273,218 in January 1930, and 401,037 in January 1929.

The statistics of iron and steel production tell a similar story. The make of iron in this country in January 1932 was only 972,784 tons as against 1,714,266 tons in January 1931; 2,827,464 tons in January 1930, and 3,442,370 tons in January 1929. The production in 1932, it will be observed, was less than 30% of that in January 1929. Steel production in the United States in January 1932 was no more than 1,461,290 tons against 2,458,689 tons in January 1931; 3,796,090 tons in January 1930, and 4,490,354 tons in 1929, the 1930 figures in this instance being also only a little more than 30% of those three years ago.

The statistics of coal mining furnish further evidence to the same effect. Only 27,892,000 tons of bituminous coal were mined in January 1932 against 38,542,000 tons in January 1931; 49,778,000 tons in January 1930, and 52,140,000 tons in January 1929, a falling off for the three years combined of over 24,000,000 tons. Anthracite production did not escape in the general contraction, and the figures show that the output of Pennsylvania anthracite in January 1932 was only 3,897,000 tons compared with 6,157,000 tons in January 1931; 7,038,000 tons in January 1930, and 7,337,000 tons in January 1929.

Of course greatly lessened work marked the course of the building trades. According to the compilations of the F. W. Dodge Corp., the contracts awarded in the 37 States east of the Rocky Mountains for new buildings represented a money value of only \$84,798,400 in January 1932 against \$227,956,400 in January 1931; \$323,975,200 in January 1930, and \$409,967,900 in January 1929. S. W. Straus & Co., in their "National Monthly Building Survey," show a similar shrinkage in the projected new building work. In 563 comparable cities, the new building permits in January 1932 involved outlays of only \$48,516,351 as against \$108,745,694 in January 1931, \$129,088,299 in January 1930, and \$239,074,441 in January 1929. The cut of lumber shrank in proportion to the falling off in the projected new building work. For the four weeks ending Jan. 30 1932 the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association reports the cut of lumber for 598 identical mills at 371,058,000 feet in 1932 against 652,932,000 feet in 1931 and approximately 915,000,000 feet in 1930. As it happens, too, Western roads suffered a further heavy contraction in their receipts of grain, notwithstanding that comparison was with very small figures in the previous year. We give the details of the Western grain movement further along in this article, and will only say here that for the five weeks ending Jan. 30 in 1932 the receipts of wheat, corn, oats, barley and rye at the Western primary markets were only 36,638,000 bushels against 63,377,000 bushels in the same period of 1931; 67,203,000 bushels in the corresponding weeks of 1930, and 85,677,000 bushels in the same weeks of 1929. The further shrinkage in 1932 was largely due to the falling off in the receipts of wheat, and this in turn seems to have reflected mainly the shortage in last season's spring wheat crop in the Northwest on account of the severe drouth then suffered. This is indicated by the huge declines in the receipts at the spring wheat markets, Chicago showing receipts of only 477,000 bushels of wheat in the five weeks of 1932 against 3,900,000 bushels in 1931; Minneapolis 3,327,000 bushels against 7,223,000 bushels, and

Duluth 307,000 bushels against 5,995,000 bushels.

Coming now to the loading of revenue freight, on the railroads of the United States, which furnishes a composite of the freight traffic of all kinds, we find that only 2,269,875 cars were loaded with revenue freight on the railroads of the United States in the four weeks ending Jan. 30 as against 2,873,211 cars in the corresponding four weeks of 1931 and 3,470,797 cars in the same four weeks of 1930.

In all of the foregoing we have been dealing with the railroads of the United States as a whole. So far as the separate roads and systems are concerned, their experience, of course, has been a duplicate of that of the roads taken collectively. In brief, the separate roads, too, have a cumulative record of losses covering the whole of the last three years. A few conspicuous instances will suffice to indicate the general trend. For magnitude of loss, the Pennsylvania RR. and the New York Central stand at the head of the list, as usually happens. The New York Central RR. (including the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie and the Indiana Harbor Belt) reports \$7,775,855 decrease in gross and \$1,001,234 in net, and this follows \$10,080,438 diminution in gross and \$3,439,511 in net in January 1931 and \$3,969,367 in gross and \$1,579,874 in net in January 1930.

PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN GROSS EARNINGS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1932.

Table with 3 columns: Railroad Name, Gross Earnings, Net Earnings. Lists various railroads like Pennsylvania, New York Central, etc., with their respective earnings for January 1932.

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 \$7,775,855.

PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN NET EARNINGS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1932.

Table with 3 columns: Railroad Name, Increase, Decrease. Lists railroads like Duluth Missabe & Nor., Yazoo & Miss Valley, etc., showing net earnings changes.

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 \$1,001,234.

When the roads are arranged in groups or geographical divisions, according to their location, it follows as a matter of course from what has been said above that the results the present year are a repetition of the experience last year, when all the different districts, Eastern, Southern and Western, and all the different regions comprised in these districts, recorded a falling off in gross earnings and in net earnings. This was again the case the present year, with not a single exception to the rule.

SUMMARY BY GROUPS.

Summary table by groups: Eastern District, Southern District, Western District. Shows gross earnings, net earnings, and percentage changes for various regions.

PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN NET EARNINGS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1932.

Table with 3 columns: Railroad Name, Increase, Decrease. Lists railroads like Pennsylvania, New York Central, etc., showing net earnings changes.

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. 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. 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. 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.

Southeastern 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 already pointed out, the grain traffic over Western roads in January the present year fell far below even the small movement in January 1931. Without exception, all the different cereals, in greater or less degree, shared in the further falling off. The receipts of wheat at the Western primary markets for the five weeks ending Jan. 30 1932 were only 18,573,000 bushels as against 32,260,000 bushels in the corresponding five weeks of 1931, the decrease occurring mainly at the spring wheat markets; the receipts of corn only 11,080,000 bushels as against 20,941,000 bushels; of oats only 4,689,000 against 6,536,000; of barley 1,872,000 against 2,702,000 bushels, and of rye 424,000 as compared with 938,000 bushels. The receipts for the five cereals combined for the five weeks of January the present year aggregated only 36,638,000 bushels as compared with 63,377,000 bushels in the corresponding five weeks of January 1931 and 67,203,000 bushels in the same five weeks of 1930. In the following table we give the details of the Western grain movement in our usual form:

WESTERN FLOUR AND GRAIN RECEIPTS.						
5 Wks. Ended Jan. 30—	Flour. (Barrels)	Wheat. (Bushels)	Corn. (Bushels)	Oats. (Bushels)	Barley. (Bushels)	Rye. (Bushels)
<i>Chicago—</i>						
1932-----	734,000	477,000	4,159,000	1,354,000	344,000	50,000
1931-----	910,000	3,900,000	4,207,000	840,000	253,000	45,000
<i>Minneapolis—</i>						
1932-----		3,327,000	576,000	387,000	595,000	243,000
1931-----		7,223,000	1,423,000	1,195,000	1,197,000	247,000
<i>Duluth—</i>						
1932-----		307,000	4,000	12,000	2,000	67,000
1931-----		5,995,000	610,000	415,000	74,000	72,000
<i>Milwaukee—</i>						
1932-----	36,000	64,000	499,000	104,000	407,000	16,000
1931-----	60,000	154,000	777,000	176,000	652,000	8,000
<i>Toledo—</i>						
1932-----		1,167,000	463,000	507,000	11,000	6,000
1931-----		444,000	87,000	770,000	6,000	-----
<i>Detroit—</i>						
1932-----		140,000	29,000	98,000	58,000	35,000
1931-----		129,000	29,000	48,000	92,000	4,000
<i>Indianapolis and Omaha—</i>						
1932-----		2,108,000	1,685,000	870,000	8,000	6,000
1931-----		2,914,000	5,065,000	674,000	-----	-----
<i>St. Louis—</i>						
1932-----	651,000	2,385,000	1,158,000	673,000	226,000	-----
1931-----	647,000	2,170,000	2,090,000	1,546,000	187,000	5,000
<i>Peoria—</i>						
1932-----	234,000	41,000	1,251,000	209,000	206,000	-----
1931-----	336,000	95,000	826,000	258,000	224,000	555,000
<i>Kansas City—</i>						
1932-----	40,000	6,440,000	625,000	170,000	-----	-----
1931-----	-----	7,552,000	3,295,000	254,000	-----	-----
<i>St. Joseph—</i>						
1932-----	-----	132,000	223,000	242,000	-----	2,000
1931-----	-----	192,000	1,851,000	148,000	5,000	-----
<i>Wichita—</i>						
1932-----	-----	1,732,000	18,000	6,000	2,000	-----
1931-----	-----	1,424,000	498,000	26,000	6,000	-----
<i>Stour City—</i>						
1932-----	-----	253,000	390,000	57,000	13,000	1,000
1931-----	-----	38,000	183,000	186,000	6,000	-----
<i>Total all—</i>						
1932-----	1,695,000	18,573,000	11,080,000	4,689,000	1,872,000	424,000
1931-----	1,953,000	32,260,000	20,941,000	6,536,000	2,702,000	938,000

The livestock movement over Western roads also appears to have been much smaller than in January last year. The receipts at Chicago embraced only 17,362 carloads as compared with 19,968 carloads in January 1931; at Omaha but 5,825 carloads as against 6,579 carloads, and at Kansas City only 5,478 carloads against 6,605 cars.

The cotton traffic in the South was, of course, much larger than in January 1931, last season's crop of the staple having run much in excess of that of the previous season, though it has been coming to market rather slowly owing to the low prices prevailing. Gross shipments overland, however, were the smallest in many years, having been only 58,185 bales as against 111,104 bales in January 1931; 74,315 bales in 1930; 167,997 bales in 1929; 93,929 bales in 1928, and 154,186 bales in 1927. The receipts of cotton at the Southern outports aggregated 1,200,877 bales in January the present year as against only 458,398 bales in 1931; 476,836 bales in 1930; 735,209 bales in 1929; 535,905 bales in 1928, and 1,033,906 bales in January 1927, as will be seen from the following:

RECEIPTS OF COTTON AT SOUTHERN PORTS FOR MONTH OF JANUARY FROM 1927 TO 1932 INCLUSIVE.

Ports.	Month of January.					
	1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.
Galveston-----bales	353,448	87,701	111,410	251,115	169,568	290,205
Houston, &c-----	361,669	161,747	137,400	248,438	140,215	337,902
Corpus Christi-----	11,297	4,811	5,251	3,530	8,557	-----
Beaumont-----	3,157	2,083	-----	-----	-----	-----
New Orleans-----	351,445	97,706	127,313	162,554	144,493	241,145
Mobile-----	67,834	42,538	42,575	23,393	14,437	21,910
Pensacola-----	6,112	1,421	129	8	3	680
Savannah-----	19,641	32,865	20,506	20,958	27,806	76,535
Brunswick-----	1,609	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Charleston-----	5,050	13,693	3,384	9,463	11,538	25,519
Lake Charles-----	8,494	3,372	1,557	-----	556	-----
Wilmington-----	5,880	3,760	6,056	5,283	6,659	9,011
Norfolk-----	2,783	6,657	16,255	10,467	12,073	30,949
Jacksonville-----	2,428	44	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total-----	1,200,877	458,398	476,836	735,209	535,905	1,033,906

RESULTS FOR EARLIER YEARS.

It has already been noted that speaking of the roads collectively (though the remark applies also to most of the separate roads and systems) the heavy losses of January 1932 come after severe losses in January 1931 and January 1930, business depression having been the main underlying cause in the whole three years. The falling off for January 1932 is \$90,545,842 in gross and \$26,082,545 in net; that for January 1931 was \$85,314,308 in gross and \$22,883,171 in net, and for January 1930 \$36,102,247 loss in gross and \$23,005,176 in net. In 1929, however, our compilation showed an increase of \$28,853,685 in gross and of \$23,578,213 in net, yet this was subject to the qualification that it followed decidedly poor results in January 1928, our compilation then (January 1928) showing \$30,161,749 loss in gross and \$5,558,796 loss in net. It happens, too, that in January 1927 comparison was with decidedly indifferent results. The increase in the gross then was no more than \$6,119,441, or only 1.27%, while in the net there was actually a loss of \$2,853,250, or 2.79%. As a matter of fact, results were indifferent, too, in the previous year (January 1926), due to the strike then prevalent at the anthracite mines, and the losses suffered by Southwestern roads at that time because of the previous season's poor winter wheat yield. In the gross our figures in January 1926 showed a trifling decrease, namely, \$3,960,038, or not quite 1%; in the net there was an increase, but equally diminutive, namely, \$946,994, or also less than 1%. The exhibit for January 1925 was likewise hardly up to the mark, while in January 1924 there were actual losses in both gross and net.

As explained by us at the time, the showing made by our compilations in January 1925 was satisfactory chiefly because of the renewed testimony it afforded of the increased efficiency and economy with which the roads were being operated. The gross earnings recorded moderate improvement, namely, \$15,866,417, or 3.30%, but the improvement in the net then reached \$17,341,704, or 20.73%, expenses having been slightly reduced. The gain in gross in January 1925 did not suffice to wipe out the loss in gross earnings sustained in January 1924. On the other hand, the loss in net in January 1924 was no more than \$9,412,390. The mild weather in 1924, as compared with the exceptionally severe weather the previous year, enabled the managers greatly to reduce expenses at that time, thereby offsetting the greater part of the loss in gross receipts then sustained, while in 1925, as just shown, still greater efficiency of operation permitted a further saving in expenses. Moreover, it is to be said, with reference to the 1924 losses in both gross and net, that these were in comparison with extraordinarily favorable results in January 1923. In reviewing the January statement of the last mentioned year we referred to it as the most encouraging monthly exhibit it had been our privilege to present in a long time. Revival of trade, we noted, had added substantially to the traffic of the roads, thereby swelling the gross revenues, while at the same time operating expenses, though showing continued augmentation, had not increased to such an extent as to absorb the whole of the gain in gross. As compared with the same month of 1922, there was then an improvement of no less than \$105,816,364 in the gross and of \$35,012,892 in the net. On the other hand, however, the very large gain in gross in 1923 was merely a recovery of what had been lost in the gross in the two preceding years, namely, 1922 and 1921, though in the net the 1923 improvement was additional to an improvement in 1922, the two successive gains in net reflecting the transformation effected as regards expenses with the relinquishment of Government control of the properties.

The reason for the loss in gross in January 1922 was, of course, that at that time the country was still suffering

intense depression in business, and the falling off in January 1921, which amounted to \$33,226,587, was due to much the same circumstance. In January 1921 the United States was in the earlier stages of that intense prostration of trade from which the country was still suffering at the beginning of 1922, and as a consequence there was a substantial reduction in the gross receipts in that month, notwithstanding the much higher rate schedules, both passenger and freight, put in force the previous August (1920). The shrinkage in the gross in January 1921 was \$33,226,587, and it was followed by a further shrinkage of \$75,303,279 in January 1922, and it should be noted that the January 1923 gain of \$105,816,364, though large, did not entirely wipe out the antecedent loss. In the net, however, as already stated, the 1923 improvement followed a substantial improvement in the net in 1922 also. We have already pointed out that the gross in 1922 fell off no less than \$75,303,279. That reduction in gross revenues was accompanied by a cut in the expenses in the prodigious amount of \$104,392,928, yielding, hence, a gain in the net of \$29,089,649. Contrariwise, in 1921 the showing was a poor one, both in the gross and in the net, and particularly in the latter. And it is the poor results of that year and of the years preceding that made possible the better net the carriers established in succeeding years. The simple truth of the matter is that owing to the prodigious expansion in the expenses, the net had got down to the vanishing point. In brief, our statement for January 1921 showed \$33,226,587 loss in gross, notwithstanding the much higher rates, and this was attended by an augmentation of \$27,124,775 in expenses, the two combined causing a loss in net in the huge sum of \$60,351,362.

It is true, on the other hand, that there had been substantial gains in January of the two years immediately preceding, namely, in January 1920 and January 1919. In January 1920 our compilations showed an increase over January 1919 of \$101,778,760 in the gross, and of \$49,809,654 in the net, though a special circumstance accounted for the magnitude of the gains. In other words, in the January 1920 total there was included an estimate covering back mail pay for the years 1918 and 1919, accruing to the Railroad Administration as a result of a decision of the Inter-State Commerce Commission on Dec. 23 1919. The addition in that way was roughly \$53,000,000, and both gross and net were enlarged to the extent of this \$53,000,000. With that item eliminated there would have been at that time instead of the \$101,000,000 increase in gross an increase of only \$48,000,000, and the net earnings would have recorded an actual loss of about \$3,000,000. Below we furnish a summary of the January comparisons for each year back to 1906. For 1911, for 1910 and for 1909 we use the totals of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, which then were more comprehensive than our own, but for the preceding years we give the results just as registered by our own tables each year—a portion of the railroad mileage of the country being always unrepresented in the totals in these earlier years, owing to the refusal at that time of some of the roads to give out monthly figures for publication.

Jan.	Gross Earnings.			Net Earnings.		
	Year Given.	Year Preceding	Increase or Decrease.	Year Given.	Year Preceding.	Increase or Decrease.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1906	128,566,968	106,741,980	+21,824,988	38,673,269	26,996,772	+11,676,497
1907	133,840,696	123,664,663	+10,176,033	36,287,044	37,096,918	-809,874
1908	135,127,093	155,152,717	-20,025,624	29,659,241	41,155,587	-11,496,346
1909	182,970,018	173,352,799	+9,617,219	50,295,374	41,036,612	+9,258,762
1910	211,041,034	183,264,063	+27,776,971	57,409,657	50,491,080	+6,918,577
1911	215,056,017	210,808,247	+4,247,770	53,890,659	57,373,968	-3,483,309
1912	210,704,771	213,145,078	-2,440,307	45,940,705	52,960,420	-7,019,714
1913	246,663,737	208,535,060	+38,128,677	64,277,164	45,495,387	+18,781,777
1914	233,073,834	249,958,641	-16,884,807	52,749,869	65,201,441	-12,451,572
1915	220,282,196	236,880,747	-16,598,551	51,582,992	52,473,974	-890,982
1916	267,043,635	220,203,595	+46,840,040	78,899,810	51,552,397	+27,347,413
1917	307,961,074	267,115,289	+40,845,785	87,748,904	79,069,573	+8,679,331
1918	282,394,665	294,002,791	-11,608,126	17,038,704	83,475,278	-66,436,574
1919	395,552,020	284,131,201	+111,420,819	36,222,169	13,831,674	+22,390,495
1920	484,706,125	392,927,365	+91,778,760	85,908,709	36,095,055	+49,809,654
1921	469,784,502	603,011,129	-33,226,587	28,451,745	85,803,107	-57,351,362
1922	393,892,529	469,195,808	-75,303,279	57,421,605	28,331,956	+29,089,649
1923	550,816,521	395,000,157	+155,816,364	93,279,686	58,266,794	+35,012,892
1924	467,887,013	501,497,837	-33,610,824	83,953,867	93,366,257	-9,412,390
1925	483,195,642	467,329,225	+15,866,417	101,022,458	83,680,754	+17,341,704
1926	480,062,657	484,022,695	-3,960,038	102,270,877	101,323,883	+946,994
1927	485,961,345	479,841,904	+6,119,441	99,428,246	102,281,496	-2,853,250
1928	456,560,897	486,722,046	-30,161,149	93,990,640	99,549,436	-5,558,796
1929	486,201,495	457,347,810	+28,853,685	117,730,186	94,151,973	+23,578,213
1930	450,526,039	486,628,286	-36,102,247	94,759,394	117,764,570	-23,005,176
1931	365,416,905	450,731,213	-85,314,308	71,952,904	94,836,075	-22,883,171
1932	274,976,249	365,522,001	-90,545,842	45,940,685	72,023,230	-26,082,545

Note.—In 1908 the returns were based on 157,629 miles of road; in 1909, 231,709; in 1910, 239,808; in 1911, 242,479; in 1912, 237,888; in 1913, 235,607; in 1914, 243,732; in 1915, 246,959; in 1916, 247,620; in 1917, 248,477; in 1918, 204,046; in 1919, 232,655; in 1920, 232,511; in 1921, 232,492; in 1922, 235,395; in 1923, 235,678; in 1924, 238,698; in 1925, 236,149; in 1926, 236,944; in 1927, 237,846; in 1928, 239,476; in 1929, 240,833; in 1930, 242,350; in 1931, 242,657; in 1932, 244,243.

January being a winter month, the part played by weather conditions must always be taken into consideration. It has happened that in the more recent years the weather has

imposed no great hardships on the operation of the roads or interfered seriously with the running of trains. It has already been noted that this was the case the present year, as it had been the case in 1931 and it was also true of 1930, for while west of Chicago in the latter year some extremely cold weather was experienced, yet there seems to have been no serious interruptions from extensive or prolonged snow blockades. In 1929, however, though the roads between the Atlantic seaboard and Chicago were comparatively free from weather disturbances, in the Western half of the country some decided drawbacks appear to have been encountered by reason of the severity of the weather—low temperatures and extensive snow drifts. The latter half of the month at that time (1929) newspaper dispatches from numerous points in Wisconsin, Iowa, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, all the way west to the State of Washington, spoke of snow drifts of one kind or another, making the winter one of unusual severity.

On the other hand, neither in January 1928, nor in that month of 1927 or 1926, did weather conditions impose much of an obstacle to railroad operations over any large sections of the country. Bad weather was somewhat of a drawback in January 1925 on certain lines here in the East, though not to any great extent for the country as a whole. There were repeated snow storms in these parts in the month in 1925, and in New York City the fall of snow was the heaviest of any January in the history of the local weather bureau, reaching 26.2 inches. A storm which came toward the end of the month—that is, Thursday, Jan. 29, and extending into Friday, Jan. 30—proved particularly mischievous in New York State. The New York Central R.R. reported it as the worst in its history, especially between Albany and Rochester, causing considerable delay in the running of trains. The Twentieth Century train from Chicago was almost 16 hours late in reaching the Grand Central Terminal in New York City. It was due at 9:40 a. m., but did not arrive until 1:18 and 1:33 the following morning (Saturday), coming in two sections. The area of disturbance, however, in this way was very much circumscribed, being confined largely to New York and New England, while elsewhere in the northern part of the country the winter was comparatively mild, and little complaint was heard of obstruction because of snow and ice or because of extreme cold. In 1924 mild weather conditions prevailed nearly everywhere in January in the United States, though in 1923, on the other hand, the winter during January, and also a great part of February, was of exceptional severity, heavy snowfalls having then made it difficult and unusually expensive to operate the railroads all through New England and the northern part of New York, as also to some extent in other parts of the country.

Reconstruction Finance Corporation Has Extended About \$46,976,000 to the Railroads.

The latest tabulation of loans reported by the Inter-State Commerce Commission shows that 33 railroads have asked for advances aggregating \$229,750,691. Of these, the Commission has acted on 14 applications involving \$168,084,909, and approved advances of \$53,647,175. The remaining applications which are still under consideration, involving requests for \$61,665,782, follow below:

TOTAL AMOUNT OF LOAN APPLIED FOR.	
Road—	
St. Louis-Southwestern Ry	\$31,727,750
Aberdeen & Rockfish	127,000
New York Central R.R.	7,000,000
Georgia & Florida	1,000,000
Fort Smith & Western Ry.	250,000
Pittsburgh & West Virginia	7,541,632
Bamberger Electric R.R.	100,000
Meridian & Bigbee River Ry.	500,000
Denver & Rio Grande	1,250,000
Ponda Johnstown & Gloverville R.R.	4,000,000
Chicago Indianapolis & Louisville Ry.	315,000
Missouri & North Arkansas Ry.	2,500,000
Chicago North Shore & Milwaukee R.R.	1,250,000
Cairo Truman & Southern R.R.	2,300,000
Apalachicola Northern R.R.	75,000
Mississippi Export R.R.	200,000
Akron Canton & Youngstown	100,000
Kentucky & Indiana Terminal	600,000
Texas South Eastern R.R.	300,000
	30,000
Total	\$61,665,782

Additional carriers that have requested loans since the discussion of this subject in our March 7 issue are:

The Apalachicola Northern R.R. filed an application with the Inter-State Commerce Commission on March 2 1932 for a loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in the amount of \$200,000 to extend for a period of three years. The carrier stated that the purpose of the loan comprised \$70,298.90 for over-due loans from banks by a Bondholders'

Protective Committee and other advances which the road has been called upon to pay and for which no funds are available; \$44,271.91 traffic balances, audited accounts and wages overdue; \$23,819.62 taxes overdue or accrued, and \$61,609.48 working funds to carry through depreciation. The security offered was any necessary portion of the entire issue of \$2,000,000 first mortgage 5% bonds.

The Akron Canton & Youngstown requested an advance for \$600,000 to extend for a period of three years. It stated that the money was needed to meet interest charges due on \$750,000 general and refunding mortgage 6% bonds due April 1 and Oct. 1 1932, totaling \$45,000; interest charges on \$2,800,000 general and refunding mortgage 5½% bonds due April 1 and Oct. 1 1932, aggregating \$154,000; interest charges on \$2,500,000 first mortgage 5% bonds due April 1 and Oct. 1 1932, amounting to \$125,000; note, Guardian Trust Co. certificates, due April 1 and May 1 1932, totaling \$225,000; maturing trust certificates, totaling \$14,000, due June 1 1932; and vouchers for materials and supplies past due in the amount of \$37,000. The company offered as pledge for security \$750,000 general refunding 6% gold bonds, Series "A" of the Northern Ohio.

The Mississippi Export RR. asked for a loan of \$100,000 to be extended by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for a period of three years. It certified that the money was needed to pay a note amounting to \$750,000, and to liquidate other obligations. The carrier offered security in the form of one hundred \$1,000 first mortgage 6% bonds.

The Texas South-Eastern RR. filed an application with the Inter-State Commerce Commission on March 5 1932 requesting approval of a loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in the amount of \$30,000. The road indicated that the money would be used to pay loans now being carried by the Lufkin National Bank of Lufkin, Tex., totaling \$17,500; loans from the First National Bank & Trust Co. of Lufkin, Tex., amounting to \$5,000; money due Lufkin, Hemphill & Gulf Co. of Hemphill, \$4,500, and a loan payable to D. L. Landrum of Diboll, Tex., in the sum of \$3,000. The security pledged by the company was the first lien on its corporate property.

The application of the Kentucky & Indiana Terminal RR., filed March 7 1932, requested a loan of \$800,000 from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for a period of three years. The carrier said it proposed to use the money for repayment of advances by proprietary lines totaling \$442,358; for the payment of short-term notes aggregating \$215,000, and for the payment of audited vouchers for materials and supplies in the amount of \$142,642. The security offered was its first mortgage 4½% gold bonds, due 1961, in such sum as might be required.

Of the 14 loans already approved by the Inter-State Commerce Commission, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation has extended advances in the following amounts:

LOANS EXTENDED BY RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORP.	
Road	
Alabama Tennessee & Northern	\$275,000
Central of Georgia	1,418,700
Chicago & Eastern Illinois	3,629,500
Erie RR.	4,458,000
Chicago & North Western	1,910,500
Minneapolis St. Paul & S. S. Marie	1,318,082
Missouri Pacific (asked for two loans)	4,300,000
Mobile & Ohio	785,000
New York Chicago & St. Louis	9,300,000
St. Louis-San Francisco	2,805,175
Southern Ry.	7,500,000
Wabash Ry.	7,173,800
Western Pacific RR.	2,102,000
Total	\$46,975,757

The loans tabulated above were advanced at an interest rate of 6%. They were granted without prejudice to the consideration of additional loans already applied for or which might be subsequently requested.

Valuation of Railway Properties Comprising Four-Party Plan Placed at \$9,267,000,000.

At the consolidation hearings now being conducted before the Inter-State Commerce Commission for the four-party plan in the Eastern Trunk Line Territory, the commission introduced a statistical exhibit setting the total mileage at 59,264, and placed the primary valuation of the properties as of Dec. 30 1930 at \$9,266,547,766.

The four proposed systems include the New York Central, the Pennsylvania, the Baltimore & Ohio and the Chesapeake & Ohio.

Excluding certain roads that are jointly assigned to two or more systems, the mileage of the New York Central System was reported as 13,434 miles, with a total primary valuation of \$2,502,719,622; the Pennsylvania System,

17,107 miles, valued at \$3,143,084,636; the Baltimore & Ohio, 11,979 miles, valued at \$1,639,049,254, and the Chesapeake & Ohio, 13,681 miles valued at \$1,581,791,290.

The figures represent the commission's primary valuations as of the basic valuation dates ranging between June 30 1915 and 1919, brought down to Dec. 31 1930. To the primary value is added net additions, betterments, and retirements with deductions for accrued depreciation.

The primary valuations of the roads assigned to the New York Central System follow:

NEW YORK CENTRAL SYSTEM.		
Road.	Miles of Road Operated Dec. 31 1930.	I. C. C. Primary Value Brought Down to Dec. 31 1930.
New York Central RR.	11,422	\$1,971,677,863
Fulton Chain RR.	2	58,095
Raquette Lake	24	368,129
Chicago River & Indiana RR.	21	35,159,724
Louisville & Jefferson Bridge RR.	3	4,927,553
Muncie Belt Ry.	3	45,303
Federal Valley Rys.	16	363,953
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie RR.	232	123,751,351
Lake Erie & Eastern RR.	15	8,302,237
Delaware Lackawanna & Western RR.	998	306,797,693
Harlem Transfer Co.	---	1,171,372
New York Ontario & Western Ry.	569	43,945,298
Ulster & Delaware RR.	129	6,150,651
Total	13,434	\$2,502,719,622

The primary valuations of the roads comprising the Pennsylvania System are:

PENNSYLVANIA SYSTEM.		
Road.	Miles of Road Operated Dec. 31 1930.	I. C. C. Primary Value Brought Down to Dec. 31 1930.
Pennsylvania RR.	10,892	\$2,370,756,836
Long Island RR.	404	139,741,802
Baltimore & Eastern RR.	138	883,753
Pennsylvania & Atlantic RR.	60	1,893,849
Philadelphia & Beach Haven RR.	12	263,603
Rosslyn Connection RR.	3	407,965
Waynesburg & Washington RR.	28	737,829
Western Allegheny RR.	48	2,139,169
Philadelphia & Camden Ferry Co.	---	2,605,644
Toledo Peoria & Western RR.	239	7,568,669
Norfolk & Western Ry.	2,237	388,745,086
Wabash Ry.	2,524	191,324,649
New Jersey Indiana & Illinois RR.	11	1,764,591
Detroit & Western Ry.	1	44,683
Detroit Toledo & Ironton RR.	510	34,206,105
Total	17,107	\$3,143,084,636

The primary valuations of the roads assigned to the Baltimore & Ohio System are:

BALTIMORE & OHIO SYSTEM.		
Road.	Miles of Road Operated Dec. 31 1930.	I. C. C. Primary Value Brought Down to Dec. 31 1930.
Baltimore & Ohio RR.	5,653	\$778,187,007
Baltimore & Ohio Chicago Terminal	85	32,075,549
Dayton & Union RR.	47	780,154
Staten Island Rapid Transit Ry.	24	16,671,310
Reading Co.	1,454	297,806,300
Atlantic City RR.	164	14,711,557
Peoples Ry.	4	---
Central RR. of New Jersey	692	173,372,899
Lehigh & Hudson River Ry.	97	5,095,485
Western Maryland Ry.	896	96,208,387
Ann Arbor RR.	294	17,210,235
Manistique & Lake Superior RR.	38	674,404
Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh Ry.	602	64,421,479
Buffalo & Susquehanna RR.	254	8,789,227
Chicago & Alton RR.	1,028	88,988,417
Chicago Indianapolis & Louisville Ry.	647	41,088,535
Total	11,979	\$1,639,049,245

a Does not file reports.

The primary valuations of the roads assigned to the Chesapeake & Ohio-Nickel Plate System are:

CHESAPEAKE & OHIO-NICKEL PLATE SYSTEM.		
Road.	Miles of Road Operated Dec. 31 1930.	I. C. C. Primary Value Brought Down to Dec. 31 1930.
Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.	3,120	\$430,291,896
Covington & Cin. Elevated RR. Transfer & Bridge Co.	---	8,598,287
Pere Marquette Ry.	2,306	124,750,736
Flint Belt RR.	8	1,306,858
New York Chicago & St. Louis RR.	1,698	158,267,322
Erie RR.	2,174	322,735,262
Chicago & Erie RR.	270	29,378,081
New York Susquehanna & Western RR.	132	14,285,016
Wilkes-Barre & Eastern RR.	87	3,572,438
New Jersey & New York RR.	46	1,701,079
Bath & Hammondsport RR.	9	119,516
Lenah Valley RR.	1,362	250,978,439
Bessemer & Lake Erie RR.	228	51,466,852
Chicago & Eastern Illinois	946	61,176,140
Chicago Heights Terminal Transportation Co.	7	1,168,738
Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry.	512	50,557,023
Loran & West Virginia Ry.	25	935,740
Pittsburgh & West Virginia Ry.	62	45,468,744
Pittsburgh & Shawmut RR.	103	10,249,864
Pittsburgh Shawmut & Northern RR.	198	6,102,917
Detroit & Mackinac Ry.	242	7,059,303
Manistee & Northeastern Ry.	116	1,610,039
Total	13,681	\$1,581,791,290

In addition roads to be jointly owned and operated by the four systems were valued at \$257,986,049. Those to be owned and operated by the New York Central and the Pennsylvania were valued at \$11,933,967; by the New York Central and the Chicago & North Western, \$15,019,905; by the Pennsylvania and the Chesapeake & Ohio, \$108,643,942; and by the Baltimore & Ohio and the Chesapeake & Ohio, \$6,319,110.

Canadian Stock Exchange Prices

MONTREAL—TORONTO

The Toronto Stock Exchange During 1931.

By G. G. Mitchell, President of the Toronto Stock Exchange.

In common with other Exchanges throughout the world, the Toronto Stock Exchange sets apart the year 1931 as a financial landmark long to be remembered for the number of exceptionally difficult problems confronted. The situations had their roots largely outside the control of the Exchanges concerned, but rather in the international stagnancy of world commerce.

Probably never before did world problems play such a directly important part in our domestic affairs. Ejected into our local picture, among other things, were the major problems affecting industrial life in the United States, in which the contiguity of both countries forced us to participate, lower commodity prices and last, painted in bold strokes, the temporary renunciation of the gold standard by Great Britain and the consequent discount on Canadian currency in New York.

The Year in Retrospect.

The year opened on the Exchange inauspiciously enough, the big swings of 1929 and 1930 were missing and the market preserved an even keel in anticipation of the long awaited business revival. Prices worked higher, but volume was lacking and as the spring wore on without the hopes of the financial community being realized the market became weary and trading fell off further.

June came, bringing with it one of the most critical days since October of 1929. On the second of the month the market went down to what was up till then the lowest point in two years on a steady stream of liquidation that was all the more ominous because no specific reason could be assigned at that time. The market had not long to wait for the cause.

In July the first definite signs appeared of the overwhelming part international problems were to play on Canadian security markets through the succeeding months. Anxiety over Germany's ability to continue reparation payments and the withdrawal of short-term credits in that country resulted in the closing of two of their largest banks. The Berlin Boerse suspended trading and the repercussions were felt on all Stock Exchanges throughout the world. New York and London broke through their June lows while on our board trading in the interlisted issues fell to a minimum. The situation was fast approaching an impasse when President Hoover's proposal for a moratorium on war debts changed the whole tenor of the markets and left the debt question temporarily a secondary consideration market-wise. For a short period Canadian markets were left to their own devices and, as is general during August when there is a paucity of domestic news, the market lapsed again into comparative obscurity. By this time previous events had drained public interest and consequently August passed into history as one of the smallest months as regards volume in a number of years.

In the latter part of September international affairs again thrust themselves on the local perspective. Out of Great Britain's gallant but futile attempt to maintain the gold standard was born some of the most difficult situations besetting Canada's industrial path of the present time.

The abandonment of the gold standard by Great Britain forced the adoption by all Canadian Stock Exchanges of an emergency measure in the shape of minimum prices. This invocation had its precedent during the world war and, as then, lasted some few months before the majority of the list on the Toronto Stock Exchange reverted back to free trading. The policy was adopted in the best interests of the public at large and proved efficacious in protecting the investors against the condition of extreme dislocation following on one of the most momentous events in modern financial history. The minimum rule had a two-fold effect on trading. It reduced the volume immediately to even less proportions than those which had prevailed in the slackest days of mid-summer and it stabilized prices in sharp contrast to the severe declines shown by the interlisted stocks, which under the influence of New York were inapplicable to the minimum rule after the first day.

A few short days afterwards, a further proposal from the United States to create a huge financial corporation to lessen credit shot prices upwards. Without a shred of tangible improvement in basic trade, stocks on Canadian Exchanges swung upwards, influenced by Wall Street. Pressure was removed from securities and on the Toronto Stock Exchange interlisted and agricultural implement issues regained immediately previous losses. Under this stimulus the pegged stocks generally advanced higher than the minimums and as they did so were promptly admitted to the free list, thereby escaping the results of unreasoning liquidation and drastic declines.

The early November advance brought out a most encouraging feature. For the first time the local issues shook off the domination of outside markets and responded to purely local developments. Realization that Canada was not as adversely affected by the depression as most other countries held sway and the list acted with creditable independence. Volume increased and the list had a broadening out of activity.

The normal technical reaction brought in its wake a reversal of public sentiment and once again after a brief freedom international affairs intruded themselves. In the United States recurrent bank failures brought about by the curiously unbalanced position of individual institutions through their decentralized system of unit banking caused further hoarding of cash. Securities were dumped on Wall Street for what they would bring and among them, suffering equally, were Canadian issues held by Americans. The load was too heavy to carry alone and from then till the end of the year the local list declined steadily, breaking through the October lows.

Running through all these cross currents was the undertow of depreciated currency, restricting American selling of Canadian securities and encouraging Canadian holders of American issues to benefit by the exchange rate by switching into local stocks. Always, however, the steady stream of British liquidation of Canadian securities went on unabated for precisely the same causes acting in a reverse manner.

Obviously there could not be such interference of international problems into our domestic affairs without being reflected in trading and the result was that the 1931 turnover was approximately only two-thirds that of 1930.

No Failures During 1931.

The Toronto Stock Exchange is to be congratulated on having come through the past year, one of the most trying and difficult since its inception, without having to record the failure of a single member. While this happy condition was no doubt due to the extreme care exercised by the member firms in the conduct of their business during the exceptional period, a great deal of credit must be given to the Stock Exchange audit, which was inaugurated in 1929 and has been carried on continuously since. By this means any weakened or possibly dangerous situation which might have arisen would have been discovered and immediate steps taken to remove the danger. The audit is of a most comprehensive character and conducted by recognized accountants who were appointed by and are under the jurisdiction of an official known as the Stock Exchange Auditor. In these efforts the officials of the Exchange have had the hearty co-operation of the members and of the auditors of the different brokers.

The Montreal Curb Market During 1931.

By G. P. G. Dunlop, Assistant Secretary Montreal Curb Market.

The year 1931 on the Montreal Curb Market showed a further large shrinkage in security values below the year 1930, this shrinkage being accentuated by Great Britain going off the Gold Standard on Sept. 21 1931.

There was also a considerable contraction in the volume of sales of miscellaneous and public utility stocks, both listed and unlisted, for the period under review, the total sales in these classes of securities being slightly over 1½ million shares, as against a total of slightly over 2½ million shares during 1930.

MONTREAL-CURB MARKET COMPARISON OF SALES FOR THE YEARS 1930 AND 1931.

Table comparing sales for Stocks, Mines, and Bonds in 1930 and 1931, with columns for Month, 1930, and 1931.

There was a considerable increase in the activity in the mining section of the Exchange, the total shares changing hands being something over 5,350,000, as compared with approximately 3,100,000 during the year 1930.

During the year under review the trading in all classes of securities (exclusive of bonds) both listed and unlisted, was as follows:

Summary table of security trading: Miscellaneous stocks (1,561,683 shares), Mining stocks (5,357,380 shares), Total (6,919,060 shares), contrasting with the year 1930: Miscellaneous stocks (2,615,261 shares), Mining stocks (3,108,980 shares), Total (5,724,241 shares).

MONTHLY RANGE OF PRICES ON THE TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE FOR THE YEAR 1931.

For record of years 1929 and 1930 see "Financial Chronicle" of March 15 1930, page 1768, and March 14 1931, page 1881, respectively.

Large table showing the monthly range of prices (High/Low) for various stocks from January to December 1931, including companies like Abitibi, Canadian Pacific, and various industrial firms.

MONTHLY RANGE OF PRICES ON THE TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE FOR YEAR 1931 (Concluded).

Main table showing monthly price ranges for various stocks, categorized by month (January to December) and stock type (STOCKS, MINES, BANKS, LOAN & TRUST, BONDS).

DATES OF HIGHEST AND LOWEST PRICES ON TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE DURING 1931.

Table detailing the specific dates for the highest and lowest prices for various stocks during the year 1931, organized into columns for 'Summary', 'STOCKS', and 'Summary'.

DATES OF HIGHEST AND LOWEST PRICES ON TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE DURING 1931—(Concluded).

Table with columns for STOCKS, Summary (Highest, Lowest), and price details. Includes categories like Consolidated Food com, Massey Harris common, Western Grocers preferred, and various MINEs, BANKS, and LOAN & TRUST.

RANGE OF PRICES ON TORONTO CURB EXCHANGE FOR 1930 AND 1931, AND VOLUME OF SALES FOR 1931.

Large table with columns for 1931 Sales, Stocks, Par., High, Low, and 1930/1931 price ranges. Includes sections for MINES, OILS, and GENERAL.

* No par value.

RANGE OF PRICES ON MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE FOR YEARS 1931 AND 1930, WITH VOLUME OF DEALINGS FOR 1931.

For record of years 1929 and 1930 see "Financial Chronicle" of March 15 1930, page 1772, and March 14 1931, page 1884, respectively.

Main table with columns for Sales, Stock, 1931 (Open, High, Low, Last Sale, Net Change), 1930 (High, Low), and 1931 (Open, High, Low, Last Sale, Net Change), 1930 (High, Low). Includes various stock listings like Abitibi, Agnew-Surpass, Assog Telephone, etc.

DOMINION GOVERNMENT LOANS table with columns for Sales, Stock, 1931 (Open, High, Low, Last Sale, Net Change), and 1930 (High, Low). Includes listings like Can L'n 1931, Vic L'n 1933, etc.

trade reported in Canadian oats and also in barley. Europe evidently needs American grain and there are those who believe that its purchases later on will noticeably increase. The world's shipments this week are estimated as up to 17,500,000 bushels of wheat. Provisions have advanced and lard futures end 5 to 10 points higher than a week ago with hogs up to 5.10c., the highest price in four months. Coffee has been irregular, Rio futures being about 10 points lower on some months while Santos are unchanged to 14 points higher in small trading, apparently having no great significance. But cost and freight coffee has of late seemed to be rather weak. Sugar futures are down 10 points with Cuban and trade interests steady sellers and apparently for the moment at any rate, less hope of united action by Cuba and Java in the matter of regulating offerings to the world's markets.

Cotton has declined some 10 to 15 points on small transactions. The undertone has not been depressed, even though outside speculation apparently still avoids cotton as it does other commodities, if not the stock market itself. Exports make a good showing and so does the consumption of American cotton. The chief support of cotton prices is trade buying for home and foreign account, Europe and Asia both buying American cotton as they did not buy it last year. Rubber is up 3 to 21 points, March making the best showing, though there is no definite news in regard to restriction, the market apparently acting oversold. Hides have declined 50 points, with little life in the business. Cocoa has risen 12 to 14 points. Silk is down 3 to 6 points. Silver declined 80 to 85 points. The Maryland canning industry is reported to be dull, with few orders ahead and with parts of last year's pack still unsold. There is said to be a better feeling in the petroleum industry of the Mid-Continent field. It appears that some so-called distressed stocks have been sold out. Also the cold wave has helped the sale of fuel oils. The Pacific ports report quite a good showing of shipments to Japan and even to China, despite the recent troubles at Shanghai. The war in that region is dying out, apparently owing to the financial strain involved and the dissension and jealousies among the Chinese leaders.

Stocks, after acting well enough during the week, wound up with a decline. On the 5th inst. stocks advanced in not a few cases 1 to 4 points, with an average rise in representative shares of something over 2 points. The tone was distinctly better, with bonds active and rising and European finances looking up. Sterling exchange was up to the highest rate of the year, the highest indeed since last November. It marked an advance since the closing week of 1931 of 27c. Bonds had been moving upward for nearly a month. Men began to think there was really substantial ground for hoping that the worst was over. On the 7th inst. stocks declined moderately on sales of 1,583,000 shares. On 50 shares the average decline was $1\frac{1}{4}$ points. Pivotal stocks in some cases declined $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 points. It was considered a natural reaction. Sterling exchange advanced $1\frac{3}{4}$ c. to a new high for the year. Bonds were in some cases higher, including United States Government issues. South American and some German Governments advanced. Railroad bonds were up to new highs. The evidence pointed clearly enough to a growing demand for bonds, revealing, to all appearances, growing confidence in the general business outlook. London cabled that French financial circles are convinced that the British pound will be legally stabilized without undue delay, in order to avert a flood of incoming foreign capital. It is declared that capitalists all over the world are gambling on a rise in the pound, as indicated by the forward sterling market.

On the 8th inst., stocks advanced an average of a little less than $1\frac{1}{2}$ points on leading stocks. An object lesson in its way was the running jump of 20 cents in sterling exchange, a rise of nearly 40 cents from the low of this year and close to 50 cents since last December when the price touched its lowest, or \$3.24 $\frac{1}{4}$. It is certainly a far cry from \$3.24 $\frac{1}{4}$ about three months ago to \$3.73 on March 8. Times are evidently changing for the better. Berlin announced that the Reichsbank had reduced its discount rate from 7 to 6%. The Western Union declared a dividend of \$1 a share, placing it on a \$4 annual basis in contrast with \$1.50 quarterly or the \$6 yearly rate in the previous quarter and \$8 annually from 1926 to 1931 inclusive. The cut had been discounted and the stock closed on the 8th inst., $1\frac{1}{2}$ points net higher. American Telephone ended $2\frac{1}{2}$ points higher. The total transactions in stock approximated 1,640,000 shares. Bonds advanced sharply. Many issues reached new highs for the year. United States Government bonds advanced 1-3 to

14-32 points. German bonds, following the reduction of 1% in the Reichsbank discount rate, advanced $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 points on an active demand.

On the 9th inst., prices advanced in some cases early but later reacted and in the end showed an average decline of about 1 point. Recently prices, as a rule, have advanced more readily than they declined. Rallies were stronger than reactions, so that the tendency was towards some net advance, even though it was nothing marked. Stocks have been in some degrees bolstered by the determined advance in bonds. Sterling declined 1 cent net in some natural reaction after the recent violent rise on the covering of stampeded shorts. In bonds many issues reached further new highs for the year. This included 9 of the 12 United States Government bonds. Forty foreign issues also reached into new high ground. German bonds were among these and rose $1\frac{1}{2}$. New York Rapid Transit issues were in sharp demand. Railroads advanced 1 to 6 points.

On the 10th inst. stocks showed an irregular decline averaging about three-quarters of a point with the trading down to 1,050,000 shares. Sterling in a natural reaction declined $7\frac{1}{4}$ c. with the Bank of England rate of discount down 1% to 4. Unfilled steel orders in February decreased 102,521 tons but United States Steel lost only half a point net. There was some pessimistic talk about the possibility of reduced dividends here and there but the market refused to become nervous, especially as bonds as a rule advanced on trading in \$12,100,000. The highest prices this year were reached on 11 of the 13 active U. S. Government bonds. Domestic railroad issues got into new high territory. A brisk demand prevailed for some of the industrials at new high prices; also public utilities acted well.

To-day stocks declined 1 to 4 points or an average of about $1\frac{3}{4}$ on trading in only 1,300,000 shares. Many bonds declined showing some effect of profit taking though it was remarked that the Treasury issues and some others, stood their ground. Liberty Fourth $4\frac{1}{8}$ s rose to a new high for the year. It had of course been a listless trading market in in stocks all the week and some disappointed "longs" plainly let go. And trade reports were not satisfactory. The feeling in the country is better but actual trade, is not. But money is easing. The ground work is being laid for larger business. Short-term acceptances declined $\frac{1}{8}$ of 1%. Another decline in the Reserve bank rate in the near future would not surprise anybody. Meanwhile foreign bonds were in not a few cases, firm. Most Argentine issues advanced to new high prices. Firmness was shown in Swedish, Norwegian, Danish and some German and South American issues. Bonds in the main acted very well though railroad and utility and some other issues were 1 to 3 points lower. It was not a surprising reaction after the recent brilliant advance. In usual swing of markets it had to come. The undertone of finance at home and abroad is increasingly confident without being overventuresome. The worst is behind. The future is more promising. In the nature of things, bad times could not last forever. It is not in human nature to endure pessimism indefinitely.

St. Louis wired that there was more stability in many lines and the opinion prevails that on the whole there is a betterment in business conditions. Retail stores have had a fair business. Money is said to be less difficult to borrow, though it is understood that loans for large amounts are discouraged. Detroit wired that the major industries in Detroit and other Michigan cities report a slight increase in several of the leading concerns. Outstanding in the retail business was the increased buying of early spring goods, the direct result of extremely low prices and with but small margin left for the merchants. The word to "go" has not yet been given by Henry Ford, and production to any great extent has not yet started on the new models announced two or three weeks ago. This was keeping the army of unemployed on the waiting list. At Fall River, Mass., the demand was lacking for cloth but production showed very little change from the previous week. Many of the mills were still engaged on contracts placed early in the year. Some were running machinery overtime, more for the purpose of keeping costs down than because of any stressing demand for goods. Interest in semi-fine goods was confined to sateens, mostly of the filling-in styles.

Kannapolis, N. C. wired that the Cannon Mills are reported operating on full time with more workers on the pay-roll now than at any time in the history of Kannapolis. Charlotte, N. C. wired that the General Motors Corp. uses 600,000 bales of cotton a year in its manufacturing operations. Plans are being perfected for the show to be given

here April 2-9. At Enterprise, Ala. the Enterprise Cotton Mills is now operating 114 looms and manufacturing 121,965 yards each week of osnaburg and flat duck. At Fort Mill, S. C., plants Nos. 1 and 2 of the Fort Mill Manufacturing Co., are maintaining a full-time operating schedule with both day and night shifts. At Hughesville, Pa. a night shift has been added to the operatives at work in the Hughesville Silk Mill, which recently re-opened after idleness of several months.

The electric output in United States for the week ended March 5 was 1,519,679,000 kwh., against 1,512,158,000 in preceding week and 1,664,125,000 in 1931 week. The decline is 8.7% from same period last year, according to National Electric Light Association.

On the 5th inst. it was 32 to 55 degrees here, 30 to 48 in Boston, 36 to 38 in Chicago, 34 to 44 in Cincinnati, 32 to 50 in Cleveland and 12 to 22 in Kansas City. On the 7th inst. New York temperatures were 26 to 38 degrees, with a wind from the northwest of 30 to 38 miles an hour. It was much colder at the West. Chicago had 2 to 14 degrees; Cincinnati, 8 to 22; Cleveland, 12 to 18; Detroit, 14 to 22; Helena, 6 below zero to 4 above; Kansas City, 8 to 20 above; Milwaukee, zero to 10 above, and St. Paul, 6 below to 4 above. On the Atlantic Seaboard the cold and the gale, which seemed at times to be 45 to 50 miles an hour, accompanied by driving snow paralyzed communications in many sections. On the 8th inst. New York temperatures were 21 to 32 degrees, with the wind velocity still 30 to 38 miles from the northwest. Chicago had 2 to 10 degrees; Cleveland, 8 to 16; Kansas City, 8 to 12; Milwaukee, zero to 8; Minneapolis, 2 below to 8 above; Detroit, 8 to 14 above, and Cincinnati, 10 to 22.

On the 10th inst., it was down to 14 degrees in New York, the coldest day of the winter with the wind 21 to 25 miles. Below zero temperatures prevailed in parts of the Northwest, both in Canada and the United States. It was 24 below zero at Edmonton and 18 below at Calgary. At Helena, Mont., and Sheridan, Wyo., it was 18 below, and at Cheyenne, Wyo., 12 below. In northern New York temperatures ranged from 8 above at Buffalo and Syracuse to 14 above at Albany. Pittsburgh had its coldest March 9 on record, with the mercury at 5 above. Snowstorms raged in western New York and motorists in Buffalo were compelled to use headlights in driving in daytime. For the first time this season ice formed on Lake Erie and Niagara with the first ice bridge of the winter formed below the Falls Tuesday night. It disappeared down the river in a swirling torrent Wednesday morning. Another bridge was forming on Wednesday. Mishaps and rescues at sea were reported. At Chicago it was 8 to 16 degrees.

At New York on the 10th inst., the temperatures were 13 to 35 degrees, the minimum being the lowest of the winter. Boston had 18 to 32; Chicago, 8 to 22; Cincinnati, 12 to 26; Cleveland, 16 to 22; Detroit, 16 to 24; Kansas City, 8 to 26; Milwaukee, 4 to 22; St. Paul, 2 below to 16 above; Montreal, 8 to 14 above; Omaha, 4 to 20; Philadelphia, 16 to 34; San Francisco, 50 to 62; Seattle, 40 to 58; Spokane, 22 to 42; St. Louis, 12 to 30, and Winnipeg, 16 below to 6 above. To-day the weather in New York was noticeably warmer, 26 to 40 degrees, with a forecast of cloudy and probably snow for Saturday and fair and moderately cold on Sunday. Chicago was 10 to 18 degrees; Cleveland, 18 to 22; Boston, 26 to 32; Minneapolis, 2 to 18.

Group of Industrialists Urge President Hoover to Call "Two-Years' Truce in Destructive Competition"—President Urges That They Further Consider Their Proposal—Plan Would Involve, According to President, Possible Suspension of Anti-Trust Acts.

A group of 122 industrialists meeting in Washington urged President Hoover Feb. 11 at the White House to take the lead in calling a "two years' truce in destructive competition." They requested the creation of a "National Economic Truce Board" on which representatives of production, agriculture, finance, distribution, labor and the consuming public "will have the responsibility for working understandingly with the different producing and distributing groups and with the agencies of the Government." The "United States Daily" of Feb. 12, from which the foregoing is taken, also had the following to say regarding the proposal:

A National emergency was said by the industrialists to exist because of destructive competition which is lowering the wages, prices and earnings of industry. The proposed "two years' truce" should remain effective while a non-partisan committee of Congress conducts an investigation, they said. The group, headed by Malcolm D. Whitman, a manufacturer

of New Bedford, Mass., presented to Mr. Hoover a prepared statement outlining their views.

President Urges Study.

It was stated orally at the White House following the conference that after listening to the presentation of their plan to declare a two-year truce in destructive competition, the President told them he doubted they had given sufficient thought to the subject and suggested that they return to their conference room and give more mature thought to the proposal.

The adoption of their plan, the President was said to have pointed out, would place upon them responsibility for a two-year abolition of the Sherman and Clayton anti-trust Acts, would be followed by price fixing, and eventually would put business in a strait-jacket. The group accepted the President's suggestion and retired for further discussion.

The statement presented to the President follows in full text:

Statement to Mr. Hoover.

Mr. President: This group approaches you in the interest of American industry and those dependent upon it for employment. We constitute a cross-section of independent producers and distributors. Collectively, we are typical of the diversified mass of American industry. We left the lawyers at home. We proceeded in this manner because we felt the need of developing the viewpoint of the average business man—the individual who must survive if our standards of living are to be maintained and our payrolls preserved.

Our struggle for existence has become so serious that destructive competition is lowering wages, prices and the earnings of industry. Fear permeates the minds of the people.

This condition threatens the welfare of every business and every worker so seriously that a National emergency exists.

Truce on Competition Urged.

We, therefore, ask you to assume leadership in establishing a truce in this destructive competition—a period of time when every line of economic activity can be brought together in conference under patriotic impulse to restore peace and confidence in the business relationship—between competitors in industry, between those who do business with each other and throughout the general relationship of capital, labor and consumption.

To make such a truce effective the impulse must be so widespread and so deeply imbued with the thought of the common good as to impose upon each individual an obligation comparable to a patriotic call in time of war.

We therefore propose:

"A two-years' truce in destructive competition during a period of investigation by a non-partisan committee of Congress."

Truce Board Advised.

In making this approach we urge you to consider a return to war-time experience by bringing into existence a National economic truce board, a new force where citizens representative of the most enlightened understanding of production, agriculture, finance, distribution, labor and consumer interest will have the responsibility for working understandingly with the different producing and distributing groups and with the agencies of Government.

The manner of bringing such a board into existence and its relationship with the law and the state of mind of the public are matters regarding which you are fully informed, but in the hope of aiding your approach to this subject we offer our suggestions and assistance.

Prompt Action Sought.

In so doing, we have no purpose other than to give emphasis to the imperative necessity of prompt and effective action. The American people are looking anxiously and hopefully for the restoration of industry. Industry now is being sustained not through income, but through the depletion of its capital assets. This is constantly draining the vitality of industry and reducing its power of recuperation. This must be stopped. If it is not stopped, industry will become increasingly unable to maintain employment and to provide dependable sources of public revenue.

We do not urge our particular suggested form or manner of action. We do urge action as promptly as well-considered judgment will permit. We, therefore, with the voice of industry throughout the land, express the hope and the urgent appeal that the Government of the United States and the Congress, in harmony with the leadership of both parties, and in consultation with the appropriate agencies of industry, shall establish an emergency truce in destructive competition.

Loading of Railroad Revenue Freight Continues on the Decline.

Loading of revenue freight for the week ended on Feb. 27 totaled 535,498 cars, the car service division of the American Railway Association announced on March 8. Due to the observance of Washington's Birthday holiday, this was a decrease of 37,108 cars below the preceding week, 145,723 cars below the corresponding week in 1931 and 364,000 cars under the same period two years ago. Details follow:

Miscellaneous freight loading for the week of Feb. 27 totaled 178,128 cars a decrease of 5,730 cars below the preceding week, 71,206 cars under the corresponding week in 1931 and 182,203 cars under the same week in 1930.

Loading of merchandise less than carload lot freight totaled 169,733 cars, a decrease of 18,344 cars below the preceding week, 28,836 cars below the corresponding week last year and 82,135 cars under the same week two years ago.

Grain and grain products loading for the week totaled 32,627 cars, 8,300 cars below the preceding week, 8,423 cars below the corresponding week last year and 12,477 cars below the same week in 1930. In the Western districts alone, grain and grain products loading for the week ended on Feb. 27 totaled 18,851 cars, a decrease of 8,515 cars below the same week last year.

Forest products loading totaled 19,640 cars, 230 cars above the preceding week but 13,573 cars under the same week in 1931 and 42,152 cars below the corresponding week two years ago.

Ore loading amounted to 2,833 cars, a decrease of 306 cars below the week before, 2,897 cars under the corresponding week last year, and 5,938 cars under the same week in 1930.

Coal loading amounted to 108,203 cars, a decrease of 3,867 cars under the preceding week, 17,306 cars below the corresponding week last year and 27,272 cars under the same week in 1930.

Coke loading amounted to 5,959 cars, 232 cars below the preceding week, 1,823 cars below the same week last year and 4,344 cars below the same week two years ago.

Live stock loading amounted to 18,375 cars, a decrease of 559 cars below the preceding week, 1,659 cars below the same week last year and 7,479 cars below the same week two years ago. In the Western districts alone,

6. Free medical aid in the Ford hospital for employed and unemployed Ford workers and their families.
7. No discrimination against Negroes as to jobs, relief, medical service, etc.
8. Five tons of coke or coal for the Winter.
9. Abolition of service men (spies, police, etc.).
10. No foreclosures of homes of former Ford workers. Ford to assume responsibility for all mortgages, land contracts and back taxes on homes until six months after regular full-time re-employment.
11. Immediate payment of a lump sum of \$50 Winter relief.
12. Full wages for part-time workers.
13. Abolition of graft system in hiring workers.
14. The right to organize.

A conference was held by Police Commissioner Watkins, Superintendent Smith and Captain Leonard of the State police, following which it was announced that the circulation of pamphlets will be stopped whenever possible.

Several hundred men and women were repulsed to-day in an effort to force their way into the county morgue to obtain the bodies of the four men killed in the riot. Twenty policemen blocked entrance to the morgue.

The Communists have been refused a request to hold a mass funeral for the four dead rioters.

Maurice Sugar, Detroit attorney, has been engaged by the International Labor Defense to defend the prisoners. Mr. Sugar, on his appointment, issued a statement in which he referred to the incident at the Ford plant as "an example of unrestrained violence and brutality which ranks with the most vicious attacks ever made by a servile officialdom upon those who are classed as workers."

Dearborn advices, March 7, to the New York "Herald Tribune" had the following to say in part regarding the riot:

Four men were killed and at least 35 were injured this afternoon when 3,000 jobless rioters fought a hand-to-hand battle with police and firemen in an attempt to storm the employment offices of the Ford Motor Company's great River Rouge plant.

A woman led the mob in the first clash with fifty policemen at the Dearborn city line. Fifteen of the injured were policemen, trampled, stoned and clubbed by the rioters. Harry H. Bennett, chief of the Ford service department, the private police, was hit in the head with a rock and severely hurt.

Plans Attributed to Communists.

The demonstration was said to have been planned yesterday at a meeting at Communist headquarters in Detroit, addressed by William Z. Foster, Communist national leader, and John Schmies, Communist candidate for Mayor in the last Detroit election. The mob was to march up to the plant and send in a committee to demand work from the Ford company for a group of jobless men. The reported presence of revolvers in the mob was taken as an indication that the delegation came prepared for trouble. Some of the marchers, however, denied their group was armed.

All the dead were members of the mob. One was unidentified. The other three were Joseph York, twenty-three years old; Coleman Lenz, twenty-five, and Joe Debruske, twenty-two, known as "Joe the Newsboy."

Threats of the dispersing mob to return at night and wreck the Ford plant resulted in the assignment of police, troopers and deputy sheriffs to guard duty at the shops. About 200 men of the First Battalion, 125th Infantry, Michigan National Guard, were on hand in the armory.

The battle raged for an hour. The jobless throng gathered at 2 p. m. at Fort Street and Oakwood Boulevard, Detroit. Carrying banners and placards bearing the legends, "Come on, workers; don't be afraid!" "Down with the men who destroy milk!" "We want jobs!" and "Now is the time to act!" they marched with reasonable order. The Detroit police said they saw no cause for interference.

"Come On, Cowards," Woman Screams.

At the end of a six-mile walk they encountered a detail of fifty Dearborn police posted at the city line, determined not to let the mob through. The police shouted a demand that the rioters turn back. The mob hesitated a minute and then a woman shoved to the front.

"Come on, you cowards," she screamed.

The mob rushed forward. The police let fly with tear gas bombs and brought their nightsticks into play, but were thrown back down Miller Road under a barrage of bricks, stones and clubs.

Firemen rushed into an overhead crossing of Miller Road and turned high-pressure hose lines upon the mob, but the rioters shoved on screaming curses, until they were drawn up before the high fence of the plant.

The fifty Dearborn policemen, victims of the first charge of the mob, were reinforced by the plant police and firemen. An alarm brought 121 Detroit police to the fight.

The guards at the plant threw open the gate and called to the marchers to turn back. The mob halted again for a moment and again the woman who had led them into the first encounter leaped to the front and shouted: "Come on."

Two volleys in quick succession from the police met the first advance. Two men in the crowd fell and the mob retreated 200 yards. Most of the shots were fired into the air. The rioters re-formed their lines with difficulty under two chilling streams of water poured on them by fire hoses.

The Dearborn police said they arrested five men on charges of inciting a riot, but would not make known the names of their prisoners. They also announced the arrest of Mary Grossman as the leader who urged the mob twice to battle with the police. They said she was known as a labor agitator.

Edsel Ford, son of Henry Ford; former Governor Fred W. Green, Louis J. Colombo, lawyer for the Ford Motor Company, and Clyde M. Ford, Mayor of Dearborn, entered the Ford emergency hospital as the riot ended to question members of the mob being treated there.

William J. Cameron, of the Ford organization said that Ford police did not take part in the riot and that Bennett had come to the scene only to investigate the fight. He said that there was no damage to the plant except for a few broken windows.

Associated Press advices from Detroit, March 8, said:

Thirty-one persons were under arrest to-day while State, city and Federal officers sought the men believed by them to have instigated yesterday's fatal riot at the gates of the Ford Motor Company's River Rouge factory.

Five known Communist leaders and labor agitators were sought. They included William Z. Foster, national head of the Communist Party of the United States; William Reynolds, former Communist candidate for Mayor of the suburb of Lincoln Park; John Schmies, former Communist candidate for Mayor of Detroit, and Albert Goetz and John Pace, said by police to be agitators.

Regarding a disturbance at the Ford building in New York this week, the New York "Times" of March 10 said:

With swinging clubs, sixty policemen frustrated yesterday afternoon repeated attempts of more than 300 Communists to stage demonstrations in front of the Ford Motor Company Building at Broadway and Fifty-fourth Street.

In small groups the radicals began to gather on the east side of Broadway between Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth Streets soon after noon. This was in response to circulars distributed Tuesday to Communists and their friends, calling upon them to meet in front of the Ford Building "to protest against capitalism and unemployment."

The police had been notified of the proposed demonstration. Under Captain Amander O. Hayes, thirty-five policemen were on the scene, besides members of two police emergency squads and a few reserves who had been on duty at the opening of the upper link of the new west side elevated express highway from Fifty-ninth to Seventy-second Streets.

As soon as the small groups of Communists began to merge and obstruct traffic, the police started to clear the thoroughfare. This resulted in a clash, and for more than two hours there were intermittent fights.

On the refusal of the demonstrators to move quickly, clubs would swing freely. One Communist, more enthusiastic than the others, tried to climb an electric light pole to make a speech. He got no further than "fellow comrades," when two policemen hauled him down.

One of the alleged demonstrators, who described himself as Matthew Bryton of 180 Norfolk Street, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct. Later Magistrate Stern in West Side Court remanded him without bail for investigation.

Several Communists appeared with signs reading, "Henry Ford, the philanthropist who hires gunmen" and others of a similar nature. These were chased in the direction of Columbus Circle. The police did not permit any one to loiter in front of the Ford building, and a guard was kept there until late in the afternoon.

Trend of Business in Hotels During February According to Horwath & Horwath.

According to Horwath & Horwath "total hotel sales decreased 22% from February 1931, room sales 20%, and restaurant sales 25%. Although leap year gave this February one more business day than last February had, the decreases were not smaller than those of previous months which had no such advantage over the corresponding period of last year. This, of course, means that if February had had 28 days all its decreases would have been several points larger." Further reviewing the trend of business in hotels, Horwath & Horwath say:

Room occupancy, which indicated some improvement in January, was disappointing in February. It fell 13% below February 1931, and the seasonal decrease from January of this year was larger than it has been for several years. The average room rate was off 10%—little change from recent months.

Washington was the only city to show a real improvement and its unusually good comparison with last year—a sales decrease of only 2%—was due to convention business and the opening of the Bi-Centennial celebration. Detroit had an exceptional drop of 39% in sales, caused by the lack of convention business to correspond with that which boosted February 1931, and by pronounced rate cutting. California recorded the largest decrease ever—30%. Changes in the other groups were unimportant.

The following table shows how the sales of the last six months have fallen below 1928 and 1929:

	Decreases from Same Months in 1928.				From 1929.	
	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
New York.....	-32.2%	-30.8%	-37.0%	-41.0%	-38.7%	-39.4%
Chicago.....	-29.0	-31.0	-33.0	-37.8	-36.1	-37.7
Philadelphia.....	-38.7	-38.1	-43.1	-42.7	-38.4	-42.2
Washington.....	-27.7	-28.6	-30.3	-30.9	-32.4	-17.4
Cleveland.....	-38.7	-37.7	-35.3	-39.0	-41.7	-41.9
Detroit.....	-23.0	-40.8	-42.5	-33.1	-35.8	-48.4
California.....	-33.3	-38.9	-36.7	-33.7	-37.2	-43.7
Other cities.....	-24.4	-25.2	-28.8	-28.3	-34.3	-35.0
Total.....	-27.5%	-32.1%	-33.5%	-34.6%	-36.5%	-37.8%

The following analysis was also furnished by Horwath & Horwath:

Analysis by Cities in Which Horwath & Horwath Offices Are Located.	Sales.			Occupancy.		Room Rate Per Cent Inc. (+) or Dec. (-)
	Per Cent of Inc. (+) or Dec. (-)			This Month.	Same Mo. Last Year.	
	Total.	Rooms.	Restaur't.			
New York City.....	-23	-22	-25	57	64	-12
Chicago.....	-21	-21	-22	58	67	-9
Philadelphia.....	-19	-16	-23	40	44	-8
Washington.....	-2	-3	-1	56	57	-2
Cleveland.....	-21	-19	-21	61	68	-9
Detroit.....	-39	-38	-40	49	60	-24
California.....	-30	-32	-28	44	57	-12
Texas.....	-22	-21	-24	61	70	-10
All other cities report'g	-22	-20	-25	61	69	-9
Total.....	-22	-20	-25	56	64	-10

Federal Reserve Board Reports Decrease of About Estimated Seasonal Amount in Department Store Trade During February.

Preliminary figures on the value of department store sales show a decrease from January to February of about the estimated seasonal amount. The Federal Reserve Board's index, which makes allowance both for number of business days and for usual seasonal changes, was 79 in February on the basis of the 1923-1925 average as 100, compared with 79 in January and 81 in December. The Board's advices issued March 10 add:

In comparison with a year ago the value of sales for February, according to the preliminary figures, was 16%

smaller, and when allowance is made for the fact that there was one more trading day in February this year than last, the decrease from last year is about 19%.

PERCENTAGE INCREASE OR DECREASE FROM A YEAR AGO.

Federal Reserve District.	February.*	Jan. 1 to Feb. 29*.	Number of Reporting Stores.	Number of Cuts.
Boston	-15	-21	98	31
New York	-16	-18	56	29
Philadelphia	-17	-19	41	16
Cleveland	-15	-24	31	13
Richmond	-12	-16	51	22
Atlanta	-20	-21	29	20
Chicago	-19	-22	59	32
St. Louis	-10	-14	16	9
Minneapolis	-16	-19	19	12
Kansas City	-15	-20	25	14
Dallas	-23	-27	13	4
San Francisco	-14	-19	73	27
Total	-16	-19	511	229

* February figures preliminary; in most districts the month had one more trading day this year than last year.

Production of Electricity Declined 8.7% During the Week Ended March 5 1932, as Compared with the Corresponding Period Last Year.

The production of electricity by the electric light and power industry of the United States for the week ended Saturday, March 5, was 1,519,679,000 kwh., according to the National Electric Light Association. The Atlantic seaboard shows a decrease of 3.9% from the corresponding week last year, and New England, taken alone, shows a decrease of 3.2%. The central industrial region, outlined by Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, St. Louis and Milwaukee, registers as a whole, a decrease of 13.1%, while the Chicago district, alone, shows a decrease of 8.9%. The Pacific Coast shows a decline of 10.5% below last year.

Arranged in tabular form the output in kilowatt hours of the light and power companies for recent weeks and for the month of January is as follows:

Weeks Ended.	1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.	1932 Under 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	6.7%
Jan. 23	1,598,201,000	1,712,786,000	1,825,969,000	1,717,315,000	6.7%
Jan. 30	1,588,967,000	1,687,160,000	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%
Feb. 13	1,678,817,000	1,683,712,000	1,769,683,000	1,718,304,000	6.2%
Feb. 20	1,545,459,000	1,680,029,000	1,745,978,000	1,699,250,000	8.0%
Feb. 27	1,512,158,000	1,633,353,000	1,744,039,000	1,706,719,000	7.4%
Mar. 5	1,519,679,000	1,664,125,000	1,750,070,000	1,702,570,000	8.7%
Months—					
January	6,980,000,000	7,439,888,000	8,021,749,000	7,585,334,000	6.2%

Note.—The monthly figures shown above are based on reports covering approximately 92% of the electric light and power industry and the weekly figures are based on about 70%.

New York State Factory Employment During February About Even with January.

Factory employment in New York State remained about even from January to February, according to a statement issued March 10 by Industrial Commissioner Frances Perkins. Seasonal activity in the manufacture of clothing caused a small net increase in the number at work in New York City factories, but, in the rest of the State, fewer factory workers were employed. Commissioner Perkins' survey continues as follows:

The index of factory employment for the entire State remained at 65 in February, the same as in January, and the index of total payrolls dropped from 55 to 54. Index numbers are computed with the average for the three years 1925-1927 as 100. These statements are based upon reports from about 1,500 representative factories which report each month to the Division of Statistics and Information of the New York State Department of Labor. Reporting concerns employ approximately 38% of all the factory workers in the State.

February returns showed no change in employment conditions. A number of plants were closed down temporarily because of lack of business, while most of those which were closed down in January had re-opened. Closings for Lincoln's Birthday on Feb. 12 were numerous and accounted for part of the decrease in total payrolls. Some concerns reported reductions in wage rates.

Seasonal Advance in Clothing.

The net gain in employment in the clothing industries was 4%, as compared with a gain of 1% from January to February a year ago, and of 5% two years ago. The largest increase was in the manufacture of men's clothing. The men's clothing industry frequently reports its greatest spring activity in February while the women's clothing factories are usually busier in March.

Most manufacturers of furs and fur goods reported more employees in February than in January, but several concerns had laid off large numbers of workers.

Big Lay-Offs in Textile Mills.

The textile industries reported the largest decreases in employment from January to February. These decreases were due to a number of his cuts rather than a general downward movement. Several knitting mills and silks mills were closed down and a few others had made big reductions in the number of workers. Most concerns in these two industries, however, had made only small changes in employment. One cotton mill which had taken on workers in January, laid them off again in February. The others had been reducing employment since before the end of the year and continued to lay off help last month. Increased employment and higher pay-

rolls were reported by many of the woolen mills but the carpet mills were not busy.

Metal Industries Not Busy.

There were no important changes in employment in the metal industries. The tendency was mostly downward and the gains which were reported did not indicate general improvement. Several automobile and automobile parts concerns reported more employees than in January but few of them were employing as many as in February 1931 and payrolls were much lower than a year ago. The railroad equipment and repair shops which had reported big cuts in January took on a few workers in February.

Further decreases in employment were recorded in the machinery and electrical apparatus industry. Most of the brass, copper and aluminum manufacturers also reported fewer workers employed. Employment in the iron and steel mills dropped 3%, although one firm whose products is used by the automobile industry, and several which had made big cuts in January reported some improvement.

A small net gain in employment in the stone, clay and glass industries resulted from the re-employment of part of the workers laid off in January. In most plants changes in employment were slight but one cement plant and one glass factory were closed down. Workers in the miscellaneous stone and minerals industries lost time on Feb. 12.

Fewer Employed Up-State.

The Syracuse district was the only one of the six industrial centres upstate to report an increase on both employment and payrolls, although factories in the Binghamton district reported higher payrolls. Employment and payrolls in the Utica district dropped 3% and in the Rochester district, 2%. Employment in the Binghamton district and in the Buffalo and Albany-Schenectady-Troy districts remained about even with January.

Industry.	Percentage Change Jan. to Feb. 1932.	
	Total State.	N. Y. City.
Stone, clay and glass	+0.3	-3.7
Miscellaneous stone and minerals	-0.3	+2.2
Lime, cement and plaster	-6.8	-5.4
Brick, tile and pottery	+13.1	-10.0
Glass	-0.9	-6.6
Metals and machinery	-0.3	-0.3
Silverware and jewelry	+5.0	+11.0
Brass, copper and aluminum	-0.4	-0.1
Iron and steel	-3.2	---
Structural and architectural iron	+2.8	-2.4
Sheet metal and hardware	-0.7	+0.2
Firearms, tools and cutlery	-14.2	---
Cocking, heating and ventilating apparatus	4.4	+28.7
Machinery and electrical apparatus	-1.6	-1.3
Automobiles, airplanes, &c.	+4.4	-0.2
Railroad equipment and repair shops	+2.5	-4.3
Boat and ship building	-1.2	---
Instruments and appliances	+0.4	+0.9
Wood manufactures	-5.6	-10.3
Saw and planing mills	-1.3	+4.8
Furniture and cabinet work	+1.4	-3.2
Flutes and other musical instruments	+0.2	-2.2
Miscellaneous wood, &c.	+1.6	+5.4
Furs, leather and rubber goods	+0.3	---
Leather	+6.8	+6.8
Furs and fur goods	+0.6	+7.9
Shoes	+4.3	+2.4
Gloves, bags, canvas goods	-0.6	+0.8
Rubber and gutta percha	+10.7	+1.0
Pearl, horn, bone, &c.	-1.6	-0.7
Chemicals, oils, paints, &c.	-0.8	-2.8
Drugs and industrial chemicals	+2.8	+2.4
Paints and colors	-3.4	-1.3
Oil products	-1.1	+2.7
Photographic and miscellaneous chemicals	+0.5	No change
Pulp and paper	-2.0	-2.0
Printing and paper goods	-3.6	-4.8
Paper boxes and tubes	-1.2	-1.7
Miscellaneous paper goods	-1.8	-1.9
Printing and bookmaking	-0.9	-0.4
Textiles	-5.4	-8.0
Silk and silk goods	+0.1	-5.7
Woolens, carpets, felts	-9.1	---
Cotton goods	-4.4	+2.4
Knit goods, except silk	+2.5	+7.7
Other textiles	+3.9	+5.6
Clothing and millinery	+9.0	+26.1
Men's clothing	+4.8	+8.8
Men's furnishings	+3.9	+3.4
Women's clothing	+5.0	+6.2
Women's underwear	+4.1	+4.1
Women's headwear	-0.1	-2.2
Miscellaneous sewing	-6.8	-7.1
Laundering and cleaning	-1.1	-1.0
Food and tobacco	-0.5	No change
Flour, food and cereals	-5.3	-1.0
Canning and preserving	+0.1	-1.1
Sugar and other groceries	-0.9	-0.6
Meat and dairy products	-1.3	-0.6
Bakery products	+0.7	+2.9
Candy	-9.4	-14.5
Beverages	+1.8	+1.4
Tobacco	-0.4	-1.2
Water, light and power	---	---
Total	No change	+1.0

Business Difficulties in February About on Level With Those for Same Month Last Year Says Lumbermen's "Blue Book."

Business troubles reported to the Lumbermen's "Blue Book" of Chicago for the month of February were about on a par with difficulties reported for the same month in 1931 and do not match the inordinate increases noted in January comparisons. The National Lumber Manufacturers Association made public on March 5 the following information:

1932—	1931—
22 bankruptcies	23 bankruptcies
20 receiverships	21 receiverships
2 assignments	2 assignments
6 creditors' committee appointed.	7 creditor's committees appointed
5 extensions	2 extensions
1 composition settlement.	---

There was a drop of 21% in requests for special credit reports, though it is observed this may have been due to large credit departments delaying annual revision of credit files.

Claims placed for collection showed an increase of 52% but the average amount of claims dropped 20% under the average a year ago. In January the increased claims reached 100% and the average sum exceeded January 1931 by 50%.

**Roger W. Babson Reports Improvement in Business—
May Take Two Years to Get Back to Normal—Low
Wages Potent Factor.**

According to Associated Press dispatches from Babson Park, Fla., March 10, Roger W. Babson, business statistician told the annual Scenic Highlands Business Conference that business is improving in the United States, "although it may take about two years to get back to normal." The Associated Press added:

Among his business comments were:
"Many say if wages are reduced there is less buying power. This is all nonsense, Henry Ford and his friends notwithstanding. Low wages are a potent factor in getting money again to circulate and credit again established."

"Excess of debt was the primary cause of the collapse in 1929. . . . This situation is rapidly being corrected."

He compared the World War reparations issue to "an international toothache," and said, "German reparations payments will be reduced about 80%, and although it may be some time before Congress 'cancels' the Allied debts, these never will be paid in cash."

"The very fact Wall Street and the international bankers are so blue naturally makes a thinking man optimistic. These financiers have always been wrong."

He said the present business "contraction will be carried too far and . . . when this condition is generally realized, merchants and manufacturers will stampede to purchase as they stampeded to sell in 1929."

**"Annalist" Weekly Index of Wholesale Commodity
Prices.**

The "Annalist" weekly index of wholesale commodity prices rallied from last week's low, and now stands at the same level as two weeks ago, having risen to 91.8 on March 8, from 91.3 (revised) last week; it stood at 110.7 a year ago. Outstanding factors in the recovery, says the "Annalist," were advances in hogs, the meats and the metals, which a sharp drop in anthracite prices was able to cancel only partially.

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

	Mar. 8 1932.	Mar. 1 1932.	Mar. 10 1931.
Farm products.....	76.1	75.3	101.3
Food products.....	94.3	93.2	117.3
Textile products.....	78.1	*78.6	102.7
Fuels.....	121.8	124.4	133.5
Metals.....	96.2	95.3	106.0
Building materials.....	108.3	108.0	123.2
Chemicals.....	96.1	*96.1	100.4
Miscellaneous.....	84.2	84.1	89.0
All commodities.....	91.8	*91.3	110.7

* Revised.

Sales of Fertilizer in Cotton Belt.

Supplementing the item in our issue of March 5, page 1649, the following announcement has been issued by the New York Cotton Exchange Service:

Sales of fertilizer in the nine principal cotton-growing States are much below those in recent years. Total sales, from Dec. 1 to Feb. 29, as represented by fertilizer tag sales, totaled only 372,000 short tons against 732,000 last season, 1,353,000 two seasons ago, and 1,080,000 three seasons ago. Sales in February were only 252,000 short tons against 460,000 last year, 913,000 two years ago, and 683,000 three years ago. The States covered by these figures are North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas.

**Wholesale Prices According to National Fertilizer
Association Declined Five Fractional Points During
Week Ended March 5.**

After a period of apparent steadiness, wholesale prices again turned decidedly downward during the week ended March 5. The wholesale price index of the National Fertilizer Association declined five fractional points during that week. During the preceding week the index number was unchanged, holding the advance of one fractional point shown for the week ended Feb. 20. The index number for the latest week established a new record low, namely, 62.6. The previous record low point was 63.0, established on Feb. 13. A month ago the index number was 63.7, while a year ago it was 75.9. (The index number 100 represents the average for the three years 1926-1928). Continuing the Association said March 7:

Of the 14 groups listed in the index, three advanced, five declined and six showed no change during the latest week. The amount of the advances in each of the three groups was very small—the largest gain being shown in building materials, namely 3-10ths of 1%. The five groups which declined were fats and oils, fuel, foods, fertilizer materials and metals. The largest loss was shown in the group of fats and oils. Textiles and grains, feeds and livestock advanced slightly.

During the latest week the prices for 16 commodities were higher, while 27 commodity prices were lower. During the preceding week 18 commodity prices advanced and the same number of commodities showed price declines. Important commodities that advanced during the latest week were cotton, lard, apples, heavy hogs, sheep, tin, turpentine and lumber. Prices were lower for eggs, pork, potatoes, beans, beef, wheat, choice cattle, butter, copper, lead, silver, brick, coal, rubber and wool.

The index number and comparative weight of 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 Mar. 5 1932.	Preceding Week.	Month Ago.	Year Ago.
23.2	Foods.....	64.3	65.2	67.3	78.3
16.0	Fuel.....	57.3	58.6	58.9	71.7
12.8	Grains, feeds and livestock..	47.7	47.6	49.1	68.7
10.1	Textiles.....	49.9	49.8	49.7	66.6
8.5	Miscellaneous commodities..	62.9	62.9	62.4	71.9
6.7	Automobiles.....	89.2	89.2	89.1	88.4
6.6	Building materials.....	72.7	72.4	72.4	83.2
6.2	Metals.....	71.1	71.8	72.4	82.2
4.0	House furnishings.....	81.4	81.4	82.2	92.5
3.8	Fats and oils.....	46.4	48.0	45.6	64.3
1.0	Chemicals and drugs.....	88.8	88.8	88.8	93.8
.4	Fertilizer materials.....	69.2	70.1	70.2	84.0
.4	Mixed fertilizer.....	76.9	76.9	79.1	91.9
.3	Agricultural implements.....	92.7	92.7	92.7	95.4
100.0	All groups combined.....	62.6	63.1	63.7	75.9

**No Marked Change Noted in Business in Cleveland
Federal Reserve District—Decreases Reported in
Wholesale and Retail Trade as Compared with De-
cember—Conditions in Rubber and Tire Industry.**

"General business in the Fourth (Cleveland) Federal Reserve District exhibited no marked change in the latter part of January or the first three weeks of February," says the March 1 "Monthly Business Review" of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland. "Although slight increases, chiefly seasonal, were reported in a few industries," continues the Bank, "little actual improvement has been made, though no great tendency to decline was evident." Further reviewing conditions, the Bank says:

From all sections, however, come reports of better sentiment. Recent legislation no doubt was responsible for a large part of this betterment and anxiety concerning financial conditions has lessened. The number of bank suspensions was much smaller in February than in preceding months, and there also was a reduction in the rate of deposit withdrawals at member banks.

The shoe industry increased operations in January at a greater-than-seasonal rate, output in the month being 6.4% above one year ago. Clothing concerns, particularly those engaged in the manufacture of men's wear, also were operating at fairly satisfactory levels. Makers of china and pottery reported an increase in orders and demand for heavy machinery improved in some sections. Tire production increased seasonally in January as did steel production, but the slowing down of the automobile industry in late January and early February caused a reduction in these as well as many other industries in this District.

Coal production and retail and wholesale trade in January were adversely affected by the unseasonably warm weather. Dollar sales at department stores were 22% below one year ago, no allowance being made for the decline in prices in the period.

Sales of life insurance in Ohio and Pennsylvania in January were 6.7% ahead of the same month in 1931.

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

Tires, Rubber.

The tire industry appears to have stabilized its operations recently, for only minor changes in employment have been apparent in the past few months at factories in this District, though the index of the Ohio State Bureau of Business Research in January was only 65% of the 1926 average. This is eight points lower than a year ago.

Reports from manufacturers indicate that operations in January and early February were higher than in December, but this was entirely seasonal, and sales of renewal tires were reported about 15% below one year ago. Consumption of crude rubber in January amounted to 27,962 long tons, compared with 21,409 tons in December, an increase of 30.6%, which was about seasonal. Consumption in January 1931 was 28,557 tons.

As the spring selling season approaches, the outlook for tire makers is better than for some time. Prices are very low and with many cars remaining in service that in more normal times would be scrapped, a greater demand for replacement tires is anticipated, sales of which generally are more profitable to manufacturers than original equipment sales.

Production of tires in December, the latest period for which figures are available, was slightly higher than in November, but shipments exceeded output by 5.2%. Tire production in 1931 was only 4.5% below 1930, but shipments of tires exceeded production by a good margin, for inventories on Dec. 31 were about 1,000,000 tires less than at the end of 1930, and were smaller than since 1925. Manufacturers report stocks about in line, in view of reduced demand and the longer life of the average tire.

The trend of rubber prices in recent years has been just the inverse of stocks. Prices have been subject to wide fluctuations, but they never before reached such low levels. In February crude rubber was selling in New York at less than four cents a pound. The drop in the past 12 months was over 50%, and as recently as 1927 rubber brought 40c. a pound. In 1925, under the Stevenson Restriction scheme, it was selling at a dollar a pound. The recent low level is almost unbelievable in view of the fact that cost of production averages about 16c. a pound. Because of the low prices, some of the smaller producers have stopped tapping their trees, but others, and among them some of the larger estates, evidently feel they will lose less in the end by producing a maximum crop irregardless of prices, rather than let their plantations deteriorate. Plans for curtailing production have been proposed, but because of varied nationalities, difficulty regarding individual co-operation, &c., nothing definite has resulted.

The sharp decline in prices in the past few years has resulted in drastic inventory losses to rubber manufacturers, who, because of the great distance from the source of supply, are forced to carry large stocks of raw materials. Though declines similar in extent to those occurring in 1929, 1930 and 1931, can hardly take place from present prices, a stabilization at reasonable levels is much to be desired.

Reviewing retail and wholesale trade the Bank reports as follows:

Wholesale and Retail Trade.

Retail trade, as reflected by total sales at leading department stores in this District, was quite depressed in January, total sales, on a daily average

basis, being 22% below the same month of 1931. The decline from December was considerably more than seasonal and the adjusted index, at 69.5% of the 1923-1925 monthly average, was below 70% for the first time since 1919. In December the adjusted index was 73.0%.

Part of the decline in dollar sales was due to price reductions, for January pre-inventory sales in many cases were at very much lower prices than prevailed in December or a year ago. According to "Fairchild's" retail index, prices in January recorded the largest monthly decrease in the present deflation. The drop in the month was 2.5% and prices have receded 19% from January 1931.

Moderate weather in this section was an added handicap, and sales of seasonable goods were very slow in January or were made at a sizeable price reduction.

The dollar value of stocks dropped 5.4% in January, slightly less than the seasonal change at this period of the past years and the adjusted index rose from 70.5% of the 1923-25 monthly average in December to 71.4% at the end of January. Compared with a year ago, retail value of inventories is down 13.5%.

The decline in accounts receivable in January from a year ago was 18.5%, somewhat less than the falling-off in sales, and the percentage of accounts receivable at the end of December collected in January was 33.7% compared with 36.8% one year ago, a drop of about 8%.

Sales at reporting wearing apparel stores were 35% smaller in January than last year and stocks were down 22% in value.

Sales of furniture stores were about 35% smaller in January than a year ago, while the decline in sales in the furniture departments of department stores was only 27%.

Wholesale trade in past years has declined about 10% from December to January, but the falling-off in the four reporting lines this year was 16%. Wholesale drug sales increased 1.4% in January, contrary to seasonal, but were still 17% below January 1931.

Business Conditions in St. Louis Federal Reserve District According to St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank.

"While trade and industry in the Eighth (St. Louis) District continued at levels considerably below other years," says the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, "January and the first half of February developed moderately, expanding tendencies in many lines and marked improvement in sentiment among the business community as a whole." The Bank in its "Monthly Review" released Feb. 29 further reviews conditions as follows:

Following the holiday and inventorying period, wholesale distribution showed a substantial increase, with lines handling goods for ordinary consumption, such as dry goods, boots and shoes, clothing and some food products, reporting the volume of unit sales in excess of the corresponding period a year ago. Steadily increasing replacement demands for a broad variety of commodities are making themselves felt, and have been reflected in a considerable volume of reordering by retail merchants, both in the large urban centers and the country. While purchasing is still almost exclusively for immediate or reasonably prompt delivery, the average size of orders is larger than heretofore and there is more of a disposition to replenish stocks and fill out assortments.

Production at manufacturing plants as a whole increased slightly during January over the low level of December, and the improvement was maintained through the first half of February. In the iron and steel industry conditions are still spotted and irregular, with railroads, automobile manufacturers, the petroleum industry and other important consumers buying sparingly. Miscellaneous users of ferrous products, however, have increased their demands sufficiently to warrant the higher operating schedules at many foundries and mills. A number of manufacturing establishments, which for many months have been producing only enough goods to apply on actual orders, have started making up stock in anticipation of demands looked for later in the year. In a large majority of lines investigated by this bank, stocks of both consumer goods and raw materials on Feb. 1 were substantially smaller than a year earlier, also less than the average on that date during the past decade.

As has been the case since early last fall, unusually mild weather hampered distribution of seasonal merchandise. Heavily reduced consumption of bituminous coal was reflected in curtailed operations of mines in all fields of the district. Distribution of coke, oil and other fuels was also in considerably smaller volume than in past seasons. Activities at lead and zinc mines receded further, reflecting slack demand and low prices for these metals. Operations at lumber mills, quarries, cement and glass plants, and railroad shops showed little change from the low levels of the preceding 30 days. Weather conditions were in the main favorable for agriculture, though excessive rains interfered with preparations for spring crops in many sections. In parts of the south, notably in Kentucky and northern Mississippi, rivers overflowed their banks, causing serious flood conditions. Recent rains have aggravated the situation, and apprehension is felt for floods of major proportions in the valleys of the Mississippi River and its tributaries.

The volume of retail trade in January, as reflected by department store sales in leading cities of the district, was approximately one-half smaller than in December, and 17% less than in January, 1931. Combined sales of all wholesaling and jobbing establishments reporting to this bank in January were about one-fourth less than for the same month last year, but more than 33% larger than the December, 1931, total. The dollar value of building permits issued for new construction in the five largest cities of the district in January showed heavy declines as compared with the preceding month and the same period a year ago. Construction contracts let during January in the Eighth District declined 87%, and 87% respectively as compared with a month and a year earlier. Charges to individual checking accounts in January were 6% smaller than in December and 23.2% less than in January, 1931. The amount of savings accounts in selected banks on Feb. 3 was 3.2% smaller than on Jan. 6, and 8.3% less than on Feb. 4 1931.

Freight and passenger traffic of railroads operating in this district continued in smaller volume than at the corresponding period a year and two years earlier. Since the first of the year some improvement has taken place in the freight movement, seasonal in character and less marked than the average during the past several years. For the country as a whole, loadings of revenue freight for the first four weeks of the year, or to Jan. 30, totaled 2,269,875 cars against 2,873,211 cars for the corresponding period in 1931 and 3,470,797 cars in 1930. The St. Louis Terminal Railway Association, which handles interchanges for 28 connecting lines, interchanged 140,912 loads in January, against 127,313 loads in December, and 173,098 loads in January, 1931. During the first nine days of February the interchange amounted to 42,158 loads, against 40,199 loads during the same period in January, and 51,754 loads during the first nine days of February

1931. Passenger traffic of the reporting lines decreased 30% in January as compared with the same month last year. Estimated tonnage of the Federal Barge Line between St. Louis and New Orleans in January was 130,400 tons, against 168,021 tons in December, and 75,512 tons in January, 1931.

While considerable irregularity and spottiness continues to exist, collections generally showed moderate improvement as compared with the preceding 30 days and compared favorably with the corresponding period a year ago. Wholesaling interests in the principal urban centers reported Feb. 1 settlements well up to expectations. This was true particularly of boots and shoes, dry goods and hardware. Backwardness is still complained of by manufacturers and distributors of building materials, iron and steel, and other of the heavier lines of merchandise. Generally through the south moderate betterment in payments has taken place, an exception being in the tobacco areas where low prices and a disposition on the part of producers to hold for more favorable markets tend to retard liquidation. City retailers report payments fully equal to a year ago. Answers to questionnaires addressed to representative interests in the several lines scattered through the district show the following results:

	Excellent.	Good.	Fair.	Poor.
January 1932	0.0%	18.2%	61.0%	20.8%
December 1931	2.0	21.4	56.2	20.4
January 1931	0.0	10.6	58.8	30.6

Commercial failures in the Eighth Federal Reserve District in January numbered 158 involving liabilities of \$3,918,464, against 168 failures in December with liabilities of \$4,786,681 and 243 defaults for a total of \$4,836,838 in January 1931.

Distribution of Merchandise at Wholesale During January in Kansas City Federal Reserve District Decreased Contrary to Normal Tendency—Sales at Retail Also Declined.

In its March 1 "Monthly Review" the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City reports that "January weather conditions were unfavorable to the advancement of preparations for the approaching new crop season and muddy roads were a contributing factor to a reduction in the volume of merchandise moving into consumption." Continuing the Bank says:

Dollar sales of 35 department stores declined 55.3% in January as compared to December, against a five-year average decline of 51.5%, and were 25.9% below January 1931. Contrary to the normal tendency, sales at wholesale declined 13.1% in January, and were 28.4% below a year ago. Department stores reduced their stocks slightly during the month but wholesalers' stocks increased somewhat.

The farmers' purchasing power declined further during the month, due primarily to sharp declines in the farm price of eggs, milk, and butter fat, and the failure of other products to show any sustained strength in price.

Production of flour, crude oil, bituminous coal and cement declined as compared to the preceding month and was somewhat below January 1931. Zinc ore shipments declined, but lead ore shipments increased sharply and were more than twice as large as a year ago. Building activity was seasonally dull.

Marketings of wheat were unusually heavy for January, but marketings of all other classes of grain were unusually light. This was particularly true of corn, the new crop movement of which has so far failed to arrive at terminal markets in anything like normal volume.

Receipts of cattle and calves and horses and mules at Tenth District markets in January were the lightest in years, whereas those of sheep and lambs were the heaviest. Hogs, including direct shipments to packers' yards, which were the heaviest of record, were in about normal supply. Packers took a larger proportion of all offerings, except hogs, than in either the preceding month or the corresponding month last year.

Estimates of the United States Department of Agriculture as to the numbers and value of livestock on farms Jan. 1 1932 compared to the like date in preceding years, disclose an increase in numbers, all species combined, for both the United States and this district and sharp declines in values of all species. The average per head decline in values was even more pronounced during 1931 than in the preceding year, amounting for this district to 34.9 for last year and 26.0% for 1930.

Details regarding wholesale and retail trade are given as follows by the Bank:

Distribution of merchandise at wholesale in this district, as measured by the dollar sales of five representative lines combined, was 13.1% smaller than in the preceding month and 28.4% smaller than in the same month last year. As a rule the January volume slightly exceeds the December volume, and reports from some sections attribute the decline this year largely to impassable roads. By individual lines, dry goods was the only one to report their January sales as larger than their December sales, and all five lines, dry goods, groceries, hardware, furniture and drugs, reported their January sales as substantially under a year ago. Wholesalers of dry goods, hardware and drugs increased their stocks somewhat during the month, and all lines reported inventories as of Jan. 31 smaller than on the like date last year.

Retail Trade.

The combined dollar sales of 35 reporting department stores in the district declined 55.3% in January as compared to December and 25.9% as compared to January 1931. The decline for the month compares with a five-year average decline of 51.5% and the decline as compared to the corresponding month in the preceding year is the largest reported for any month of the past two years. Retailers reduced their stocks 5.7% during the month, and on Jan. 31 inventories were 11.2% smaller than on Jan. 31 1931.

Collections in January amounted to 38% of accounts outstanding at the end of the previous month as compared to 37.5% in December and 40.2% in January 1931.

Business and Industry in Dallas Federal Reserve District Effected Adversely by Warm Weather and Frequent Rains During Past Month—Wholesale and Retail Trade Conditions.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas in its "Monthly Business Review" dated March 1 and compiled Feb. 15 states that "unseasonably warm weather and frequent rains have an adverse effect upon business and industry in the

Eleventh (Dallas) Federal Reserve District during the past month. Much of the outdoor work has been retarded and consumer buying has been sluggish." Continuing the Bank further reports as follows:

Department store sales in larger centers reflected a seasonal decline of 59% as compared with the previous month, and were 29% smaller than in the opening month of 1931. Distribution of merchandise through wholesale channels showed less than the usual seasonal expansion, and was materially smaller than in January last year. Consumer buying in rural sections has been slow due in part to the difficulty of travel over bad roads in some areas. Retailers are adhering strictly to the policy of maintaining low inventories and of making replacement orders as consumer demand arises. Collections were generally slow during the month.

Agricultural conditions continue generally favorable. Small grains and other winter crops have made good progress and present prospects are encouraging. A deep subsoil season obtains in all sections of the district, which will be a sustaining factor in the event of dry weather late in the season. On the other hand, land preparation has been retarded and there have not been sufficient freezes to pulverize the soil and kill insects. Livestock and their ranges continue in good condition and prospects point toward early and abundant pasturage in the spring.

Financial operations reflected largely the effect of seasonal factors. Federal Reserve Bank loans to member banks declined from \$16,572,000 on January 15 to \$14,168,000 on Feb. 15. There has been a gradual return flow of Federal Reserve notes, the actual circulation being \$41,835,000 on Feb. 15, or a recession of \$4,978,000 since the first of the year. The loans and investments of member banks in reserve cities showed an expansion of \$5,390,000 between January 6 and February 10. The daily average of combined net demand and time deposits amounted to \$664,954,000 in January, as compared with \$677,029,000 in December, and \$798,354,000 in January, 1931. Effective Jan. 23, the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas reduced its discount rate from 4% to 3 1/4%.

The volume of construction activity, as measured by the valuation of building permits issued at principal centers, was practically the same as in December, but was only 50% of that January, 1931. For the third consecutive month, the production of petroleum in this district reflected a decline. Drilling operations, however, continued active and the initial production of new wells increased.

Trade conditions were reported by the Bank as follows in its Review:

Wholesale Trade.

There was less than the usual increase in activity in the wholesale channels of distribution during January, and the lines of groceries, hardware and drugs registered declines. While the sales of farm implements and dry goods in this district were larger than in December, in the latter case the improvement was appreciably smaller than is usually expected in January. Distribution was retarded in most sections by the inclement weather and heavy rains. As compared with January, 1931, there were declines ranging from 25.3% to 66.8%. Some reports indicate a slight strengthening in sentiment recently and that business is showing a better tone in some areas. Orders, however, continue to be restricted to immediate demands. Inventories of groceries and dry goods were increased during January, and those of other reporting lines remained at approximately the same level. Collections during the month reflected general declines from December, which were to a large extent seasonal in character.

While the business of wholesale dry goods firms during January was 11.8% better than in the previous month, it was considerably less than usual and showed a decline of 28.3% from a year ago, as against a similar reduction of 13.1% in December. The heavy rains since the first of the year have made travel in rural sections difficult with the result that consumer demand in those sections has fallen off. Consequently, buying at wholesale has been restricted as retailers are keeping purchases in close alignment with consumer demand. Most orders are for small quantities of goods and are for immediate shipment. The month witnessed a substantial decrease in collections.

Contrary to the seasonal tendency, sales of drugs at wholesale during January registered a slight decrease of 0.9% from the previous month. They showed a reduction of 25.9% as compared with the corresponding month last year, this being the largest such decline that has been recorded during the present depression. Retailers are limiting their purchases to staple merchandise, and they show no inclination to buy until the actual demand arises. Collections were only 2.7% under the volume of December.

The distribution of farm implements during January by reporting wholesale firms in this district was on a scale 89.4% larger than the low December volume. While the improvement was for the most part of a seasonal nature the comparison with the corresponding month a year ago was more favorable than in either November or December. There was a further material decrease in collections.

A larger than seasonal decrease was reflected in the January business of wholesale hardware firms in the Eleventh District. Total sales were 21.2% less than in the previous month, the decline being attributable in part to the December increase, which was contrary to the usual tendency in that month. Business was impeded by heavy rains and generally unfavorable weather. Distribution during January was 28.4% below the volume of a year ago. The ratio of collections to accounts and notes outstanding at the close of the previous month decreased from 34.3% in December to 27.2% in January.

There was a further falling-off in the dollar volume of groceries sold at wholesale in this district during January. Contrary to the usual upward movement, sales of reporting firms reflected a decline of 5.7% from December, and were 25.3% smaller than in January a year ago. Business is reported to be improving somewhat in certain localities. Stocks on hand increased 7.4% during January. The volume of collections was 19.1% below the level of the previous month.

CONDITION OF WHOLESALE TRADE DURING JANUARY, 1932.

	Percentage of Increase or decrease in—		Ratio of collections during Jan. to accounts and notes outstanding December 31.
	Net Sales January, 1932 compared with January, 1931.	Stocks January, 1932 compared with January, 1931.	
Groceries	-25.3	-5.7	55.8
Dry goods	-28.3	+11.8	23.7
Farm implements	-66.8	+89.4	2.1
Hardware	-28.4	-21.2	27.2
Drugs	-25.9	-.9	36.1

Retail Trade.

Business of department stores located in principal cities of the Eleventh District evidenced a larger than seasonal decline during the past month, and continued considerably below the corresponding month a year ago. January sales of merchandise declined 58.8% from those in December, and were 29.3% less than those in the initial month of 1931. Although returns from reduced price sales featured during January and early February were retarded substantially by the abnormal precipitation, high temperatures, and curtailed purchasing power of the public, retailers have been

moderately successful in disposing of their winter merchandise, and are entering the spring season with a smaller carryover than that of 1931.

Inventories on hand at the close of the month showed a further reduction of 4.4% from the low volume held on December 31 and were 16.6% less than those on hand on Jan. 31 1931. The rate of stock turnover during the month was .19 as compared with .23 in January last year.

Collections reflected a decline during the month. The ratio of January collections to accounts outstanding on Jan. 1 was 31.3%, as against 33.1% in December, and 32.7% in the first month of 1931.

National Automobile Chamber of Commerce Places February Motor Output at 118,559 Units.

Production of cars and trucks in the United States during February was placed at 118,559 units in an estimate released on March 8 by the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce. This output was 3.7% under production for the preceding month.

With one of the largest producers operating at minimum schedule in preparation for new models, the February production was 48% under the same month last year.

Lumber Orders Exceed Low Production by 44%.

Due to continued low production, lumber orders for the week ended Mar. 5 again exceed production, the excess approximating 44%, it is indicated in telegraph reports to the National Lumber Manufacturers Association from regional associations covering the operations of 709 leading hardwood and softwood mills. Production of these mills amounted to 101,709,000 feet. Shipments also exceeded production, by about 39%. A week earlier reports covering 707 mills gave orders 45% above and shipments 49% above a cut of 100,750,000 feet. Comparison by identical mill figures for the latest week with the equivalent period a year ago shows—for softwoods, 449 mills, production 51% less, shipments 36% less and orders 37% less than for the week in 1931; for hardwoods, 188 mills, production 47% less, shipments 34% less and orders 46% less than the volume for the week last year.

Lumber orders reported for the week ended March 5 1932, by 508 softwood mills totaled 132,962,000 feet, or 47% above the production of the same mills. Shipments as reported for the same week were 125,484,000 feet, or 39% above production. Production was 90,201,000 feet.

Reports from 222 hardwood mills give new business as 13,668,000 feet, or 19% above production. Shipments as reported for the same week were 15,870,000 feet, or 38% above production. Production was 11,508,000 feet. The Association's statement continues:

Unfilled Orders.

Reports from 430 softwood mills give unfilled orders of 454,112,000 feet, on March 5 1932, or the equivalent of 11 days' production. This is based upon production of latest calendar year—300-day year—and may be compared with unfilled orders of 514 softwood mills on March 7 1931, of 755,822,000 feet, the equivalent of 16 days' production.

The 400 identical softwood mills report unfilled orders as 446,377,000 feet on March 5 1932, or the equivalent of 12 days' average production as compared with 681,246,000 feet or the equivalent of 18 days' average production on similar date a year ago. Last week's production of 449 identical softwood mills was 84,902,000 feet, and a year ago it was 172,468,000 feet; shipments were respectively 118,832,000 feet and 186,904,000; and orders received 127,455,000 feet and 202,622,000. In the case of hardwoods, 188 identical mills reported production last week and a year ago 10,230,000 feet and 19,302,000; shipments 14,388,000 feet and 21,765,000; and orders 12,413,000 feet and 23,016,000.

West Coast Movement.

The West Coast Lumbermen's Association wired from Seattle the following new business, shipments and unfilled orders for 214 mills reporting for the week ended March 5:

NEW BUSINESS.		UNSHIPPED ORDERS.		SHIPMENTS.	
Feet.		Feet.		Feet.	
Domestic cargo delivery	19,691,000	Domestic cargo delivery	101,803,000	Coastwise and intercoastal	21,667,000
Export	10,534,000	Foreign	70,694,000	Export	9,539,000
Rail	23,956,000	Rail	69,402,000	Rail	19,146,000
Local	5,884,000			Local	5,884,000
Total	60,066,000	Total	241,899,000	Total	56,235,000

Production for the week was 54,261,000 feet.

For the year to Feb. 27 171 identical mills reported orders 20.1% above production, and shipments were 18.1% above production. The same number of mills showed a decrease in inventories of 4.8% on February 27, as compared with January 1.

Southern Pine.

The Southern Pine Association reported from New Orleans that for 135 mills reporting, shipments were 33% above production, and orders 50% above production and 12% above shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 33,180,000 feet, (previous week 29,274,000 at 125 mills); shipments 29,505,000 feet, (previous week 28,497,000); and production 22,115,000 feet, (previous week 19,951,000). Orders on hand at the end of the week at 112 mills were 72,219,000 feet. The 117 identical mills reported a decrease in production of 46%, and in new business a decrease of 22% as compared with the same week a year ago.

Western Pine.

The Western Pine Association reported from Portland, Ore., that for 126 mills reporting, shipments were 198% above production, and orders 197% above production and about the same as shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 36,296,000 feet, (previous week 33,517,000 at 126 mills); shipments 36,434,000 feet, (previous week 31,235,000); and production 12,209,000 feet, (previous week 10,431,000). Orders on hand

at the end of the week at 126 mills were 162,796,000 feet. The 103 identical mills reported a decrease in production of 68%, and in new business a decrease of 20%, as compared with the same week a year ago.

Northern Pine.

The Northern Pine Manufacturers of Minneapolis, Minn., reported no production from 7 mills, shipments 2,187,000 feet and new business 1,946,000 feet. The same number of mills reported a decrease of 43% in new business compared with the same week last year.

Northern Hemlock.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, reported production from 21 mills as 631,000 feet, shipments 805,000 and orders 1,071,000. The 20 identical mills reported production 57% less and new business 3% more than for the same week a year ago.

Hardwood Reports.

The Hardwood Manufacturers Institute, of Memphis, Tenn., reported production from 201 mills as 9,911,000 feet, shipments 14,121,000 and new business 11,546,000. The 168 identical mills reported production 41% less and new business 50% less than for the same week last year.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association, of Oshkosh, Wis., reported production from 21 mills as 1,597,000 feet, shipments 1,749,000 and orders 2,122,000. The 20 identical mills reported a 69% decrease in production and a 9% decrease in new business, compared with the same week a year ago.

Season Favorable for Farming but Markets Continue Depressed, According to Department of Agriculture

The spring season is opening favorably for farm work but the markets are laboring between large supplies and the sharply reduced purchasing power of consumers, says the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture, in its March 1 report of the agricultural situation.

Until recently, the Bureau points out, farmers were finding it advantageous to convert their feed crops into livestock products. But now most of the important classes of livestock have taken a drastic slump in prices. Confronted with this situation, the Bureau finds that "farmers are taking every known means to retrench, to cut expenses, to avoid long-time commitments, to make an hour's labor yield more productive return. Meanwhile, they are looking increasingly to the non-agricultural community to do its part by reducing costs of distribution, by reducing taxes, by supporting the credit structure, and by taking all possible steps to stop the ruinous fall in commodity prices." Under date of March 1 the Bureau added:

The domestic market movement of corn in January was the smallest for that month in 12 years, being less than 10,000,000 bushels; the movement in January has ranged from 18,838,000 bushels in 1931 to a high of 46,537,000 bushels in January of 1932. The movement of sheep, on the other hand, was the largest of any January in the last 12 years, reaching a total of 2,363,000 head. The export movement of tobacco in January was the smallest in 12 years, totaling only 24,337,000 pounds of leaf; and exports of meats were less than 10,000,000 pounds, whereas in January of 1931 they were 18,044,000 pounds, and in January of 1930 they were 32,014,000 pounds.

Hog Prices Reach Highest in Month.

The following from Chicago March 11 is from the Brooklyn "Daily Eagle":

For the first time in nearly four months the top price here for hogs was over the \$5 a hundredweight mark when the 140 to 200-pound hogs sold today at \$4.85 to \$5, with a top of \$5.10. The market was generally active this morning to 10 cents higher on receipts of 8,000 head of which 5,000 were direct to packers.

The 210 to 250-pound hogs sold at \$4.60 to \$4.65 a hundredweight and pigs at \$4.50 to \$4.75. Lightweights were up the most. The upward movement of the market during past fortnight has been gradual and consistent, indicating a healthy forward trend with good possibilities of advances being held in future markets.

S. H. Logan of Canadian Bank of Commerce Finds Recent Advance in Price of Wheat a Welcome Development During the Past Month.

"The recent advance in the price of wheat was a welcome development during the past month, not only for its favorable effect upon our export trade at a time when this is of subnormal volume," states S. H. Logan, General Manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, "but also because it has, unlike the rise last autumn when importers did not share fully in the enthusiasm displayed by speculators, been accompanied by an improved demand for wheat." Mr. Logan continues as follows under date of March 7:

Official and other reliable reports show that steel, automobile and newsprint production increased in January and preliminary reports indicate further expansion in these commodities, except newsprint, during February. Construction contracts awarded have also increased. The slight revival in these branches of industry, however, may be judged by comparing the January records with those for the like month of 1931; steel production was less than half that in January last year, while the decline in automobile manufacture was 42%, and in construction contracts awarded 37%. One reason for the slow advance this year is the delayed operation of the largest automobile plant consequent upon the preparation for the introduction of new models, which has affected numerous allied industries, particularly the steel mills.

The seasonal upturn in manufacturing which commenced in January has been of moderate and somewhat uncertain character, as might be expected in a period of greatly curtailed purchasing power in the agricultural community and of little new development of natural resources.

When we turn to the secondary industries, we find better conditions. A recent survey made by the bank covering 25 industrial points showed the following results:

RATIO OF OPERATIONS TO NORMAL CAPACITY.

Textiles.	Furniture.	Wearing Apparel.	Rubber Goods.	Machinery.	Sundry.
73%	67%	75%	91%	42%	60%

A number of mills and factories in this group were operating at capacity, and a few over-time.

Texas Appeals Court Upholds District Court in Finding Cotton Curb Law Unconstitutional.

Associated Press accounts from Waco, Tex., March 6, stated that only the final word of the Texas Supreme Court remained as a resort for State officials testing the Texas cotton acreage reduction law, after the Tenth Court of Civil Appeals on March 5 sustained a district court ruling that the law was "unconstitutional, null and void." The Waco dispatch continued:

District Judge W. C. Davis of Franklin was upheld in his refusal of an injunction the State asked to prevent Fred L. Smith, farmer, of Calvert, from planting to cotton this year more than 30% of the land he had in cultivation in 1931.

County Attorney T. L. Tyson of Robertson County was expected to carry the appeal from the Court of Civil Appeals to the Supreme Court.

Judge Davis, in his opinion filed on Feb. 1, declared that enforcement of the law passed last September at a special session of the Texas Legislature would be "the essence of tyranny and destructive of the fundamental principles of our Constitution and would make the bill of rights a nullity and a farce."

The law was enacted as a compromise measure after much Statewide agitation for relief from overproduction of cotton and low prices. Several other cotton-producing States enacted conditional measures for cotton curtailment which were allowed to lapse when all of the cotton-growing States failed to follow suit. The Texas law, however, carried no conditional clause to make it void in the event the States were not unanimous in legislative action.

An item regarding the findings of District Judge Davis appeared in our issue of Feb. 6, page 928; the filing of an appeal was noted in our Feb. 27 issue, page 1458.

Taking of American Cotton by Foreign Spinners as Compared with That of Indian Cotton.

A measure of the extent to which foreign spinners have been taking American cotton in place of Indian, because of the relative cheapness of the American staple, is found in figures on exports by the United States and India, according to the New York Cotton Exchange Service. The Exchange on March 8 stated:

The United States exported 889,000 bales in January this season compared with 520,000 last season, and during the six months to the end of January 4,894,000 against 4,468,000 in the same period last season. India, on the other hand, exported only 168,000 bales in January compared with 439,000 in the same month last year, and in the six months to Jan. 31 only 987,000 bales against 1,784,000 in the same period last season.

This great relative difference in the exports by the United States and India is due chiefly to shipments to the Orient. In the first six months of this season, as shown by the Exchange Service, the United States shipped 2,125,000 bales to the Orient compared with only 876,000 last season, but India shipped only 684,000 bales this season compared with 1,189,000 last season. In other words, exports to the Orient by the United States this season are more than twice as much as last season, while exports to the Orient by India this season are only a little more than half as much as last season.

Smaller Cotton Exports from Peru.

The exports of raw cotton from Peru during January decreased to 2,500 bales from 5,500 bales in December and 3,900 bales in January 1931, according to a report received by the Department of Commerce from Commercial Attache Merwin L. Bohan at Lima. The Department on March 7 added:

The total exports for the six months, August to January, inclusive, amounted to 79,000 bales and showed a decrease of 59,000 bales from the shipments for the corresponding period of last season.

Larger Takings of American Cotton by British Mills Maintained.

The deliveries of American cotton to British mills during February averaged about 32,000 bales a week, showing a slight increase over the weekly deliveries during January, averaging about 30,000 bales, it is announced in a cablegram received by the Department of Commerce from Commercial Attache William L. Cooper at London. The Department on March 7 also said:

The deliveries were about 50% larger than in February 1931, when the deliveries averaged about 20,000 bales a week. The total deliveries for the first seven months of the cotton season amounted to 748,000 bales, showing an increase of about 200,000 bales, or about 37% over the deliveries for the corresponding seven months of last season.

British Ports Carry Less American Cotton.

The stocks of American cotton at the British ports at the end of February amounted to 407,000 bales, showing a decrease of 34,000 bales from the stocks at the end of January and a decrease of 175,000 bales from the stocks at the end

of February 1931, it is stated in a cablegram received by the Department of Commerce from Commercial Attache William L. Cooper at London.

World Consumption of American Cotton Increased 622,000 Bales in Six Months Ended January.

Associated Press advices from Manchester, England, March 8, said:

An increase of 622,000 bales in world consumption of American cotton in the six months ended in January 1932 is shown in statistics to be published to-morrow by the International Federation of Master Cotton Spinners and Manufacturers' Association.

The total was 5,940,000 bales. East Indian cotton declined 289,000 bales. Almost every country, with the exception of France and the United States, showed an increased use of American. France used 31,000 bales less and the United States 146,000 bales less.

China and Russia were not included in the compilation.

Lancashire Cotton Weavers' Agreement.

From Manchester, England, advices to the "Wall Street Journal" of March 8 said:

The Joint Committee of Employers and Workers has reached an agreement on the main points in dispute concerning the question of assigning more looms to each operator. The agreement was reached after negotiations lasting three years.

The Central organization of employers will consider the plan to-day, while the workers will vote on it March 12. Two weeks must elapse before the proposal can become effective throughout Lancashire. Adoption of the scheme is considered the most important change in the Lancashire cotton industry in half a century.

The strike in the Burnley district probably will be settled in a few days.

Rhode Island Silk Mills Reduce Output.

During the past month drastic curtailment has been made in the Rhode Island silk mill industry. While it has been difficult to strike an average in the ratio of curtailment, a large Pawtucket silk mill has dropped from 80% capacity operations to about 25%.

Mill men say that the Rhode Island mills have gone through the entire period of normal spring pick-up without any increase of orders.

Detroit Employment.

The following from Detroit is from the "Wall Street Journal" of Mar. 7:

Employment index of the industrial department of the Detroit Board of Commerce on February 29 was 68.6 comparing with 69.4 February 15 and 69 on January 31 this year. At the end of February last year the index was 81.2.

The index of industrial power consumption in February declined to 127 from 132 in January and compared with 140 in February 1931.

Price of Sugar Falls to Lowest Level in History—Former Bottom Mark Is Shaded a Point to 0.79 Cent a Pound.

The downward trend in prices of futures of raw sugar carried the May contract March 10 to the unprecedentedly low level of 0.79 cent a pound on the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange, 1 point below the low mark established a few weeks ago, according to the New York "Times" of March 11, which adds:

Uncertainty over the plans of producing countries, particularly Cuba, for this season's crop continues the most unfavorable factor in the situation.

The day's turnover reached the unusually high figure of 47,750 tons. Heavy Wall Street buying was reported to have absorbed much of the selling.

Thomas L. Chadbourne Returns from Cuba—Says He Will Continue As Head of National Sugar Export Corporation—Resolutions Passed by Producers.

Thomas L. Chadbourne on his return from Cuba on March 8, said (according to the New York "Journal of Commerce" of March 9) that he will not attend the International Sugar Conference at Paris on March 14, but that he will continue as Chairman of the National Sugar Export Corporation. The paper from which we quote went on to say:

While Mr. Chadbourne was en route to New York, the Cuban Sugar Institute, the organization in Cuba primarily established to execute the terms of the agreement, was given the sanction of a majority of sugar producers, who are opposed to restriction, to carry on the negotiations with the other signatories.

At the meeting the producers passed the following set of resolutions:

To Negotiate for a Week.

First, authorize the institute to continue negotiations with other countries in the international agreement, provided that an agreement is reached precisely at the Council's session, which starts March 14, not later than March 20.

Second, the producers authorize the institute to take whatever measures as are necessary and demand from the Government, in the name of all the producers, the legal approval required, in order to comply with agreements and modifications of the international contract that may be adopted, in case agreements and modifications are reached.

Third, the producers approve the attitude of the institute since the meeting of Feb. 10 to date, of which President Machado has been informed. (This refers to the institute's stand to make a crop this year of 3,061,000 tons, as opposed to 2,350,000 tons suggested by Mr. Chadbourne.)

The following advisers were appointed by the producers, Auturo Manas, Ramon J. Martinez, Marcelino Garcia, Octavia Verdejq and Manuel Balsinde.

Perez Represents Cuba.

At the Paris conference the Cuban institute will be represented by Luis Marino Perez, who as commercial attache in London has heretofore acted as agent for the Cuban planters in international conferences abroad. He left last night on the Bremen.

Discussion at the conference will center primarily about a reduction in the size of Java's exports for 1932 and restriction of this year's output in Cuba.

Reports that Mr. Chadbourne would resign from the Corporation came from Havana a week ago, but were immediately denied by Mr. Chadbourne.

National Association of Sugar Producers in Havana Fails to Reach Agreement on Sugar Restriction.

Associated Press advices from Havana, Cuba, March 7, said:

The National Association of Sugar Producers failed to reach an agreement at its meeting to-day for the restriction of Cuba's 1932 crop, with the result that the more than 100 mills now grinding cane over the Island may make whatever amount of sugar their owners please.

The Chadbourne plan for regulating the world sugar industry, under which no action was taken, would have limited Cuba's crop to 2,350,000 tons.

Cuban Sugar Mill Owners Order Restriction Negotiations Continued—Java Firmly Against Cut.

From Havana advices to the "Wall Street Journal" of March 9 said:

Mill owners in conference agreed to notify the Cuban Sugar Institute to continue restriction negotiations with various countries signing the Brussels agreement, provided that negotiations be successfully concluded at the forthcoming sugar conference in Paris, which opens March 14 and terminates not later than March 20.

From Amsterdam March 8 the same paper said:

Apparently, the Javanese contingent to the Paris Sugar Conference, which opens March 14, will persist in its opposition to reduction of its 1932 export quota, which Cuba is demanding as the price of a further reduction in her 1932 crop.

The Javanese have notified the International Sugar Council that Cuba's demands will not be agreed to.

Petroleum and Its Products—New Injunctions Enforce Regulations of Texas Railroad Commission—Beaty Sounds Optimistic Note on Industry's Outlook.

Injunctions follow each other in swift and confusing succession in the East Texas controversy over the regulation of production, but the latest move returns the general situation to where it was several weeks ago prior to the issuance of the first Federal injunction declaring Governor Sterling's use of the militia and martial law in the field to be illegal.

The latest move, completed Thursday of this week, was the granting of an injunction by Federal Judge Bryant at Beaumont enjoining producers from violation of the Railroad Commission's per well production ruling. The only difference in the situation now as compared with several weeks ago is that the Railroad Commission now holds the supervisory authority instead of the military authorities.

However, Gov. Sterling reiterated this week that he has no intention of withdrawing the State militia from the East Texas field "as long as it can be of service to the Railroad Commission in enforcing its proration orders."

The strong curb which is being kept on East Texas despite all the attempts of disgruntled producers to dislodge supervision over production, is held mainly responsible for the more stabilized condition of the entire industry. That the industry is on a firmer basis is unquestioned. There have been no major oil fields discovered since the East Texas undertaking, and with this held to an equitable output, producers and refiners throughout the entire country are better able to plan their future operations.

A rising demand for crude oil will be experienced during the latter part of this month, and this will be the forerunner of the normal spring and summer consuming periods. It is pointed out that much of this greater demand can be covered by Oklahoma City, which is now producing little more than 50% of its "safe" output. However, considerable of this increased consumption will be supplied from storage stocks and this situation will bring about a natural strengthening of crude prices.

In regard to East Texas, it is especially notable that total production there is below the allowable, simply because many wells are unable to yield the 75 barrels per day each is permitted.

A more optimistic outlook for the industry than has prevailed for some time was exhibited Thursday evening, March 10, by Amos L. Beaty, President of the American Petroleum Institute, speaking before members of the California Oil & Gas Association at Los Angeles. He held that it is wrong

to become too panicky about oil in the ground. A pool of 100,000,000 barrels is a "good" one, he declared, and "it takes nine new discoveries of that kind each year to keep the American oil industry in operation." He expressed his belief that large flush pools now "on the rampage" would soon cease to be a menace, even under curtailment and proration, in less time than is generally supposed.

Mr. Beaty spoke strongly in favor of unit operation to prevent waste. He held that the different oil States, in response to the sentiment of the industry, are slowly moving to prevent economic waste of oil and gas. Unit operation, plus the establishment of a better system for the exercise of property rights, statutory inhibitions against the waste of reservoir energy and corrective laws eventually "will bring the industry back to health," he declared.

Speaking on the much-discussed problem of oil inventories, he said: "The real cause of our headache is crude oil inventories, visible and invisible. In the United States we have in the ground say 1,000,000,000 barrels of oil that could quickly be drawn to the surface and turned into channels of trade. We also have over 400,000,000 barrels of refinable crude above ground, as against reasonable working stocks of 200,000,000 barrels. And we are in constant panic regarding these stocks.

"Now suppose this industry were a single unit under one ownership, trying to determine the best way to liquidate these visible and invisible stocks, trying to determine what is good business. Would the decision be to throw everything on the market instantly? Certainly not. The industry, by one volition, would do the obvious and sensible thing. The stocks are going to be taken; they are being drawn upon now. Other stocks may or may not become available. In any event, future stocks will cost more than we could now realize by dumping what we have."

An important point brought out by Mr. Beaty was that "economic forces now in play" will reduce the number of new discoveries over the near future.

There have been no changes in posted prices of crude throughout the large producing fields during the past week.

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

Bradford, Pa.	\$1.40	Eldorado, Ark., 40	\$0.63
Corning, Pa. ....	.80	Rusk, Texas, 40 and over .....	.68
Illinois .....	.80	Salt Creek, Wyo., 40 and over .....	.85
Western Kentucky .....	.60	Darst 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—GASOLINE RETAIL MARKETS ACTIVE BUT BULK SALES CONTINUE ROUTINE—RUMANIAN SHIPMENT FOR DETROIT DISTRIBUTION—PRICES STEADY HERE—CALIFORNIA "DUMPING" IN EAST MAY BE RESUMED ON LARGE SCALE.

Although various reports continue to stress the high totals of retail distribution of gasoline, there has been little activity in the bulk markets to substantiate the story. It may well be, however, that distributors are drawing heavily upon their stocks and that when they come into the market they will become heavy buyers.

A shipment of 3,000,000 gallons of Rumanian gasoline is enroute to Detroit, where it is to be distributed through the "Sunny Service" stations in that territory. This gasoline was shipped to Baltimore by tanker and from there to its destination by tank car.

Gasoline factors along the Atlantic Seaboard are watching the California situation closely. There have been recurring reports that large "distress" offerings of California gasoline may be expected. That there is some basis for this feeling is shown in the statement of Amos L. Beaty, President of the American Petroleum Institute, speaking Thursday evening at Los Angeles. "Stocks are still large," he declared, "and this is particularly true as to gasoline stocks here in California."

Chicago reports that concerted action on the part of refiners to curtail runs to stills is apparently having a beneficial influence, and that jobbers are operating more freely in stocking up for spring business. Gasoline of 57 or below octane rating is generally held at 3 3/8-3 5/8c. per gallon, a fractional advance over prices earlier this week. Gasoline with octane rating of 57 to 65 is firm at 3 3/4-4 1/8c., while 65 octane and above is steady and active in a range of from 4 to 4 3/8c. per gallon.

Fuel oil has been rather active this week, inquiries being made freely. It is felt in some quarters that rising domestic prices will result from a Federal tax on oil imports. However, prices have as yet shown no change, and 60c. per barrel

is still posted at refinery, New York. Diesel oil holds steady but quiet at \$1.30 per barrel, refinery.

Kerosene is moving in a desultory fashion, with 41-43 water white ranging from 5 1/4c. to 5 1/2c. per gallon, bulk, at refinery.

Export markets were quiet and no business of importance was reported during the week.

Price changes follow:

March 11.—Standard Oil Co. of Ohio lowers retail gasoline 2c. per gallon in Ashtabula County and the towns of Doylestown and Rittman.

Gasoline, Service Station, Tax Included.					
New York	\$.143	Cincinnati	\$.15	Kansas City	\$.149
Atlanta .....	.195	Cleveland .....	.16	Minneapolis .....	.162
Baltimore .....	.154	Denver .....	.19	New Orleans .....	.118
Boston .....	.17	Detroit .....	.131	Philadelphia .....	.11
Buffalo .....	.158	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) \$05 1/4-.05 1/4	Chicago	\$.02 1/4-.03 1/4	New Orleans, ex \$0 03 1/4
North Texas .....	.03	Los Ang., ex .....	.04 1/4-.06
			Tulsa

Fuel Oil, F.O.B. Refinery or Terminal.			
N. Y. (Bayonne) —	California 27 plus D	Gulf Coast "C"	\$.55-.65
Bunker "C"	\$.60	Chicago 18-22 D .....	.42 1/4-.50
Diesel 28-30 D	1.30	New Orleans "C" .....	.55

Gas Oil, F.O.B. Refinery or Terminal.			
N. Y. (Bayonne) —	Chicago —	Tulsa —	
28 D plus	\$.03 1/4-.04	32-36 D Ind.	\$.01 1/4-.02

Gasoline, U. S. Motor, Tank Car Lots, F.O.B. Refinery.			
N. Y. (Bayonne) —	New York	New Orleans, ex	\$.05-.05 1/4
Stand. Oil, N. J. \$0.06	Colonial-Beacon	Arkansas .....	.04-.04 1/4
Stand. Oil, N. Y. ....	.06 1/4	Crew Levick .....	.06 1/4
Tide Water Oil Co. ....	.06 1/4	z Texas .....	.06 1/4
Richfield Oil (Cal) .....	.06 1/4	Gulf .....	.06 1/4
Warner-Quinn Co. ....	.06 1/4	Continental .....	.06
Pan-Am. Pet. Co. ....	.06	Republic Oil	*.05 1/4
Shell Eastern Pet .....	.06 1/4	Chicago	\$.03 1/4-.04

* Below 65 octane. z "Texaco" is .07.

East Texas Oil Producers Enjoined.

Press accounts from Houston, Texas, yesterday (March 11) said:

East Texas Oil Producers have been enjoined from violation of Texas Railroad Commission's order by Federal Judge Bryant at Beaumont. The restraining orders were issued Thursday against the Peoples Petroleum Producers' Corp., North Star Oil Corp., Bill & Dave Oil Corp. and the Lide Tayloe Oil Co.

The injunctions were granted the Railroad Commission, whose proration orders permit a flow of 75 barrels per well in the East Texas field.

State Railroad Commission Assumes Regulation of Texas Oil Field—Displaces Military Control in Expectation of Court Decree.

The Texas Railroad Commission assumed regulation of the East Texas oil field on Feb. 25, replacing military rule invoked by Governor Sterling on Oct. 13. Associated Press advices from Austin, Texas, to the New York "Times" indicating this added:

It was decided to continue the existing allowable production of 75 barrels per well daily until March 15, when an allowable of 325,000 barrels daily for the entire field would become effective.

Calculating 4,200 wells producing in the field, it was estimated the per well daily allowable after March 15 would be about 77 barrels.

The Commission's action was taken in anticipation of the filing in Federal court at Tyler of a decree carrying out the findings of a three-judge tribunal that Governor Sterling did not have authority to regulate the field through his military power.

It was expected that National Guardsmen would remain in the field, at least temporarily, in support of the railroad commission's authority under the State oil conservation laws.

Associated Press accounts from Houston, Feb. 25, said:

Martial law in the East Texas oil field will not be rescinded "until the time comes when the presence of troops there is no longer needed," Governor Sterling said.

"The people there believe that the troops are necessary," he said, "and I think they are. The date will come when they will not be necessary, but they will not be withdrawn at any immediate day."

An injunction restraining the Governor from interfering with oil production on the leases of E. Constantin and J. D. Wreather, plaintiffs in the suit resulted in a Federal Court decision against martial law, has been decided upon and the form agreed to by attorneys for both sides.

An item regarding the Texas Oil Curb appeared in our issue of Feb. 20, page 1283.

Oklahoma City Oil Curb Eased.

Associated Press accounts from Oklahoma City, Feb. 27 stated:

An 8,000-barrel increase in the daily average allowable flow of the Oklahoma City oil field was authorized to-day by the State Corporation Commission. Total daily production for the first 15 days of March was fixed at 102,000 barrels.

Standard Oil Co. of California Wins Oil Decision—Federal Land Office Registrar at Sacramento Rules Against Government's Elk Hills Claim.

The following from Sacramento is from the "Wall Street Journal" of Feb. 25:

A decision favoring the Standard Oil Co. of California was handed down here by the Federal Land Office in the case involving a \$10,000,000 tract in Elk Hills which the Federal Government sought to recover. The decision was reported by Walter Spencer, registrar of the Federal Land Office. The disputed tract is described as Section 36, Township 30.

The case was directly begun as a result of the Teapot Dome (Wyo.) inquiry of 1924. Interest centered in the case because of the action of ex-Secretary of the Interior Fall in dismissing the Federal Government's ownership claim to the property in 1921.

"I have decided that this was a legal sale," Mr. Spencer said. "I upheld the Standard Oil ownership as legal because the mineral contents and value of the land in question were known at the time."

The decision has been forwarded to C. C. Moore, United States general commissioner at Washington, who will review the case. The Federal Government probably will enter an appeal.

Discussing the decision further, Mr. Spencer said: "This case is one of the hangovers of the administration of Albert B. Fall, Secretary of the Interior from 1921 to 1923. Unlike some others, which have been given more notoriety, there is nothing in this case to which the slightest taint of fraud has been attached, and no fraud has been charged against the defendants."

The case had originally been carried to the Supreme Court of the United States, which sent it back to the Interior Department.

Oil Operators in California Extend Oil Moratorium.

It was stated in press advices March 7 from Los Angeles that agreement made by oil operators of Elwood, Santa Barbara County field, not to attempt to drill into the deep of Sespe zone, in line with State curtailment plans, has been extended to April 1.

Natural Gasoline Production Again Declined in January—Inventories Increase.

According to the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, the output of natural gasoline again declined and in January 1932 amounted to 140,400,000 gallons, a daily average of 4,530,000 gallons, compared with a daily average production in December of 4,710,000 gallons. Practically all of the major fields showed a decreased output of natural gasoline in January, the decline in the Panhandle being the most noteworthy. Several plants are operating in the East Texas field but their output in January was comparatively unimportant. Stocks of natural gasoline held at the plants reflected the decline in motor fuel demand and increased from 27,070,000 gallons on Dec. 31 to 33,974,000 gallons on Jan. 31.

PRODUCTION OF NATURAL GASOLINE (THOUSANDS OF GALLONS).

	Production.			Stocks End of Mo.	
	Jan. 1932.	Dec. 1931.	Jan. 1931.	Jan. 1932.	Dec. 1931.
Appalachian.....	7,400	7,300	8,900	3,878	2,328
Illinois, Kentucky and Indiana.....	600	1,100	1,100	247	373
Oklahoma.....	36,000	37,400	43,100	11,310	8,785
Oklahoma City.....	7,700	7,600	3,500	2,105	1,756
Osage County.....	4,500	4,600	7,400	2,407	1,692
Seminole.....	10,800	11,700	16,300	2,993	2,338
Rest of State.....	13,000	13,500	15,900	3,805	2,999
Kansas.....	2,600	2,500	2,700	513	423
Texas.....	31,000	33,700	40,800	8,943	6,005
Panhandle.....	15,600	16,800	19,700	3,240	1,753
North Texas.....	2,200	2,500	3,900	957	803
West Central.....	8,100	8,700	11,900	3,655	2,710
Rest of State.....	5,100	5,700	5,300	1,081	739
Louisiana.....	4,700	4,700	4,800	1,286	1,238
Arkansas.....	1,700	1,700	2,600	236	202
Rocky Mountain.....	5,200	5,800	5,700	649	655
California.....	51,200	51,800	64,200	6,912	7,056
Huntington Beach.....	1,400	1,500	2,000	---	---
Kettleman Hills.....	13,500	14,100	16,300	---	---
Long Beach.....	9,700	9,600	13,700	---	---
Santa Fe Springs.....	9,400	9,100	12,100	---	---
Ventura Avenue.....	4,400	4,400	4,800	---	---
Rest of State.....	12,800	13,100	15,300	---	---
Total.....	140,400	146,000	173,900	33,974	27,070
Daily average.....	4,530	4,710	5,610	---	---
Total (thousands of barrels).....	3,342	3,476	4,140	809	645
Daily average.....	108	112	134	---	---

Bulk Terminal Stocks of Gasoline and Gasoline in Transit.

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

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

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

Up to Aug. 22 1931, statistics covering stocks of gasoline East of California reflected stocks held at refineries only, while for the past several

years California gasoline stocks figures have included, and will continue to include, the total inventory of finished gasoline and engine distillate held by reporting companies wherever located within Continental United States, that is, at refineries, water terminals and all sales distributing stations including amounts in transit thereto.

District.	Gasoline at "Bulk Terminals" Figures End of Week.			Gasoline "In Transit," Figures End of Week.		
	Mar. 5 1932.	Feb. 27 1932.	Mar. 7 1931.	Mar. 5 1932.	Feb. 27 1932.	Mar. 7 1931.
East Coast.....	8,821,000	8,550,000	9,199,000	1,018,000	916,000	1,576,000
Appalachian.....	287,000	306,000	371,000	---	---	---
Ind., Ill., Ky.....	2,108,000	2,463,000	1,136,000	---	---	29,000
Okla., Kans., Mo.....	917,000	838,000	---	---	---	---
Texas.....	134,000	122,000	133,000	---	---	64,000
La.-Ark.....	217,000	198,000	589,000	23,000	66,000	52,000
Rocky Mountain.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total east of Calif.....	12,484,000	12,477,000	11,428,000	1,041,000	982,000	1,721,000
Texas Gulf.....	106,000	91,000	107,000	---	---	64,000
Louisiana Gulf.....	195,000	176,000	554,000	23,000	68,000	62,000

Weekly Refinery Statistics for the United States.

Reports compiled by the American Petroleum Institute for the week ended March 5, from companies aggregating 3,665,600 barrels, or 95.2% of the 3,852,000 barrel estimated daily potential refining capacity of the United States, indicate that 1,968,300 barrels of crude oil were run to stills daily, and that these same companies had in storage at refineries at the end of the week, 45,429,000 barrels of gasoline, and 126,175,000 barrels of gas and fuel oil. Reports received on the production of gasoline by the cracking process indicate that companies owning 95.6% of the potential charging capacity of all cracking units, manufactured 2,877,000 barrels of cracked gasoline during the week. The complete report for the week ended March 5 1932, follows:

CRUDE RUNS TO STILLS, GASOLINE AND GAS AND FUEL OIL STOCKS, WEEK ENDED MARCH 5 1932. (Figures in Barrels of 42 Gallons)

District.	Per Cent Potential Capacity Reporting.	Crude Runs to Stills.	Per Cent Oper. of Total Capacity Report.	Gasoline Stocks.	Gas and Fuel Oil Stocks.
East Coast.....	100.0	2,956,000	66.6	6,619,000	6,500,000
Appalachian.....	91.8	611,000	63.5	1,772,000	1,181,000
Ind., Illinois, Kentucky Okla., Kans., Missouri.....	98.9	1,803,000	59.7	5,759,000	4,669,000
Texas.....	89.6	1,349,000	44.3	3,793,000	3,201,000
Louisiana-Arkansas.....	91.3	2,902,000	54.2	8,978,000	9,895,000
Rocky Mountain.....	98.9	1,013,000	62.8	1,632,000	4,011,000
California.....	89.4	205,000	20.4	1,966,000	676,000
Total.....	97.1	2,939,000	47.3	14,910,000	96,042,000
Total week Mar. 5.....	95.2	13,778,000	53.7	45,429,000	126,175,000
Daily average.....	95.2	1,968,300	53.7	45,429,000	126,175,000
Total week Feb. 27.....	95.2	14,999,000	58.5	45,567,000	127,236,000
Daily average.....	95.2	2,142,700	58.5	45,567,000	127,236,000
Total Mar. 7 1931.....	95.7	15,205,000	60.8	45,180,000	127,428,000
Daily average.....	95.7	2,172,100	60.8	45,180,000	127,428,000
cTexas Gulf Coast.....	99.8	2,335,000	62.8	7,179,000	7,191,000
cLouisiana Gulf Coast.....	100.0	693,000	67.1	1,498,000	3,327,000

a Stocks at refineries, except in California district, which includes stocks of finished gasoline and engine distillate at refineries, water terminals and sales distributing stations and amounts in transit thereto. b This figure is not entirely comparable with current stocks due to revisions made since original publication of this figure, from which revisions the basis information is not available by weeks. If it were possible to have made the revision, the new figure would reflect somewhat lower stocks. c Included above for the week ended March 5 1932.

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

World's Production of Crude Petroleum in 1931 Estimated at 1,370,299,000 Barrels, a Decrease of 2.8% as Compared with the Previous Year—Ratio of United States Output to the World Production Declined from 63.3% in 1930 to 62% in 1931.

The world's production of crude petroleum during 1931 reached a total of 1,370,299,000 barrels, a decrease of nearly 40,000,000 barrels, or 2.8% from the total of 1,410,037,000 barrels recorded for 1930, according to preliminary figures released by the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce. United States production dropped from 898,011,000 barrels in 1930 to 850,275,000 barrels in 1931, a decline of nearly 48,000,000 barrels, or 5.3%. Production in countries other than the United States, however, increased from 512,026,000 barrels in 1930 to 520,024,000 barrels in 1931, a gain of approximately 8,000,000 barrels, or 1.5%. United States production, consequently, accounted for 62% of the 1931 world total. In 20 of the past 21 years, United States production has exceeded the 1931 ratio. The report continues:

Production in Russia (U. S. S. R.) increased approximately 20% in 1931 and, as a result, that country displaced Venezuela as the second-ranking producing nation. Production in Venezuela, due to the curtailment of operations, decreased 13%. The only other country showing a material gain in output in 1931 was Rumania, which rose from sixth position to fourth, ahead of both Persia and Netherland East Indies. Production in Mexico continued to decline and the total in 1931, 33,039,000 barrels, was only 17% of what it was in 1921, the peak year. Of particular interest were the increases in output in Argentina, Italy and Germany.

WORLD CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION, 1929-1931.
(Figures in thousands of barrels.)

	1931.		1930.		1929.	
	Quantity.	Per Cent of Total.	Quantity.	Per Cent of Total.	Quantity.	Per Cent of Total.
United States.....	850,275	62.1	898,011	63.7	1,007,323	67.8
Russia (U. S. S. R.)b.	161,900	11.8	125,555	8.9	99,507	6.7
Venezuela.....	118,770	8.7	136,669	9.7	137,472	9.3
Rumania.....	47,600	3.5	41,624	3.0	34,758	2.3
Persia.....	44,800	3.2	45,828	3.3	42,145	2.8
Netherland E. Indies.	35,500	2.6	41,729	3.0	39,279	2.6
Mexico.....	33,039	2.4	39,530	2.8	44,688	3.0
Colombia.....	18,237	1.3	20,346	1.4	20,385	1.4
Argentina.....	11,608	.8	9,002	.6	9,391	.6
Peru.....	10,106	.7	12,449	1.0	13,422	1.0
Trinidad.....	9,769	.7	9,419	.7	8,716	.6
India, British.....	8,190	.6	8,292	.6	8,747	.6
Poland.....	4,340	.3	4,904	.3	4,988	.3
Brit. Borneo (Sarawak)	3,689	.3	4,907	.3	5,200	.4
Sakhalin, Russian.....	2,240	.2	1,805	.1	1,134	.1
Japan (Incl. Taiwan)	1,990	.2	1,950	.1	2,023	.1
Egypt.....	1,946	.1	1,998	.1	1,868	.1
Ecuador.....	1,751	.1	1,553	.1	1,381	.1
Germany.....	1,643		1,182		704	
Canada.....	1,584		1,522		1,117	
Iraq.....	900		913		798	
France.....	617	.4	523	.3	535	.2
Czechoslovakia.....	185		157		93	
Italy.....	145		59		45	
Bolivia.....	25		56		58	
Other countries.....	50		56		58	
Total.....	1,370,299	100.0	1,410,037	100.0	1,485,867	100.0

x 1931 figures subject to slight revision. b 1931 figures represent calendar year; two preceding years on basis fiscal year ended Sept. 30. Calendar year estimates, 1930, 135,165,000 barrels; 1929, 103,000,000 barrels.

Crude Petroleum Output in the United States Declined 5% in 1931 as Compared With 1930—Stocks of All Oils Continue Downward Trend—Runs to Stills of Crude Oil Fell Off 4%.

According to preliminary figures compiled by the Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, the production of crude petroleum during 1931 amounted to 850,275,000 barrels. The final figure of production, which will include certain revisions yet to be made, will probably amount to 850,000,000 barrels. This represents a decline of approximately 48,000,000 barrels, or 5% below the output in 1930, and is 15% lower than the peak figure of 1,007,323,000 barrels established in 1929. The Bureau's statement continues:

The output of natural gasoline and benzol, the only other raw materials utilized by the petroleum industry, also declined in 1930, imports of crude and refined products fell off, and the total new supply of all oils fell to below 1,000,000,000 barrels for the first time since 1926. The downward trend in stocks of all oils, which began in the first half of 1930, was continued up to November 1931. The net withdrawal from stocks of all oils in 1931 amounted to 44,245,000 barrels, the largest annual decrease ever made. Exports of crude oil increased in 1931, but exports of refined products declined from 132,794,000 barrels in 1930 to 98,969,000 barrels in 1931. The indicated domestic demand for all oils in 1931 amounted to 900,982,000 barrels, a decline of 25,478,000 barrels from the previous year. This decrease reflected principally the reduced consumption of fuel oil.

The daily average output of crude petroleum increased steadily during the first seven months of the year but fell off drastically in August and September, due to enforced shut-downs in Texas and Oklahoma. Upon the removal of these restrictions, daily average production increased in October and November but never reached the levels of the period April-July. Drilling activity in 1931 was at the lowest point in more than 30 years. Completions in 1931 totaled 12,432, compared with 21,240 in 1930. The number of oil wells completed amounted to 6,788, a decrease of 42% from 1930. The percentage of dry holes fell from 32 in 1930 to 29 in 1931, a reflection of the drilling of "inside" wells in the East Texas field.

Only two States, Texas and New Mexico, showed a gain in output in 1931. Production in Texas, the leading State, amounted to 331,544,000 barrels, an increase of 41,087,000 barrels over 1930. Production in both California and Oklahoma, which rank second and third, respectively, fell off materially. The output in California in 1931 amounted to 188,830,000 barrels, a decline of about 40,000,000 barrels and the lowest output since the ascendancy of the Los Angeles Basin fields in 1923. The total production in Oklahoma totaled 180,809,000 barrels, or more than 35,000,000 barrels below the total in 1930. This brought the output in Oklahoma down to the levels of the years just prior to the discovery of the prolific Seminole pools. The output in New Mexico increased approximately 50% over 1930 and that State became the sixth-ranking producing State, ahead of both Arkansas and Wyoming. The upward trend of production in the Eastern States was interrupted in 1931, when the total output decreased 11%. This decline was particularly noticeable in Pennsylvania as it marked the first decrease in that State since 1924. Production in the Central States and in the Rocky Mountain district continued to decline.

The development of the East Texas field overshadowed all other field activities in 1931. Although discovered as early as October 1930, the field did not become a substantial producer before 1931. It became evident early in 1931 that the East Texas field was to be one of exceptional size—the proven acreage as of the close of 1930 aggregated approximately 175 square miles. The size, the easy drilling, and the fact that the leases consisted chiefly of small, irregular-shaped tracts, led to the drilling of many wells. The total wells drilled in the field during 1931 amounted to about 3,500, of which about 95% were producers. The majority of the wells were of the gusher type and production rose rapidly after February. The peak production—about 1,000,000 barrels daily—and the low point in prices—five to 15 cents per barrel—were reached in August and were instrumental in causing the field to be shut-in under military order on Aug. 17. It was reopened Sept. 5, when the wells were restricted to 225 barrels daily. As more wells were completed, the allowable per well was gradually reduced. The total output for the year amounted to 107,990,000 barrels, which, despite the restrictions imposed during the last five months of the year, constituted one of the very few occasions in which any district has yielded more than 100,000,000 barrels in a year. No new fields of importance were found in Oklahoma in 1931. The Oklahoma City field was the most active area in the State and despite the fact that it was almost completely shut in from about Aug. 3 to Oct. 10, and was materially curtailed, showed a gain in output from 34,603,000 barrels in 1930 to

47,306,000 barrels in 1931. Practically all of the fields in California declined in output in 1931, a notable exception being the Kettleman Hills field which produced 17,544,000 barrels, compared with 6,209,000 barrels in 1930. Several important discoveries were made in Kansas in 1931, but the output of the State declined to 36,885,000 barrels from 41,638,000 barrels in 1930.

Imports of crude petroleum again declined; the total brought in during 1931 amounted to 47,250,000 barrels, 24% below 1930. The major portion of this decrease was recorded in receipts of Venezuelan crude.

Refined Products.

Runs to stills of crude petroleum amounted to 894,608,000 barrels, a decline of 32,839,000 barrels, or 4%, from 1930. Quantitatively, the decline in runs of domestic crude exceeded the decrease in the amount of foreign oil processed, but on a percentage basis the latter was the more important. Practically the only district that showed a substantial decline in runs of domestic crude was California; on the other hand, practically all of the decline in foreign crude runs occurred in the East coast area.

The production of motor fuel showed little change for the second successive year; the total produced in 1931 amounted to 437,888,000 barrels, compared with 440,728,000 barrels in 1930 and 439,393,000 barrels in 1929. The percentage yield of gasoline at refineries continued to increase, the result largely of increased cracking. Imports of gasoline, which had been increasing rapidly, fell off 20%—from 16,927,000 barrels in 1930 to 13,621,000 barrels in 1931. On the other hand, exports of motor fuel suffered their first decline since 1921; the total exported in 1931 was 45,832,000 barrels, compared with 65,575,000 barrels in 1930. The indicated domestic demand for motor fuel exceeded the expectation of many in 1931 by showing a gain of 2% over 1930. In five months of 1931 the domestic demand for motor fuel was below the corresponding periods of 1930, but this deficit was more than compensated by gains in June, July, and August, the three leading gasoline-consuming months. Stocks of motor fuel increased from 40,998,000 barrels on Jan. 1 to 42,320,000 barrels on Dec. 31, an increase of 2,222,000 barrels. This was largely due to material additions to storage in December. In 1931 the fluctuation between the high point in motor fuel stocks in the spring and the low point in late summer was much less pronounced than in most former years, indicating a growth in the flexibility of modern refinery practice.

The trade in kerosene in 1931 was generally below the standards of 1930. Production and consumption both declined, but stocks decreased—about the only encouraging feature. The trend of the statistics of lubricating oils and wax in 1931 resembled closely that for kerosene. The output of lubricating oils in 1931 was 22% below 1930, a reflection of declining use. The output of gas oil and fuel oil again declined and indications point to a substantial decrease in use by most agencies.

Natural Gasoline.

The output of natural gasoline declined for the second successive year; the total in 1931 was 1,804,600,000 gallons, compared with 2,210,500,000 gallons in 1930, a decrease of 18%. This material decline resulted mainly from the curb placed on drilling. In addition, East Texas, the only area which had a material amount of flush crude production in 1931, was unique in not having a gas-oil ratio sufficiently large to invite the construction of new plants until the year was practically over.

Nearly all of the States and fields reported a decrease in natural gasoline output in 1931. The largest declines occurred in the Seminole and Santa Fe Springs districts. The only field which showed a material gain in output in 1931 was the Kettleman Hills field, now the leading natural-gasoline producing area in California. Although the output in the Texas Panhandle declined, that area became the leading producing district of the country.

The trend in stocks of natural gasoline held at plants in 1931 was quite similar to that in 1930; the total on hand Dec. 31 1931, amounted to 27,100,000 gallons, compared with 24,300,000 gallons on hand Jan. 1. The practice of blending natural gasoline to produce finished motor fuel at the plants continued to decline.

For preliminary statistics for the month and 12 months ended Dec. 31 1931, see "Chronicle" of Feb. 13 1932, pages 1102 and 1103.

January Production of Crude Petroleum 9% Lower Than in Preceding Month, but Is Slightly Higher Than a Year Ago—Inventories Decline.

According to reports received by the Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, the production of crude petroleum in the United States during January, 1932, amounted to 66,884,000 barrels, a daily average of 2,158,000 barrels. This represents a decrease from the previous month of 9%, but is slightly above the output a year ago. Production in the East Texas field, the leading producing field in the country, continued to decline in January, when the daily average output amounted to 318,000 barrels compared with 358,000 barrels in December. All the other major producing districts in Texas registered declines in January and the total output for the State was 9% below December but 21% above a year ago. Daily production in California continued steady at just above the 500,000-barrel mark. All of the major fields in Oklahoma curtailed their output in January. This decline was particularly noticeable in the Oklahoma City field, and as a result that field fell below Seminole in output.

The curtailment in crude production exceeded the seasonal decline in demand and stocks decreased. This contrasts with the experience of November and December, when crude stocks increased. Total crude stocks, exclusive of heavy crudes in California, amounted to 369,382,000 barrels on Jan. 31, compared with 371,230,000 barrels on hand as the year opened. The Bureau in its statement further reports:

Daily average runs to stills of crude petroleum declined from 2,346,000 barrels in December to 2,217,000 barrels in January. This decline only affected domestic crude as the daily average runs of foreign crude remained stationary at 108,000 barrels.

The daily average output of motor fuel continued to decline and amounted to 1,082,000 barrels, compared with 1,163,000 barrels daily a month ago and with 1,055,000 barrels daily a year ago. Exports of motor fuel in-

creased materially over December, but were 30% below a year ago. The indicated domestic demand for motor fuel totaled 26,845,000 barrels, a daily average of 866,000 barrels. This represents a material decline from December but is 2% above a year ago. Stocks of motor fuel, including stocks held at bulk terminals, amounted to 57,362,000 barrels at the close of January, compared with 52,870,000 barrels on hand Jan. 1, a gain of 4,492,000 barrels. At the current rate of total demand, the January stocks represent 59 days' supply, compared with 49 days' supply on hand a month ago.

The refinery data of this report were compiled from schedules of 342 refineries, with an aggregate daily recorded crude oil capacity of 3,676,610 barrels, covering, as far as the Bureau is able to determine, all operations during January 1932. These refineries operated during January at 60% of their recorded capacity, given above, as compared with 344 refineries operating at 64% of their capacity in December.

SUPPLY AND DEMAND OF ALL OILS. (Including wax, coke and asphalt in thousands of barrels of 42 U. S. gallons)

Table with columns for Jan. 1932, Dec. 1931, Jan. 1931. Rows include New Supply, Domestic production (Crude petroleum, Daily average, Natural gasoline, Benzol, Total production, Daily average), Imports (Crude petroleum, Refined products, Total new supply, all oils, Daily average), Demand (Total demand, Daily average, Exports), Excess of daily average domestic production over domestic demand, Stocks (End of Month), Grand total stocks, all oils, Days supply, Bunker oil.

a Decrease. b Deficiency. c California heavy crude and residual fuel included under refined products. d For comparison with 1932.

PRODUCTION OF CRUDE PETROLEUM BY STATES. (Thousands of barrels of 42 U. S. gallons.)

Table with columns for January 1932, December 1931, January 1931. Rows list states from Arkansas to Wyoming, including Total U. S. total.

NUMBER OF WELLS COMPLETED IN THE UNITED STATES.a

Table with columns for January 1932, December 1931, January 1931. Rows include Oil, Gas, Dry, Total.

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

Production of Crude Petroleum Lower Than a Year Ago but Continues to Show an Increase Over the Preceding Week.

The American Petroleum Institute estimates that the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended March 5 was 2,140,850 barrels, as com-

pared with 2,138,050 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 2,800 barrels. Compared with the output for the week ended March 7 1931 of 2,156,700 barrels per day, the current figure represents a decrease of 15,850 barrels daily. The daily average production east of California for the week ended March 5 1932 was 1,638,750 barrels, as compared with 1,638,850 barrels for the preceding week, a decrease of 100 barrels. The following are estimates of daily average gross production by districts for the weeks ended March 5 1932, Feb. 27 1932 and March 7 1931:

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION (FIGURES IN BARRELS).

Table with columns for Weeks Ended (Mar. 5 '32, Feb. 27 '32, Feb. 20 '32, Mar. 7 '31) and rows for various districts (Oklahoma, Kansas, Panhandle Texas, North Texas, West Central Texas, East Texas, Southwest Texas, North Louisiana, Arkansas, Coastal Texas, Coa tal Louisiana, Eastern (not incl. Michigan), Michigan, Wyoming, Montana, Colorado, New Mexico, California) and Total.

The estimated daily average gross production for the Mid-Continent field, including Oklahoma, Kansas, Panhandle, North, West Central, West, East Central, East and Southwest Texas, North Louisiana and Arkansas, for the week ended March 5, was 1,296,900 barrels, as compared with 1,302,050 barrels for the preceding week, a decrease of 5,150 barrels. The Mid-Continent production, excluding Smackover (Arkansas) heavy oil, was 1,273,850 barrels, as compared with 1,279,100 barrels, a decrease of 5,250 barrels.

Table with columns for Week Ended (Mar. 5, Feb. 27) and rows for various fields (Oklahoma, Bowles, Bristow-Slick, Burbank, Carr City, Earlsboro, East Earlsboro, South Earlsboro, Kouawa, Little River, East Little River, Maud, Mission, Oklahoma City, S. Iovis, Searight, Seminole, East Seminole, Kansas, Ritz, Sedgwick County, Voshell, Panhandle Texas, Gray County, Hutchinson County, Archer County, North Young County, Wilbarger County, West Central Texas, South Young County, West Texas, Crane and Upton Cos., Ector County, Howard County, Reagan County, Winkler County, Yates, Balance Pecos County, East Central Texas, Van Zandt County, East Texas, Rusk Co., Kilkore, Gregg Co.; Longview) and various locations in California, New Mexico, Colorado, and Pennsylvania.

Report That International Conference on Copper Has Reached an Agreement on Restriction—Differences on Rules Still Unadjusted—Foreign Copper Interests Sailing for Europe.

The conferences of world copper producers which have been held in this city for the past two weeks, have, said the New York "Sun" of last night (Mar. 11), been concluded following the reaching of an accord on the plan to curtail production from 26 1/2% to 20%. The "Sun" continued:

The copper producers found it impossible to compose their differences on revision of rules of Copper Exporters, Inc., and decided to continue operating under the old rules. Copper Exporters, Inc., this afternoon issued a statement confirming the foregoing as follows: "As a result of recent conferences participated in with but few exceptions by all the world's producers of copper, it is anticipated that further curtailment contemplated will be brought about, provided that the mining companies not represented at these conferences will show a fair spirit of co-operation. "In expectation of such co-operation, producers and custom smelters have agreed to continue to co-operate in the export market through Copper Exporters. "

In view of the accord on curtailment, the foreign copper executives who have been participating in the conference will carry out their plan to sail for Europe on the liner Majestic tonight. Those who have engaged passage are F. Pisart, managing director of the Katanga mines, operated by Belgians in Africa; Sir Auckland Geddes, Chairman of the Rio Tinto and Rhokana companies, and Arthur D. Storke, managing director of the Roan Antelope Copper Mining Co., operating in Africa.

While the plan to revise the rules governing sales by the Copper Exporters, Inc., has been dropped, discovery of a provision in the old rules permitting custom smelters to make special offerings of metal abroad at less than official prices without forfeiting their privileges as members of the exporting organization, is having the effect of modifying the previous

Changes in the amount of Reserve bank credit outstanding and in related items during the week and the year ended March 9 1932, were as follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-)		
	Mar. 9 1932.	Mar. 2 1932.	Mar. 11 1931.
	\$	\$	\$
Bills discounted.....	748,000,000	-80,000,000	+575,000,000
Bills bought.....	138,000,000	+22,000,000	-13,000,000
United States securities.....	785,000,000	+25,000,000	+180,000,000
Other Reserve bank credit.....	27,000,000	+2,000,000	+14,000,000
TOTAL RESERVE BANK CREDIT.....	1,698,000,000	-31,000,000	+756,000,000
Monetary gold stock.....	4,362,000,000	+12,000,000	-315,000,000
Treasury currency adjusted.....	1,775,000,000	-16,000,000	+3,000,000
Money in circulation.....	5,544,000,000	-39,000,000	+590,000,000
Member bank reserve balances.....	1,910,000,000	+8,000,000	-526,000,000
Unexpended capital funds, non-member deposits, &c.....	382,000,000	-3,000,000	-19,000,000

Returns of Member Banks in New York City and Chicago—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 New York City as well as those in Chicago 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 City 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 City statement, of course, also includes the brokers' loans of reporting member banks. The grand aggregate of brokers' loans the present week records as increase of \$57,000,000 the amount of these loans on March 9 1932 standing at \$552,000,000. The present week's increase of \$57,000,000 follows an increase of \$6,000,000 last week. The low figure of \$486,000,000 on Feb. 10 1932 compares with the record low of \$473,438,000 on Jan. 25 1928. Loans "for own account" increased during the week from \$429,000,000 to \$464,000,000, and loans "for account of out-of-town banks" from \$61,000,000 to \$84,000,000, but loans for "account of others" decreased from \$5,000,000 to \$4,000,000. The amount of these loans "for account of others" has been reduced the past 17 weeks due to the action of the New York Clearing House Association on Nov. 5 1931 in restricting member banks on and after Nov. 16 1931 from placing for corporations and others than banks loans secured by stocks, bonds and acceptances.

CONDITION OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN CENTRAL RESERVE CITIES.

	New York.		
	Mar. 9 1932.	Mar. 2 1932.	Mar. 11 1931.
	\$	\$	\$
Loans and Investments—total.....	6,421,000,000	6,540,000,000	7,829,000,000
Loans—total.....	4,174,000,000	4,269,000,000	5,354,000,000
On securities.....	2,097,000,000	2,105,000,000	3,082,000,000
All other.....	2,077,000,000	2,160,000,000	2,272,000,000
Investments—total.....	2,247,000,000	2,271,000,000	2,475,000,000
U. S. Government securities.....	1,437,000,000	1,445,000,000	1,348,000,000
Other securities.....	810,000,000	826,000,000	1,127,000,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	643,000,000	639,000,000	866,000,000
Cash in vault.....	41,000,000	40,000,000	44,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	4,701,000,000	4,727,000,000	5,885,000,000
Time deposits.....	756,000,000	744,000,000	1,196,000,000
Government deposits.....	95,000,000	140,000,000	-----
Due from banks.....	77,000,000	96,000,000	99,000,000
Due to banks.....	836,000,000	876,000,000	1,253,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank.....	-----	15,000,000	-----
Loans on secur. to brokers & dealers:			
For own account.....	464,000,000	429,000,000	1,236,000,000
For account of out-of-town banks.....	84,000,000	61,000,000	293,000,000
For account of others.....	4,000,000	5,000,000	290,000,000
Total.....	552,000,000	495,000,000	1,819,000,000
On demand.....	445,000,000	386,000,000	1,411,000,000
On time.....	107,000,000	109,000,000	408,000,000
Chicago.			
Loans and Investments—total.....	1,440,000,000	1,468,000,000	1,943,000,000
Loans—total.....	990,000,000	1,009,000,000	1,308,000,000
On securities.....	571,000,000	577,000,000	763,000,000
All other.....	419,000,000	432,000,000	545,000,000
Investments—total.....	450,000,000	459,000,000	635,000,000
U. S. Government securities.....	239,000,000	245,000,000	329,000,000
Other securities.....	211,000,000	214,000,000	306,000,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	155,000,000	137,000,000	177,000,000
Cash in vault.....	15,000,000	14,000,000	12,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	959,000,000	950,000,000	1,204,000,000
Time deposits.....	385,000,000	391,000,000	634,000,000
Government deposits.....	1,000,000	2,000,000	-----
Due from banks.....	95,000,000	104,000,000	168,000,000
Due to banks.....	242,000,000	239,000,000	362,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank.....	2,000,000	1,000,000	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 March 2.

The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of weekly reporting member banks in leading cities on March 2 shows decreases for the week of \$83,000,000 in loans and investments and \$70,000,000 in government deposits, and an increase of \$15,000,000 in time deposits. Net demand deposits and borrowings from Federal Reserve banks show little net change for the week.

Loans on securities increased \$11,000,000 at reporting member banks in the New York district, and declined \$7,900,000 in the Boston district and \$5,000,000 in the Chicago district, all reporting banks showing a net increase of \$2,000,000 for the week. "All other" loans declined \$7,000,000 in the Boston district, \$5,000,000 in the Chicago district and \$23,000,000 at all reporting banks.

Holdings of United States Government securities declined \$33,000,000 in the New York district, \$15,000,000 in the San Francisco district, \$9,000,000 in the Chicago district and \$64,000,000 at all reporting banks. Holdings of other securities increased \$8,000,000 in the New York district and \$2,000,000 at all reporting banks.

Borrowings of weekly reporting member banks from Federal Reserve banks aggregated \$474,000,000 on March 2 as compared with \$478,000,000 the week before, the principal changes for the week being a decrease of \$5,000,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and an increase of \$4,000,000 at Richmond.

A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of weekly reporting member banks, together with changes during the week and the year ending March 2 1932, follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-)		
	March 2 1932.	Feb. 24 1932.	March 4 1931.
	\$	\$	\$
Loans and Investments—total.....	10,523,000,000	-83,000,000	-3,098,000,000
Loans—total.....	12,588,000,000	-21,000,000	-2,853,000,000
On securities.....	5,440,000,000	+2,000,000	-1,816,000,000
All other.....	7,148,000,000	-23,000,000	-1,037,000,000
Investments—total.....	6,935,000,000	-62,000,000	-245,000,000
U. S. Government securities.....	3,742,000,000	-64,000,000	+298,000,000
Other securities.....	3,193,000,000	+2,000,000	-543,000,000
Reserves with F. R. banks.....	1,431,000,000	+15,000,000	-342,000,000
Cash in vault.....	206,000,000	-22,000,000	-5,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	11,003,000,000	+2,000,000	-2,511,000,000
Time deposits.....	5,700,000,000	+15,000,000	-1,589,000,000
Government deposits.....	225,000,000	-70,000,000	+196,000,000
Due from banks.....	912,000,000	+38,000,000	-943,000,000
Due to banks.....	2,386,000,000	+124,000,000	-1,449,000,000
Borrowings from F. R. banks.....	474,000,000	-4,000,000	+427,000,000

Hearing on Depressed Value of Silver Before House Committee—L. W. Knoke, of Federal Reserve Bank of New York Favors Discussion of War Debts as International Conference on Silver—J. P. Warburg of International Acceptance Bank Would Confine Conference to Silver—Latter Suggests 25% of 40% Reserve Against Treasury Notes Be Silver.

On Monday March 7 hearings were begun by a sub-committee of the House Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures into the cause and effects of the depressed value of silver. At the first day's hearing L. W. Knoke, who has been with the New York Federal Reserve Bank two months, expressed the opinion that war debts and reparations must be considered at any international conference called to discuss world economics and silver. James P. Warburg, President of the International Acceptance Bank, who was also heard the same day, disagreed with Mr. Knoke's view and held that an international gathering to discuss silver alone would be "possible and fruitful."

Mr. Knoke, according to Associated Press accounts said:

"I, personally, am very much of the opinion that international debts and reparations are the primary cause of to-day's ills, coupled with other such highly controversial matters such as tariffs, &c."

The Associated Press further reported:

He said that a cancellation of war debts or a scaling down of reparations "would be simply passing the burden to the people of the United States." Mr. Warburg also opposed cancellation.

Referring to the 40% reserve required on Treasury notes, Mr. Warburg suggested that the law be changed to stipulate that 5% of this be silver, 25% gold and the remainder either gold or silver.

"This may be a limited form of bimetallicism," he added, "but it doesn't permanently fix the ratio."

According to the "United States Daily" both Mr. Warburg and Mr. Knoke made it plain that they were expressing their own personal views, and not those of the institution with which they are connected. From the "Daily" of March 8 we also quote the following:

Philip C. Nash, Chairman of the Inter-organization Council on Disarmament spoke briefly. The committee reserved action.

War debts and reparations must be considered in any effort to cure existing economic difficulties, Mr. Knoke told the Committee. Mr. Warburg opposes debt cancellation because of his belief in the sanctity of a promise, and stated that, although the international debt problem is difficult to solve, the nations of the world must arrive at some "common denominator" regarding gold and silver standards before war debts can be discussed.

"If the purpose of the present investigation is to find a means by which an end can be put to the depression prevailing the world over," Mr. Knoke stated, "anything short of an international understanding with regard to international debts and reparations will be of little avail. I personally am firmly of the opinion that international debts and reparations are the primary cause of to-day's ills, coupled with highly controversial matters such as tariffs, etc."

"The predicament of silver can be remedied almost overnight if these governments which debased silver would restore it to its old position," he asserted.

Cost of Stabilizing Silver.

Such a restoration, he continued, could automatically re-establish a demand for about 40,000,000 ounces of silver, which is all that is needed to balance consumption. However, he said, before he would advise the committee to act on such a suggestion he would suggest that it consider the cost of this restoration to the countries involved.

Most governments which have debased silver say they would not be able to meet the additional burden, he stated, adding that "personally, I feel the cost would not be exorbitant."

Relative to the theory that capital has left India because of debasement of silver, Mr. Knoke said he had tried to follow such an argument, but that he "stumbles over the figures." In 13 weeks, he told the Committee, despite the status of the metal, India has shown her faith in silver by putting into her own pockets something like 40,000,000 ounces.

No Test of Bimetallism.

He pointed out that the argument has been advanced that a gold shortage had been largely responsible for the present economic situation. The gold supply is not any more short now than it was 10 years ago, he asserted.

Many answer the demand for bi-metallism, he said, with the declaration that bi-metallism has been tried and found wanting. Some say, he added, that low silver prices brought about the present depression.

"I can not understand that," he said. "I do not feel as black about the future of silver, however, as many seem to."

Silver production is being materially reduced to-day, he said. He does not think there will be any more demonitized silver, and that India will stop selling silver.

Mr. Knoke expressed the view that higher silver prices to-day would do more harm than good to China. In order to help China, he observed silver prices should rise gradually and slowly.

Increase in the price of silver, according to Mr. Knoke, would help only those countries in which the metal is produced. The benefit in dollars and cents would not be material, but would be merely a commodity price increase, he said.

He said that the price of silver suffered a reduction partially in relation to the rise in value of gold.

He recommended against calling an international conference solely for the purpose of attempting to solve the silver situation, contending that no conference of any kind should be called unless its success is 90% assured, because failure of such a meeting would be likely to result in more harm than benefit, due to the general international relations existing to-day.

Hoarding of Precious Metals.

Mr. Knoke stated that the following countries had debased silver: Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, Austria and Hungary. He also stated that according to estimates, \$2,500,000,000 in silver and \$3,000,000,000 in gold is being hoarded in India.

England has obtained a "temporary advantage" in world trade by suspending the gold standard, Mr. Knoke said, but asserted that there is absolutely no doubt that England will eventually return to the gold standard.

Conceding that the country would be in a better position if commodity prices were raised and that adoption of bi-metallism would have that effect, Mr. Knoke suggested that bi-metallism would result in "watering the gold stock."

Cancellation of war debts, he agreed, would be simply passing the burden to the American taxpayers.

Mr. Warburg told the Committee that he believed the depression of to-day is due to maladjustment of world war settlements.

Beside expressing opposition to debt cancellation, Mr. Warburg said that he is against bi-metallism or free silver, and that he believes in the maintenance of the gold standard. He said he believed the depreciation of the price of silver had the effect in China of destroying the confidence of the Chinese in the metal.

He said he would be against Congress attempting to do anything in the way of stabilizing the price of silver without the co-operation of foreign countries.

In indicating the hearings scheduled by the Committee, a dispatch from Washington, March 5, to the New York "Times" said:

J. P. Warburg and L. W. Knoke, of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, will appear Monday [March 7]; Tuesday, H. K. Hochschild of the American Metals Co., and F. H. Brownell; Wednesday, G. W. Lehman and James Heckscher, officers of the Irving Trust Co., will testify. Thursday is an open day. The hearings will be concluded Friday with the appearance of S. R. Bomanji and K. C. Li, a Chinese metal expert.

A letter addressed by the Chairman of the Committee, Representative Somers, to Winston Churchill, and the latter's reply, are referred to in another item in this issue of our paper; we also refer elsewhere to the views of F. H. Brownell of the American Smelting & Refining Co., and those of Mr. Hochschild of the American Metals Co.

Silver Conference of Nations Urged by Winston Churchill—Monetary Co-operation Advised by Member of Parliament in Communication to House Coinage Committee.

An international conference on monetary conditions, particularly with respect to rehabilitation of silver, is impera-

tive, according to Winston Churchill, member of the British Parliament, in a letter to the House Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures, made public by the Committee Chairman, Representative Somers (Dem.), of Brooklyn, N. Y., March 5. The Committee on March 7 began hearings in its silver investigation, under a recent authorization of the House. The communications which passed between Mr. Somers and Mr. Churchill were given as follows in the "United States Daily" of March 7:

A statement made public by the House subcommittee, entrusted with the investigation, follows in full text:

The subcommittee of the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures, investigating the fall in the price of silver, makes public the following communication from the Right Honorable Winston Churchill, which will be incorporated in the Committee's record.

Letter to Winston Churchill.

Attached also the letter dated Feb. 17, from Chairman Andrew L. Somers to Mr. Churchill:

"As Chairman of the House Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures, which has been charged with the responsibility of developing the relationship between the fall in the price of silver and that of other commodities, may I presume to respectfully present to you the following inquiries in the hope that our Committee may be aided in its work by a reflection of your views which, due to your exceptional qualifications and knowledge of this subject, will be of tremendous importance in guiding them to the proper conclusions.

"I want you to feel that if answering these questions would bring any degree of embarrassment, as Chairman of the Committee, I would not expose you to any such experience. I will treat with entire confidence, if you so desire, any statements you make. If your answers may, however, be incorporated in our report, I feel confident that they will carry the greatest weight with the members of the House of Representatives.

Monetary Stability Emphasized.

"In introducing House Resolution 72, I have stated in part:

"The Committee further believes that the solution of the fundamental problem of money is at the very root of our present evils, so that its correction necessarily implies progress in the solving of other important questions, the discussion of which in the absence of stable monetary conditions becomes futile and academic. As a matter of fact, the Committee points out that it may be understood both at home and abroad that if monetary instability has destroyed trade, and with it capacity to pay, it has also destroyed in the same degree our ability to cancel. It therefore follows as naturally as day follows night, that stability of money should restore trade, thus recreating capacity to pay and likewise our ability to cancel. Under such conditions the common burden might possibly be borne by all, because co-operative effort will have made it lighter, whereas, under present conditions, it is too heavy to be carried alone, so that danger threatens creditor and debtor nation alike."

"With reference to the foregoing, do you believe that prompt international co-operation is not only desirable but imperative at this time, and that it can be effected only through international conference?

Overproduction Considered.

"Do you concur with Sir Osborne A. Smith, Governor of the Imperial Bank of India, when he states that there is no overproduction with respect to the requirements but there is overproduction with respect to purchasing power? If you are in agreement with Sir Osborne, do you share his conviction that the best method of restoring purchasing power is through the rehabilitation of silver by joint action of the principal Western nations?

"Permit me to express my appreciation of your kindness in giving consideration to these questions and to present my most sincere respects."

Mr. Churchill's Reply.

Mr. Churchill's reply, dated Feb. 20, follows:

My dear Sir: I am much honored by the enquiry which you have addressed to me and gladly comply with your request that I should answer the questions you ask.

1. I believe that prompt international co-operation upon monetary conditions is not only desirable but imperative at this time, and that it can be effected only through international conference.

2. I concur with the statement that there is overproduction with respect to purchasing power rather than with respect to requirements.

3. I consider that the question of the rehabilitation of silver through the joint action of the principal Western nations should be one of the principal matters to be considered by international conference.

International Conference to Stabilize Silver Favored by F. H. Brownell of American Smelting & Refining Co. and H. K. Hochschild of American Metals Co.

An international conference to stabilize silver was advocated by two witnesses testifying before the House Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures, March 8. Reporting this, the "United States Daily" of March 9 continued:

F. H. Brownell, of New York, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the American Smelting & Refining Co., who stated he believed such a conference to be the best way of accomplishing such stabilization, said he would not recommend such a conference until there is assurance that the countries participating would enter with a sympathetic attitude. When that is assured, he said, the delegates could get around the conference table and agree upon the best method.

H. K. Hochschild, of the American Metals Co. of New York, concurred with the opinions of Mr. Brownell for the most part, explaining that if the value of silver continues to depreciate it is probable that the result will be more serious to the countries of the Western Hemisphere than to China and India.

Stabilization Urged for Trade Recovery.

"I am heartily in sympathy with the calling of an international conference on money in general, and silver in particular," he said.

Before normal trade can be renewed, there must be stable money, and that is substantially impossible to-day, he asserted.

Declaring that he believes in the gold standard, Mr. Brownell said he would advocate no action that would interfere with a gold basis, although, he added, he does not think it possible for the entire world to be on a gold basis to-day. If the Eastern countries were to decide to use a gold basis, he said, there would not be enough gold to supply the world.

Declaring that he does not believe the depreciation of commodity prices which occurred in 1929 was due to the appreciation of gold, Mr. Brownell told the Committee that the height of gold production occurred in 1915, and that there has been an actual decrease in the production of gold since

that time. There is a grave danger, he said, that the future production of gold will not be anything like what it has been in the past.

Holds Increased Output Depends on Labor Costs.

The only possibility of a larger production of gold in South Africa is for the Union of South Africa to go on a paper basis, thus lowering labor and decreasing costs of production, he stated. He pointed out that the use of airplanes in recent years has been of great help in opening up new gold fields which previously were inaccessible.

He said, however, that he doubts if there are any fields throughout the world which are not now known, and that there is little possibility that any new gold fields of major magnitude will be found.

It also must be considered that it is highly improbable that within the next 100 years it would be possible to get China or India to stop using silver, in which case it becomes more necessary that silver be stabilized, he said. On the whole, the price of silver used to be fairly stable, Mr. Brownell said, but now the price is "wobbling all over," and the tendency has been to destroy confidence in silver. This, he said, interferes with world trade.

Declaring that China, where there is only 6,000 miles of railroads to-day, needs 100,000 miles of railroads, would be a place where Great Britain and the United States would have been falling over each other" to build railroads if the price of silver had been stable, he told the Committee that trade conditions within China have not been materially affected by the depreciated price of the metal, but that its outside trade value has been affected.

War Debts Declared Unrelated to Problem.

"If we are going to continue to trade with the large part of the world that uses silver," he declared, "we must try to stabilize silver."

In emphasizing the desirability of an international conference on silver, Mr. Brownell stated that there would be no more reason to bring up the question of war debts and reparations at such a conference than there would be to bring up any other unrelated subject.

He said the calling of such a conference should at least be dependent, however, on Great Britain's return to a "hard money" basis, because that nation would have to participate and agree to such a conference if it were to be beneficial. He said he thought two or three countries could reach an agreement on the subject with the United States and Great Britain, and added that if France and Japan would agree, it is probable that the rest of the world almost would have to.

Mr. Brownell, when asked what he thought of the belief that previous depressions were relieved by new discoveries of gold, cited several instances of where that had been the case. He said in the last half of the last century several instances of this kind occurred, and that later more gold was made available due to new types of processing being discovered.

Views Debt Problems As Effect of Depression.

That continued until about 1915, he said, but since that time practically no new mines have been discovered that are materially productive, and that since 1915 production has never increased.

The war debt problems were held as effects, rather than a cause of the depression by Mr. Brownell.

Speaking mostly concerning the silver situation as it affects China, Mr. Hochschild said that the decline in the price of silver retards the import trade of China and stimulates that country's export trade.

He stated that there has been an increase in the industries of China since the price of silver has depreciated, and that this is due in part to the fact that the gold values of commodities in other countries has declined further.

Although China normally has a visible unfavorable balance of trade, Mr. Hochschild said that the invisible items convert this unfavorable balance into a favorable balance. The invisible items, he said, are due to remittances sent back to China by Chinese in foreign countries.

Effect of Settlements on Price of Silver.

Because of the large percentage of silver produced in the world being used in settling trade bills with China and India, it is logical to assume that the price of commodities will influence silver prices, rather than vice versa, in considering the matter from the Far East standpoint, he said.

The reason silver prices have declined more than commodity prices since 1926 is that silver has been demonitized during the last few years, he said, adding that normally silver and commodity price comparisons run about parallel.

Although India and China continued to maintain their confidence in silver until about two years ago, during the last two years that confidence has weakened, he said. If the Western countries continue to hammer at silver long enough, they may be able to break that confidence entirely, and the result would be serious, not only internally in China but on trade, he said. He doubted that the United States, acting alone, could do much towards stabilization.

Restoration of Silver Parity Asked in Memorandum Prepared by Rene Leon Under Direction of Representative Somers—World Conference Aim.

In a dispatch, Feb. 27, to the New York "Times" from Washington, it was stated that an appeal for the re-establishment of silver to its former position in the monetary systems of the world would shortly be presented to the House by the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures, through its Chairman, Representative Somers, Democrat, of New York. The dispatch went on to say:

The appeal will be in the form of a memorandum prepared by Rene Leon, silver authority of New York, under the direction of Representative Somers and a subcommittee. Mr. Somers will offer Mr. Leon's study for the "Congressional Record" as a basis for further consideration of the silver question, which has been authorized by a resolution of the House. The immediate goal of the House movement is to force an international conference on silver.

The conclusion of Mr. Leon, as set out in the memorandum, is that gold and silver hold the solution of both the monetary and industrial problems of the world.

"When the question is examined from every angle," the memorandum states, "the logical conclusion is that 'all roads lead to Rome,' in that accurate diagnosis of the money problem invariably points to the two metals which form the basis of the money systems.

"Once this is conceded, it is simple enough to accept the principle that if the 'quality of money' is destroyed in one metal mankind will desert the one so debased and reach out for the other, to which value is still attached.

"Hence the universal rush of gold or gold exchange, which explains maldistribution, hoarding and all those attendant evils which make for the destruction of values through the disruption of trade via the exchanges."

Mr. Leon contends that the disruption of relationship of gold and silver has contributed greatly to the present depression.

"It is monetary dislocation which has set in motion the vicious vortex of deflation, which is gaining in velocity as its evil consequences multiply because they feed upon each other," he says. "We have abundant evidence of the failure of palliatives everywhere, yet we dismiss the evidence and persist in treating effects and ignoring the cause.

"It is time to call a halt and to recognize the urgency of re-establishing a proper relation between the two world yardsticks of value, because this is indispensable to proper equilibrium in international trade. Any serious dislocation of a reasonable relation calls for immediate correctives by co-operative action, because it disturbs the fundamental bases of world trade, in that readjustment must be effected in all human activities."

Statement of Bank for International Settlements for Feb. 29—Total Assets Below Those for Jan. 31.

The Feb. 29 statement of the Bank for International Settlements as contained in Associated Press Accounts from Basle, Switzerland, March 4 follows:

Following is the balance statement of the Bank for International Settlements, giving its condition as of Feb. 29 1932, as made public here to-day. Figures are in Swiss gold francs, at par 19.3 cents:

ASSETS.			
	Feb. 29 1932.	Jan. 31. 1932.	
I. Cash on hand and on current account with banks	6,414,603.13	17,322,718.79	
II. Funds employed at sight	82,317,735.81	156,968,344.22	
III. Rediscountable bills and acceptances at cost—			
(1) Commercial bills & bankers' acceptances	438,281,858.72	406,517,528.70	
(2) Treasury bills	142,540,452.23	100,361,023.28	
Total	580,822,311.00	506,878,551.98	
IV. Time funds at interest—			
(1) Not exceeding three months	221,139,740.83	233,458,295.21	
() Between three and six months			
Total	221,139,740.83	233,458,295.21	
V. Investments at cost—			
(1) Maturing within six months	109,995,318.61		
(2) Maturing between 6 months and one year		110,179,925.14	
(3) Maturing in over one year	828,312.37	832,309.26	
Total	110,823,630.98	111,012,234.40	
VI. Other assets	9,466, 89.90	10,419,992.91	
Total assets	1,010,984,111.65	1,036,060,137.51	
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	1 3,768,617.50	153,768,617.50	
(2) German Government deposit	76,884,308.75	76,884,308.75	
(3) French Government guarantee fund	68,648,520.43	68,648,520.43	
Total	299,301,446.68	299,301,446.68	
IV. Short-term and sight deposits—			
(1) Central banks for own account—			
(a) Between three and six months			
(b) Not exceeding three months	153,376,205.72	159,419,140.80	
(c) Sight	321,570,448.71	315,530,035.79	
Total	474,946,654.43	474,949,176.59	
(2) Central banks for account of others—			
(a) Between three and six months			
(b) Not exceeding three months	21,314,916.01	35,515,286.59	
(c) Sight	61,545,425.49	77,694,202.07	
Total	82,860,341.50	113,209,488.66	
(3) Other depositors—			
(a) Not exceeding three months	5,936,372.33	5,927,574.26	
(b) Sight			
Total	5,936,372.33	5,927,574.26	
V. Profits for distribution—			
(1) Dividend			
(2) Participation of long-term depositors			
Total			
VI. Miscellaneous items	30,597,403.09	30,330,557.70	
Total liabilities	1,010,984,111.65	1,036,060,137.51	

Canadian Income Tax Receipts Show Improvement.

Receipts from income taxes in Canada showed further improvement during January 1932, it is stated in a report to the Department of Commerce from Trade Commissioner Harvey Sweetser, Ottawa. The Department advices, March 5, said:

At the end of the first ten months of the current fiscal year (April 1 1931 to January 31 1932), the total decline in income to the Government from this source was only \$10,632,472.

At the end of the nine-month period the decline was registered at \$13,966,937. The gain for the month therefore was \$3,334,465.

Halifax and Ottawa continued as the only two districts to show increases, the report stated.

Figures for the fifteen larger districts are noted in the following table:

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NET COLLECTIONS BY DISTRICTS, RECEIVED DURING THE TEN MONTHS OF THE FISCAL YEAR JANUARY 1931 AND JANUARY 1932.

	1930-31.	1931-32.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-).
Halifax	\$640,380	\$790,541	+\$150,160
Saint John	577,197	515,150	-62,036
Quebec	1,139,336	1,027,698	-111,637
Montreal	21,478,217	19,004,520	-2,473,696
Ottawa	2,611,393	2,664,438	+53,045
Belleville	509,962	301,290	-208,671
Toronto	18,667,458	16,462,100	-2,205,358
Hamilton	5,602,437	4,763,173	-839,263
London	6,442,023	4,963,296	-1,478,736
Port William	317,942	173,510	-144,432
Winnipeg	3,454,451	2,111,011	-1,343,440
Regina	599,586	187,809	-412,279
Calgary	1,746,913	1,266,411	-480,502
Edmonton	433,597	401,643	-31,954
Vancouver	4,934,652	4,100,791	-833,860

Great Britain Melts £1,650,000 Gold—Ships £3,576,000 in 3 Weeks.

The following from London March 6, is from the New York "Times":

First authoritative figures showing the extent of the gold-selling rush which has been drawing thousands of Britons to the offices of bullion merchants in the past few weeks were published to-night.

Registrations of exports of gold sovereigns to France and Holland in the past three weeks total £3,576,000 (\$17,379,360), of which £2,374,000 went to France and £1,202,000 to Holland. The refiners report they have been melting down £550,000 to £650,000 worth of gold each week.

Treasury authorities never believed such large sales were possible and few believed when Britain went off the gold standard in September that such big gold sources were waiting to be tapped. Bullion merchants expect the sale of sovereigns will fall off soon, but believe the sale of jewelry will be maintained for some time, provided the price of gold remains high.

British Sales of Gold Cause Increase in Bank Circulation.

A cablegram March 5 from London to the New York "Times" said:

The public's sales of gold coin and ornaments continue large. The expansion of more than £15,250,000 in the Bank's note circulation, during the week covered by Thursday's statement, was due partly to normal month-end demands for currency, but it was also influenced by the financing of the public sales of gold, most of which were paid for by the Bank in currency notes.

Collection of such private offerings of gold is going on all over the country. No statistics are procurable or can be compiled of the quantity of such gold potentially available, or even of that which has already been sold. Published estimates differ immensely, and must be put down as sheer guesswork. From official exports of bullion it would appear that several million pounds sterling worth of gold has been drawn from such sources during recent weeks, but London bullion brokers now report a marked falling off in sales of gold coin.

Silas Strawn of United States Chamber of Commerce Tells American Chamber in London United States Chamber of Commerce Will Never Consent to Debt Cancellation.

Silas Strawn, President of the United States Chamber of Commerce, told American and British business men at a luncheon in London on March 8 of the American Chamber of Commerce that the United States was never likely to consent to cancellation of intergovernmental debts. Associated Press advices from London added:

Americans, he said, contended that war debts and reparations must be considered separately, but if Europe reached an agreement regarding reparations, then the United States would be ready to consider readjustment of intergovernmental debts.

J. M. Keynes Sees Cheap Money—Says It Is Needed for Recovery—Great Britain "Most Prosperous Country in World."

John Maynard Keynes, Chairman of the National Life Assurance Society, said at the annual meeting of shareholders that Britain is to-day "decidedly the most prosperous country in the world." He welcomed the measures taken by the United States to relieve the financial crisis as an indispensable prerequisite to relief of the industrial crisis. According to a London account to the "Wall Street Journal" of March 3 from which the following is also taken:

"Unless the really desperate situation in Central Europe upsets things," the Chairman said, "there is legitimate hope that the first steps in this direction have been taken, but it is unthinkable that we can step straight from the financial crisis to relief of the industrial crisis without the cheap money phase intervening." It is essential, he said, that when Britain has recovered sufficiently it should embark on a bold policy of international lending and expansion of credit and thus regain its international leadership in finance.

Opinion in Lombard Street and among the stock brokers regarding the decision of the Bank of England to maintain its rate of 5% and not reduce it as had been expected, is that the action probably reflects the desire of the monetary authorities to watch the effects of removal of the exchange restrictions before making a further rate cut. It is also thought that there may be a desire to see a definite settlement of difference of opinion over the renewal of the Reichsbank credit.

It is generally believed here that a period of cheap money is probable for some months to come and that to-day's decision by the Bank of England is only a temporary check in the downward movement of the bank rate.

Great Britain to Tighten Export Credits to Soviet Russia—Will Extend Grants of More Than Year Only Under More Stringent Conditions.

Tightening of British export credits to Soviet Russia was indicated in a Government announcement in the House of Commons on March 3, according to Associated Press accounts from London to the New York "Times" which further said:

Hereafter, the announcement said, credits for longer than one year would not be extended except under more stringent conditions, but the exact nature of the conditions was not announced because they were still a matter of negotiation with Moscow.

It was generally assumed in political quarters that Britain was insisting on greater purchases of British manufactures.

British-Russian trade and credit relations are expected to be one of the subjects discussed at the coming Imperial Conference at Ottawa. Like

tariffs, Russian credits probably will be used in the future as a bargaining weapon for the benefit of the whole empire.

Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade, told the Foreign Press Association to-day that he hoped the new British tariff of 10% might work something like an inoculation, ultimately effecting a cure of diseased world trade.

"I hope it may be the precursor of freer markets, not only here but elsewhere," he said.

"It is sometimes necessary in the interests of good medicine to inoculate a patient with a disease somewhat similar to that which we aim at curing. Tariff barriers cannot be regarded as the most healthy way of cultivating international trade, but they may be the only way whereby we can guide trade into profitable channels.

"We are bound and determined to make arrangements for our own dominions during this summer and autumn which will add to our volume of trade between us and them, but that does not preclude us from making friendly arrangements with foreign countries."

Isle of Man Votes Tariff.

Associated Press accounts from Douglas, Isle of Man, March 2 stated:

The Isle of Man joined Great Britain as a protectionist country to-day. The Tynwald Court, its Legislature, imposed a 10% tariff on all goods except those on the free list of the United Kingdom's tariff act and with the addition of sugar, table waters and dried fruits. The population of the island is 50,000.

Indian Gold Shipments Helpful to India and Great Britain.

The "Wall Street Journal" of March 8 reported the following from London:

Indian gold shipments have proved a blessing so far, both to India and Britain. If, however, they should continue indefinitely they may prove something of an embarrassment, for when they pass the limit of the Indian Government's needs in London, they begin to raise many political and economic problems for India. The Indians always have resented their Government holding too large reserves in London, maintaining these reserves should be kept in local banks in India. The release of rupee coinage in India again is likely to raise prices in India above world prices, and unless this leads to an influx of imports it would necessitate deflationary action in India and the divorce of the rupee from sterling. The talk of India "producing £500,000,000 gold for Britain" which is current in the popular press in London, therefore, is something of a chimera.

South African Gold Production for 1931 Sets New Record.

The 1931 gold production of South Africa amounted to 10,874,145 ounces, setting a new record, the Commerce Department at Washington is advised. This production, it is stated, compares with 10,719,760 ounces in 1930, the previous record.

Report That Van Dam Diamond House Will Leave Amsterdam.

The following from Amsterdam Feb. 26 is from the New York "Times":

Announcement that the diamond house of Eduard van Dam is to leave Amsterdam for Antwerp is regarded as a serious blow to the diamond industry in this city. The municipality's refusal to accept van Dam's proposals to give financial support to the manufacture of certain sorts of diamonds is given as the reason for the removal. The firm has a cutting establishment in New York.

South Africa to Keep Diamond-Cutting Factory—Government Denies Report of a Plan to Turn Plant Over to Private Concern.

The following is from the New York "Times" of Feb. 24: A report in recent cable dispatches from Cape Town that the Government of the Union of South Africa had reached an agreement whereby a private concern would take over the Government's diamond-cutting factory at Kimberley was denied yesterday by P. R. Botha, commercial secretary of the South African Legation in Washington.

"The commercial secretary of the South African Legation in the United States has been authorized to announce officially that the Government of the Union of South Africa has not granted, and will under no circumstances whatever entrust, the working of any Government diamond area to any individual concern," said Mr. Botha.

The same paper in its Feb. 24 issue also said:

In a statement made yesterday, John Drake, executive secretary of the National Jewelers Publicity Association, pointed out that the South African Minister of Mines had said in Parliament on Feb. 19 that "there is no connection between the producing companies closing down and any arrangement for working the Government cutting factories in South Africa."

Mr. Drake went on: "The production of the mines is being curtailed until such time as the supply of rough on hand has been reduced. There is no question of price cutting, as Government and producers are equally interested in keeping the diamond trade on a staple and prosperous basis.

"There is some liquidation going on and the price of rough is still maintained by the syndicate, and is only releasing the rough to meet market requirements. Sound business judgment has prompted the curtailing of mine production and which course will undoubtedly prevail until an improvement in general business conditions has been brought about."

"The diamond situation abroad has had no disquieting effect on the diamond market in this country, and it is generally expected that as soon as liquidation is complete that higher prices will prevail."

Great Britain Moves to Extend Gold Suspension Act.

Under date of March 7 Associated Press advices from London said:

The Government moved to-day to extend—probably for another year—the suspension of the gold standard.

A financial emergency enactment continuance bill, providing for the extension, was read for the first time in the House of Commons. The original suspension measure, adopted Sept. 21 1931, will expire March 21.

In addition to giving the Treasury power to regulate exchange, the new bill extends the anti-profiteering act, also adopted last September. The Government hopes to have the bill approved before Easter.

Expiration of Order-in-Council Prohibiting Exportation of Gold from Canada Except Under License.

The following is from the Montreal "Gazette" of March 7:

The order-in-council of last October, prohibiting the exportation of gold from Canada, except under license, expired last Tuesday without much comment. Technically, Canada is once more on a free gold basis, but actually the situation remains unchanged, as the discount of more than 10% on the Canadian dollar bears witness. In this market there was some mystification as to why the order-in-council was ever resorted to. Before it went into effect, Canada had long since given up the free export of gold, effective means being found in one way or another to prevent advantage being taken of the discount in the exchange. Now that the order has expired, the finance ministry continues to exercise surveillance over gold movements, and no exports may be made except upon express permission.

\$66,943,101 Gold Held by Canada.

Canada press accounts from Ottawa, Ont., March 10, stated:

Gold held by the Canadian Minister of Finance on Feb. 29 was \$66,943,101, or \$2,730,065 in excess of statutory requirements. Of the total \$61,896,198 was held against Dominion notes amounting to \$161,986,198.

Comparative Figures of Condition of Canadian Banks.

In the following we compare the condition of the Canadian banks for Jan. 30 1932 with the figures for Dec. 31 1931 and Jan. 31 1931:

STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF THE BANKS OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

Assets.	Jan. 30 1932.	Dec. 31 1931.	Jan. 31 1931.
Current gold and subsidiary coin—			
In Canada.....	\$ 44,676,067	\$ 45,961,129	\$ 48,049,732
Elsewhere.....	20,235,092	19,855,656	23,182,327
Total.....	64,911,161	65,816,786	71,231,064
Dominion notes—			
In Canada.....	131,097,457	128,850,465	110,135,365
Elsewhere.....	9,636	10,080	31,150
Total.....	131,107,095	128,860,547	110,166,517
Notes of other banks.....	11,069,388	11,936,403	12,717,777
United States & other foreign currencies.....	13,643,419	14,736,182	15,386,369
Cheques on other banks.....	73,194,903	102,117,849	86,619,745
Loans to other banks in Canada, secured, including bills rediscounted.....	-----	-----	-----
Deposits made with and balance due from other banks in Canada.....	3,727,517	4,082,630	5,481,201
Due from banks and banking correspondents in the United Kingdom.....	5,634,808	4,974,482	4,366,043
Due from banks and banking correspondents elsewhere than in Canada and the United Kingdom.....	92,299,280	104,707,909	103,243,966
Dominion Government and Provincial Government securities.....	467,558,278	477,912,303	396,766,008
Canadian municipal securities and British, foreign and colonial public securities other than Canadian.....	144,874,846	154,109,577	132,685,704
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.....	61,285,785	62,010,798	63,556,586
Elsewhere than in Canada.....	131,174,742	134,730,957	132,015,941
Other current loans & discts. in Canada.....	65,917,084	83,124,317	116,743,618
Elsewhere.....	1,070,718,470	1,082,097,360	1,141,110,017
Loans to the Government of Canada.....	189,726,460	188,357,012	214,800,572
Loans to Provincial Governments.....	43,442,461	45,557,689	26,311,619
Loans to cities, towns, municipalities and school districts.....	132,864,154	125,689,588	105,221,532
Non-current loans, estimated loss provided for.....	10,686,746	10,327,706	7,676,447
Real estate other than bank premises.....	6,580,375	6,567,341	6,018,547
Mortgages on real estate sold by bank.....	6,293,232	6,252,704	6,987,343
Bank premises at not more than cost, less amounts (if any) written off.....	79,913,747	79,785,470	78,679,359
Liabilities of customers under letters of credit as per contra.....	51,353,335	55,473,413	78,422,661
Deposits with the Minister of Finance for the security of note circulation.....	6,822,186	6,823,976	7,679,431
Deposit in the central gold reserves.....	21,581,732	25,731,732	22,230,866
Shares of and loans to controlled cos.....	12,748,323	14,311,291	11,786,221
Other assets not included under the foregoing heads.....	1,796,177	1,576,775	1,848,784
Total assets.....	2,900,925,794	2,977,672,792	3,021,873,044
Liabilities.			
Notes in circulation.....	133,673,369	141,013,382	141,438,920
Balance due to Dominion Govt. after deducting adv. for credits, pay-lists, &c. Advances under the Finance Act.....	94,650,375	111,098,699	23,979,249
Balance due to Provincial Governments.....	43,000,000	46,500,000	12,500,000
Deposits by the public, payable on demand in Canada.....	20,577,890	19,787,120	23,622,783
Deposits by the public payable after notice or on a fixed day in Canada.....	506,942,776	566,584,565	556,715,533
Deposits elsewhere than in Canada.....	1,368,278,419	1,360,042,129	1,428,738,686
Loans from other banks in Canada, secured, including bills rediscounted.....	296,184,569	310,086,314	347,363,989
Deposits made by and balances due to other banks in Canada.....	9,950,161	11,384,920	13,047,256
Due to banks and banking correspondents in the United Kingdom.....	3,678,573	4,849,181	4,987,654
Elsewhere than in Canada and the United Kingdom.....	41,856,537	42,323,072	57,279,856
Bills payable.....	3,110,074	3,214,559	4,806,437
Letters of credit outstanding.....	51,353,335	55,473,413	78,422,661
Liabilities not incl. under foregoing heads.....	2,792,413	2,977,466	3,534,972
Dividends declared and unpaid.....	1,344,105	782,807	1,350,374
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.....	2,883,892,638	2,982,617,664	3,005,035,977

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.

Repayment by Great Britain of \$150,000,000 of \$200,000,000 Credit Obtained in United States Last August—Quota Received by Philadelphia Banks.

The following is from the New York "Times" of March 11:

The effects of the repayment on last Friday by the British Treasury of \$150,000,000 of the \$200,000,000 credit extended to it by American bankers in August was reflected in the weekly report of reporting member banks of the Federal Reserve in New York City. Loans and investments of these institutions fell \$119,000,000 during the week ended on Wednesday, the drop in loans amounting to \$95,000,000. The repayment of the British Treasury's loan also involved a fall in member bank deposits, amounting to \$26,000,000. The bulk of the funds accumulated by the British authorities prior to the payment was probably lodged with J. P. Morgan & Co., but part was no doubt placed by the latter with other banks. The withdrawal of these deposits to make payment accounts for this week's decline.

Reference to the repayment of part of the credit obtained by Great Britain in this country, and the repayment of part of the French credit to Great Britain was made in our issue of March 5, page 1666.

The following from Philadelphia is from the "Wall Street Journal" of March 7:

Financial institutions here have received \$9,750,000 as their quota of the \$150,000,000 repayment made by Great Britain on the \$200,000,000 credit extended by American banks last August. Philadelphia participated in the syndicate to the extent of \$13,000,000.

Rand Gold Output Lower.

Press advices from London March 10 stated that the output of gold at mines of the Rand in February totaled 914,012 fine ounces, against 936,784 in previous month and 839,937 in same month a year ago..

Gold Distribution of World Shifting—Bank of France Now Leads in Holdings at Record Total of \$2,942,312,800—Federal Reserve Second But Entire Monetary Stocks in United States Exceed Those of Paris by \$1,408,000,000.

Interest in the shifting distribution of gold has been intensified by the announcement that the Bank of France's holdings of the metal now exceed the gold reserves of the Federal Reserve System by about \$3,400,000 said the New York "Times" of March 7, which went on to say:

The gold status of the three most important central banks of the world, as revealed in their latest statements, follows: Bank of France, 75,059,000,000 francs, equivalent to \$2,942,312,800; Federal Reserve System, \$2,938,974,000; Bank of England, £121,452,587, equivalent to \$590,260,000, calculated on the basis of the gold parity.

The Bank of France's holdings, made up as of Feb. 26, represent a new high record and they compare with 55,923,000,000 francs, or \$2,292,181,600, on the comparable date a year before, indicating a net increase of \$650,131,200. The gold holdings of the French bank of issue have been advancing steadily for some months. Last week's statement was the first, however, to reveal that these holdings had surpassed the gold reserves of the Federal Reserve System.

The \$2,938,974,000 gold reserves disclosed in last week's statement of the Federal Reserve banks are smaller by \$155,323,000 than the reserves of \$3,094,297,000 reported a year previously. The largest gold reserves of these banks were held on Sept. 16 of last year, when they aggregated \$3,485,739,000. At the end of 1929 the Reserve banks held \$1,202,146,000 more gold than the Bank of France; at the end of 1930 the differential in favor of the Federal Reserve was \$844,476,000, and at the end of 1931 our advantage was \$301,907,000.

Last week's statement by the Bank of England, showing gold holdings of £121,452,587, or about \$590,260,000 at the gold parity, compares with £141,761,881, or \$688,960,000, a year before, indicating a decrease of \$98,700,000. The Bank of England suspended free gold payments last September.

Comparisons of the gold holdings of the Bank of France and the reserves of the central banking system of the United States do not accurately represent the relative gold positions of the two countries. The more appropriate comparison is between the total monetary gold stocks of this country and the reserves of the Bank of France. If these figures are contrasted, it will be found that our total monetary supply, amounting to \$4,330,000,000, is larger by \$1,408,000,000 than the gold holdings of the Bank of France. Our gold holdings are divided between the Federal Reserve banks and the United States Treasury, while France's gold resources are to a large extent in the possession of that country's central bank.

French Mint Keeps Gold Coin Vaulted—Aim to Prevent Hoarding—Only Bronze-Aluminum and Bronze-Nickel Pieces Now Being Issued.

From its Paris bureau the "Wall Street Journal" of March 5 reports the following:

Stabilization Law of 1928 provides that gold coins of 100 francs shall be turned out by the Mint for the account of the Bank of France, but as yet only a few coins have been struck, for presentation to the President of the Republic, and there is no question of issuing such coins to the public. In the first place, it would take many months to manufacture the requisite quantity and, secondly, such coins if issued now would merely be hoarded. Finally, the Mint has enough work on hand in manufacturing silver coins of 5 and 10 francs, coinage of which up to the amount of 3,000,000,000 francs is also provided in the stabilization law.

To date the Mint has turned out just under 1,000,000,000 francs of these coins, but they are being kept in the vaults of the Bank of France because it is almost certain that if issued they would immediately disappear from circulation, so strong is the propensity for hoarding.

The authorities say that the question of issue in exchange for 5- and 10-franc bank notes will not be considered until double the actual quantity is available. However, since the law provided that 5- and 10-franc notes shall cease to be legal currency after the end of 1932, if silver coins are not issued before then, it will be necessary either to amend the law or issue

a great many more 1- and 2-franc bronze-aluminum coins. The only new coins appearing at present are 1-franc bronze-aluminum and 50-centime bronze-nickel pieces to replace the Chamber of Commerce pieces whose gradual retirement is also provided in the stabilization law.

The Mint last year manufactured 35,500,000 10-franc silver coins of 354,000,000 franc value.

Bank of France on Gold Policy—Belief in Standard and Intent to Guarantee Free Movement Reiterated.

From the "Wall Street Journal" of March 4 we take the following from Paris:

The Bank of France in its annual report reiterates its belief in the gold standard and its determination to guarantee gold's free play.

Critics of the bank and the gold standard point out, even as the report does, that the note issue advanced to 83,500,000,000 francs from 76,000,000,000 during 1931 and private current accounts increased to 23,000,000,000 francs from 11,000,000,000 francs. They point out that herein lies the menace of inflation, largely disguised for the moment by hoarding. There are those who foresee, when these notes come out into active circulation, a huge boom in securities, a sharp rise in commodity prices and a heavy outward flow of gold.

These critics call to mind that not so many years ago the old gold standard was abandoned and a new one established at the cost of currency devaluation by four-fifths. The bank itself, however, is not unaware of the dangers of inflation. It is prepared to let gold flow out when the time comes and is now engaged in executing its new policy of disposing of its foreign balances by converting them into gold. The bank's losses in sterling afforded a valuable lesson.

Condemns Exceptional Remedies.

It was the day after President Hoover signed the Finance Reconstruction Corporation bill that the Bank of France presented its annual report. The leading motive is a condemnation of "exceptional remedies" for evils of proportions almost without precedent, combined with a reaffirmation of faith in currency convertibility into gold "not as a worn-out servitude but as a necessary discipline."

To infer that the Central Bank authorities sought to criticize Mr. Hoover's exceptional remedy would be extravagant. They realize that America is not Europe, that to identify the new corporation with a policy of inflation is idle that it is utterly ridiculous to consider for a moment that the dollar is threatened thereby. But it can be stated with certainty that they are skeptical of its efficacy.

The annual report serves to demonstrate that those responsible for French monetary policy, both in the Ministry of Finance and the national bank, are convinced now, as they were last spring, that just as technical reasons are not adequate to explain the world's troubles neither are technical measures adequate to heal them. They appear to believe that the tried remedies are not only the best, but the only sure ones, and that these consist of reducing production to the level of purchasing power—a process which apparently they are not quite sure has yet been completed.

A Polite Attack.

The report is unusually strongly and plainly worded. Some people might call it pharisaical, for it is an attack, though a polite and anonymous one, both on American and British policies of recent date. It refers more particularly to the situation of the spring of 1931 when New York and London both reduced their discount rates. At that time, it says, the Bank of France refused to follow suit, because if production had begun to adapt itself to diminished buying power, "this austere and necessary task of purification (assainissement) was far from being achieved." On the world's markets as a whole the reduction of banking credits was insufficient in the face of the efforts "to maintain at all costs by an artificial policy of easy and cheap money the spirit of enterprise and the taste for speculation."

A little later the report returns to the charge, insisting that the lowered bank rates in New York and London caused too wide a margin between short and long term money rates and encouraged immobilization of capital on short term—"particularly dangerous in time of crisis." In the face of the burdens weighing on the banking system and the need for liquidity imposed by the nervousness of depositors the bank refused to let Paris line up with the other two big centres on a systematic policy of cheap money, "of which we perceived the grave inconveniences."

Economic Purification.

Finally in its closing passages the theme is taken up again in the declaration that "the progressive liquidation of the artificial monetary regimes, on the putting into force of which so much effort was spent since the war, marks a decisive stage on the road to economic purification." It adds: "We have always refused to adhere to these facile solutions of which we perceived the dangers . . . we have made our action conform to the hard lessons of experience, whereas opinion is often attracted by the mirage of seductive conceptions whose factitious character and inefficacy reveal themselves upon contact with realities."

The Bank believes in the gold standard as the only effective guarantee of the security of contracts and morality of transactions and says that like the American Government the French is determined to guarantee the free play of the gold standard.

The report insists that it repeatedly warned the Bank of England of the danger of letting its gold flow out and the retention of its own sterling contributed very largely towards the stability of that currency from 1929 to 1931.

Paris Bourse Proposes to List United States Securities.

The following from Paris is from the "Wall Street Journal" of Feb. 25:

That first-class American shares will be listed on the official market here as soon as conditions permit was indicated in a statement made to Dow, Jones & Co., Inc., by M. Jacob, head of the Agents de Change or official brokers. The majority of the latter are in favor of broadening the market in this way and there is no opposition from the Government. It is not thought, however, that such introductions should be made until world economic and political conditions are clearer.

The method to be adopted for dealing in American shares would employ certificates representing the original scrip. Dealing already is effected in this manner in the case of Canadian Pacific stock for which the Westminster Bank issues certificates. They are subject to the stamp tax of 1% of nominal value and the income tax of 18%.

On the big board of the official market—securities dealt in a terme or for the regular fortnightly settlement—there is at present no American share unless Ford of France can be reckoned as such. British stocks are represented by Royal Dutch, Central Mining, Rio Tinto, Lautaro and Canadian

Pacific. The list also includes Kreuger & Toll, Wagons Lits, Montecatini and National Mexican and Ottoman Banks. Young Bonds were admitted recently.

Action by Stockholders of Banque Nationale de Credit Toward Formation of New Corporation.

The following from Paris is from the "Wall Street Journal" of Feb. 27:

Stockholders of Banque Nationale de Credit at a special meeting passed a friendly resolution to liquidate, provided a new corporation is formed, to have new net subscription of 100,000,000 francs capital, of which 50% must be paid in immediately. Holders of present shares would have preferential rights to buy the new shares.

Antioquian Gold Output Increases—Most of It Held by National Bank.

Under date of March 4 Associated Press accounts from Bogota (Colombia), stated:

Gold production this year in the Antioquia district will reach \$7,000,000, the operators estimate. That is \$2,000,000 more than last year. Most of it will be held by the National Bank under the decree prohibiting gold export.

Efforts Made Toward Increased Production of Gold in Bolivia.

Study is being given the possibility of increasing the production of gold in the Department of Santa Cruz, Bolivia, it is stated in a report from Vice-Consul Robert P. Joyce made public by the Commerce Department. The Department's announcement March 1 said:

It is pointed out that in the past lack of transportation facilities has been one of the chief deterrents to increased production, but that with the development of air travel this factor is overcome to a large degree.

Much of the gold in this section is produced by Indians who trade it to the settlers in the Chiquitas section. Mining methods of the Indians are considered very crude and laborious. It is pointed out by those interested in the exploitation of the mineral deposits that production might be greatly increased if modern mining methods and machinery were available.

One mine owner and operator states that production in former years had been as high as 12,500 by natives, but that the exodus of the people to the rubber districts of Beni caused a reduction in the output.

It is stated that the existence of great gold wealth has been proved by findings and studies of several engineers who have visited the district. The gold is said to run between one and two ounces to the ton, and the ore body extends over 1,200 square miles, where many veins can be found in all the rivers that pass through this district.

Arabs Join in World Rush to Sell Gold at Premium.

The following from Bagdad is from the "Wall Street Journal" of March 3:

The Arabs of Iraq have joined the rush of hoarders giving up their gold in response to the lure of the premium obtainable now. Gold coin, rings, bangles and other ornaments are steadily streaming into the bullion brokers of Bagdad, where they are melted down into crude bars for export.

From here the bars are sent by airplane to London for refining. The Bagdad broker covers himself by forward sales of francs or other gold currency while the gold is in transit.

France and Italy Sign Trade Accord—Accord Between Italy and Austria.

Associated Press advices from Rome, March 4, said:

France and Italy to-day signed an operating agreement for the regulation of commerce pending the completion of a new treaty, and simultaneously Italy and Austria signed a convention facilitating the transportation of credits and other phases of their commercial relations.

The Italo-French accord will replace a commercial treaty of 1922 which was denounced by France on Dec. 17 1931. Representatives of the two nations will meet at a date still unfixed for the purpose of formulating a new permanent treaty.

Variation in the exchange rate and the changing economic situation in both countries were understood to be the reasons for the denunciation of the old pact.

Foreign Minister Dino Grandi and the Ambassadors of France and Austria put their signatures to the two accords.

The Austrian convention laid the groundwork for an Italo-Austrian commission to regulate rail shipments and for the creation of a permanent credit organization of mixed Austro-Italian capital to aid exports. The organization will maintain administrative offices at Milan and Vienna.

The accord stipulates use by the clearing house of common paper negotiable in both countries and issued to exporters against funds paid to the organization in the national currency of importers.

The system has been functioning on a trial basis for two months.

French-German Business Accord Reached.

Indication of the growing French-German economic accord is seen in the latest announcement of a business agreement between French and German electrical equipment manufacturers, to be known as the Office Franco-Allemand du Materiel Electrique, with headquarters in Paris, according to a report to the Department of Commerce from Assistant Commercial Attache Daniel J. Reagan, Paris. The Department announcement, March 1, further says:

The firm is a limited liability company, with an initial capital of 100,000 francs, divided into 1,000 shares of 100 francs each.

This company will act as an executive clearing house for the operation of the various agreements recently concluded between the French and German electrical equipment manufacturers and their technical associates

as regards distribution of the French and German markets for the products of the members of this new group, and will furthermore carry out financial, commercial and other operations relative to the stabilization and development of the market for these products in the two countries.

French Gold Reserves Exceed Ours.

The following is from the New York "Times" of March 6:

The fact that, for the first time during the past-war period, gold in the Bank of France should last week have exceeded in amount the gold reported by our own Federal Reserve, caused the making of many reminiscent comparisons. At the end of 1931, it was found, gold in the Federal Reserve was greater by \$301,907,000 than in the Bank of France. At the end of 1930 the Reserve bank holdings overtopped the French bank's by \$844,476,000, and at the end of 1929 the American holdings were greater than the French by \$1,202,146,000. That particular disparity was due to heavy drafts on outside markets' gold, under the extravagantly high money rates of our speculative period. At the time of the armistice, although our own gold holdings were nearly \$1,000,000,000 less than that of to-day, they were nevertheless \$995,149,000 greater than the home and foreign gold reserve reported by the Bank of France. In the middle of last September the Federal Reserve's holdings exceeded those of the Bank of France by \$1,201,000,000.

French Loan to Czechoslovakia.

Regarding a French loan to Czechoslovakia, Paris press advices, March 3, said:

The Finance Committee of the Chamber of Deputies has approved grant by the French Treasury of a five-year 600,000,000-franc loan to Czechoslovakia guaranteed by a lien on profits of the tobacco monopoly subject to service on British and American loans.

Premier Tardieu denied that the Government or the French banks had made any advance to Japan.

Associated Press accounts from Paris, March 5, stated that the Czechoslovakian Government expects to float the loan on the French market. It was added that it was strongly defended by Premier Andre Tardieu because of Czechoslovakia's financial position and her fidelity as an ally of France. From the New York "Times" we take the following from Paris, March 5:

The Chamber of Deputies, by a vote of 325 to 20, approved to-day an agreement with Czechoslovakia whereby France will guarantee a loan of \$24,000,000 to be issued by Czechoslovakia.

It is considered significant here that without French Government support even Czechoslovakia, which is the soundest country financially in Central Europe, could not raise the money she needs.

It is a question of financial needs of Danubian countries which is the chief topic of study of the financial commission of the League of Nations now meeting in Paris.

Norman Davis, the American observer, arrived here this morning and attended the committee sessions to-day. He will return to the Geneva disarmament conference Sunday night or Monday morning. It is hoped that the conference here will finish its work by early next week.

Subscription Lists Opened for New Bank Which is to Replace Banque Nationale de Credit of Paris.

The following, from Paris, is from the "Wall Street Journal" of March 8:

Banque Nationale pour le Commerce et l'Industrie, a new institution to replace the Banque Nationale de Credit, has opened subscription lists for its 200,000 shares of 500 francs par stock, payable half immediately and half in three months' time, following the bank's inauguration. Holders of three shares in the old bank have the right to purchase one share in the new institution. The new shares probably will be admitted to the Bourse on a cash trading basis only.

An item regarding the proposed new bank appeared in our issue of Jan. 16, page 419.

French 10-Franc Coins of Silver Minted—Central Bank Has 100,000,000 of Them to Be Put in Circulation at End of Year.

The following Paris cablegram, March 5, is from the New York "Times":

Although not scheduled to be put into circulation before the end of this year, 100,000,000 silver 10-franc coins authorized by the law of June 25 1928, and accordingly ordered by the Bank of France, already have been minted, it was announced to-day by the French Ministry of Finance.

The Paris mint now is engaged in turning out silver 20-franc pieces authorized by the same law, which directs the withdrawal from circulation before Dec. 31 1932, of all the Bank of France's paper notes worth five, ten and twenty francs.

The bank has been retiring the 20-franc notes for several years and very few remain in circulation.

The new 10-franc coin, having a current exchange value of 40c., will weigh 10 grams and will be the same size as the pre-war silver two-franc piece. The 20-franc coin will weigh 20 grams.

The law authorizing the coinage of silver money provoked prolonged controversial discussion in the press here as to whether it would cause the cost of living to increase.

Hoarders in France Prefer Large Notes—Circulation of Big Bills Far Ahead of Small Ones in Five-Year Period.

Advices from its Paris Bureau to the "Wall Street Journal" of March 7 said:

Detailed note circulation figures indicate that hoarding of Bank of France paper has been confined chiefly to the well-to-do. Besides this class in France, wealthy Germans, Britishers and other foreigners, fearful of their own currencies and investments, have been heavy buyers of French money. Unwilling to disclose their identities by investing their funds in French

rentes or bank accounts, these foreign hoarders have been stacking away 500-franc and 1,000-franc notes in safes and vaults, often outside of France.

As indicated by currency figures, the outstanding issue of 500-franc and 1,000-franc notes at the end of 1926 corresponded closely with the circulation of bills of 5-franc to 100-franc denomination; but on Dec. 31 1931 the outstanding issue of the larger bills had a combined value 70% in excess of the smaller denominations, having increased 100% in five years. Total circulation increased 60% during this period. The following table shows that this movement has been most marked in 1930 and 1931, with small bills actually declining in the latter year:

End of—	Monetary Circulation	
	Bills of Fr. 500-1,000	Bills of Fr. 5-100
1931.....	fr. 52,660,000,000	fr. 30,887,000,000
1930.....	fr. 44,592,000,000	fr. 31,563,000,000
1929.....	fr. 37,653,000,000	fr. 30,115,000,000
1928.....	fr. 33,780,000,000	fr. 28,401,000,000
1927.....	fr. 29,307,000,000	fr. 26,993,000,000
1926.....	fr. 26,228,000,000	fr. 26,221,000,000

Francqui Heads Societe Generale, Belgium's Leading Bank.

According to Associated Press Accounts from Brussels, Emile Francqui on March 8 accepted Governorship of the Societe Generale, Belgium's leading bank, in succession to the late Jean Jadot. M. Francqui, a former Finance Minister of Belgium, it is noted, has often represented his country in international banking negotiations.

Belgium's Big Bank Nets Less in 1931—Societe Generale Earns Fr. 163,000,000 in Year, Against Fr. 257,000,000 in 1930—Dividends Cut.

The following, from Brussels, is from the "Wall Street Journal" of Feb. 29:

Report for 1931 of Belgium's big banking institution, Societe Generale, naturally reflects the crisis, which has borne particularly heavily on the prices of colonial products, but shows a good state of liquidity. The bank has dissolved numerous syndicates and taken the shares over into its portfolio so that even at market prices of Dec. 31 the portfolio shows an increase of 600,000,000 francs. The balance sheet, however, totals 19,228,000,000 francs against 21,968,000,000 francs at the end of 1930, with debit current accounts down by 1,200,000,000 francs at 2,547,000,000 francs against creditor accounts at 4,234,000,000 francs.

Capital consists of 800,000 parts de reserve at 1,000,000,000 francs, reserves total 1,078,000,000 francs, and bonded debt 103,000,000 francs. Net profits have fallen to 163,000,000 francs from 257,000,000 francs, mainly owing to lower dividends on share holdings; 112,000,000 francs thereof is absorbed by dividends (140 francs net against 200 francs), while 2,480,000 francs goes to directors; 73,275,000 francs to reserves, and 5,000,000 francs to carry forward.

The report gives a list of over 120 banks and industrial companies, Belgian and foreign, in which the Generale holds shares (the number being stated in each case). These include railways, coal mining, steel and engineering, zinc, electricity, glass, chemical, textile, shipping and colonial enterprises.

Speaking of the Congo the report condemns the exaggerated pessimism which followed the exaggerated optimism. Gold production steadily increases, with new fields promising to double or triple 1928 output.

"The future of the Congo," concludes the report, "looks daily more promising from a mineral point of view. The colony's economic potentiality is in marked progression. Despite the crisis the yield on capital remains on the whole satisfactory. Over 700,000,000 francs was paid in dividends and interest in 1931."

Union Miniere's copper production in 1931 is given at 120,000 tons. That of cobalt and radium is regulated according to requirements.

France Increases Import Duties on Certain Cork Products—Proposed Increase in Duties on Rubber Footwear.

Under date of Mar. 8 an announcement issued by the Department of Commerce at Washington said:

The French import duties on certain cork products have been increased by a law published in the French "Journal Officiel" for March 2 1932, according to a cablegram from Commercial Attache Fayette W. Allport, Paris.

The minimum rates of duty on rundles and stoppers are increased as follows (rates in francs per 100 kilos net): Rundles for bottle caps, &c., of natural cork, from 250 to 350, and of composition cork from 330 to 350; stoppers of natural cork, under 50 millimeters in length, from 178.50 to 300.00; stoppers of composition cork, under 45 millimeters in length, from 200 to 300. The present duty of 15% ad valorem on cut cork sheets and on cork manufactures not specified is increased by 20%.

Proposed Revision Increasing Duties on Rubber Footwear.

The French Chamber of Deputies passed on March 4 1932 a measure increasing the import duties and changing the dutiable basis on rubber footwear from a weight basis to a new scale of rates per pair, and establishing about 20 new classifications. The proposed minimum rates of duty on men's boots are as follows, with the provision that the duty cannot amount to less than 25% ad valorem: Men's boots under 20 centimeters in total height 12 francs per pair; from 20 to 42 centimeters in total height, 28 francs per pair; and over 42 centimeters in total height, 36 francs per pair.

The bill must be passed by the French Senate before the proposed rates become effective.

German Reichsbank Meeting March 16—Golddiskontbank Meeting Also to Be Held March 16—Increase in Capital of Latter Proposed.

According to information received by New York and Hanseatic Corporation the general shareholders' meeting of the Reichsbank will be held on March 16th. The Corporation also says:

Under present German Government regulations American holders of Reichsbank shares in order to obtain release of the dividend and exemption from the German capital income tax are required to submit a

special affidavit attesting foreign ownership of the shares. The dividend is payable in Germany against coupon No. 7 upon presentation of the affidavit to the proper authorities. Affidavit blanks are obtainable at the office of the above company.

The annual meeting of the Deutsche Golddiskontbank which is almost wholly owned by the Reichsbank is also scheduled for March 16. It will be proposed to increase the capital which was originally Lstr. 10,000,000 and converted into RM 200,000,000 on Dec. 21 1931 by 200 million Reichsmarks to RM. 400,000,000.

German Reichsbank Cuts Discount Rate from 7 to 6%—Comment by President Hans Luther.

Referring to the action of the Reichsbank in reducing its discount rate from 7 to 6% and its collateral rate from 8 to 7% on March 8, a cablegram from Berlin on that date to the New York "Times" said:

The reduction had long been urged by the business community so that general interest rates might be further brought down, but was deferred by the Reichsbank until it could be effected without endangering its foreign exchange position.

Commenting on the action, Dr. Hans Luther, President of the Reichsbank, declared that its position had been substantially eased since the start of the year, liabilities having declined \$200,000,000 between the year's end and the end of February and note circulation \$125,000,000 in the same period.

The foreign exchange situation, he added, was far less satisfactory, for after several weeks of decline and temporary cessation of withdrawals the first week of March brought increased demands, mostly due to 10% repayment on account of the \$100,000,000 rediscount credit.

Nevertheless, Dr. Luther concluded, the Reichsbank now regarded it as practicable to follow the course taken previously by central banks abroad and reduce the discount rate without imperiling the equilibrium of the exchange market, the more so since by the recent bank reorganization the German credit apparatus had been put on a sounder basis, creating improved conditions for the production of eligible drafts.

Acceptance Rates Reduced in Berlin—Reichsbank Also to Rediscount Further 120,000,000 Marks in Russian Trade Bills.

The following from Berlin, March 9, is from the New York "Evening Post":

The easier conditions in the Berlin money market were reflected to-day in a reduction in acceptance rates and an announcement that the Reichsbank has agreed to rediscount a further 120,000,000 reichsmarks of Russian trade bills in addition to the 200,000,000 reichsmarks now outstanding.

Acceptance rates were cut to 5½% from 6½, in accordance with reduction in the discount rate. Call money was quoted 6½% against 7.

The further rediscount of Russian bills will be only of those against outstanding orders already guaranteed by the Reich and will not be newly created. The Reich declines to increase the amount of its guarantee, which is already close to 1,000,000,000 reichsmarks.

The decision of the Reichsbank, therefore, means help for exporters on orders placed last year, but new exports will be possible only when the present guarantee and the rediscounts have been reduced by Russian payments. Total Russian payments due to Germany during 1932 amount to 375,000,000 reichsmarks.

The following is from a Berlin cablegram, March 8, to the New York "Times":

The Reichsbank has refused to increase its credit for exports to Soviet Russia—urged especially by the engineering trade—beyond the original \$250,000,000 limit, but since the payment of about \$50,000,000 from Russia will fall due between now and April 1 the Reichsbank has agreed to rediscount \$30,000,000 in Russian drafts on condition that a bankers' consortium provide additional endorsement.

Standstill Agreement of German Reichsbank Secure—Payment of \$10,000,000 in New York Has No Effect, As Creditors Waived Revocation Option.

The following Berlin cablegram, March 4, is from the New York "Times":

The standstill agreement for maintenance of foreign short-term credits to Germany, which went into effect on Tuesday, will not be affected by the payment by the Reichsbank of \$10,000,000 on foreign rediscount credit, it was learned to-day, as most of the standstill creditors have already agreed not to take advantage of their option to revoke the agreement.

The amount represents less than 4% of the Reichsbank's reserves of gold and foreign exchange.

On Feb. 29 the coverage of circulation was 25.2%. This probably has changed little up to to-day. At any rate, the stability of the mark will not be affected by the payment, as it is maintained through other means. Theoretically no marks leave the country without the knowledge of the Reichsbank, but shrinkage of gold reserves makes it harder for the Reichsbank to reduce the discount rate, as it has been urged to do. It is believed that it will wait for all standstill creditors to agree to payment of the rediscount credit instalment before lowering the rates.

German Debtors' Committee Asks Cut in Debt Interest—Seeks Reduction on Rates Covered by "Standstill" Pact.

From Berlin, March 9, Associated Press advices published in the New York "Evening Post" said:

The German Debtors' Committee has written to the Foreign Creditors' Committee asking a reduction in interest and commission on the "standstill" credits.

The letter pointed out that reductions in the bank rate in New York and London has not resulted in a corresponding reduction for these credits, and it called attention to that part of the creditors' agreement providing that the interest be within reasonable limits.

It was understood that the debtors might appeal to the Council of Arbitration provided by the agreement if the reply to this letter is unsatisfactory.

German Gold Discount Bank Shows Losses Rising from Sterling's Fall—Profits in 1931 Dropped to 2,000,000 Marks as Against £552,000 in 1930.

The following from Berlin, March 4, (copyright), is from the New York "Herald Tribune":

Report of the German Gold Discount Bank—interesting because it is the key to the functions devolving on it under the terms of the standstill agreement—shows moderate losses from devaluation of the English pound. The Gold Discount Bank, the bearer of a 500,000,000 mark collective guaranty from German industry, acts as trustee, bookkeeper and overseer in an important connection in the standstill matters and serves to relieve foreign creditor banks from part of the credit risks.

Up to the beginning of this year the report shows a total of 127,680,000 marks obligations taken over as a result of the action of foreign creditor banks, whereof only 63,470,000 marks pertain to 182 credit accounts or accounts guaranteed by German banks to the value of 67,000,000 when originally taken over during the year, but the latter was partly liquidated. The remainder of 64,220,000 marks obligations arose from guaranties for 263 various credits.

The Gold Discount Bank theoretically is entitled in case of defaults on agreed payment by German debtors to call on the German industries for a half milliards mark guaranty in order to protect foreign creditors. The bank, whose capital was based on the pound sterling until the close of 1931, showed a profit of slightly less than 20,000,000 marks from bills, checks, securities, etc., against 552,000 pounds sterling in 1930, when a 4% dividend was declared. Of 9,069,142 net profits, 8,500,000 go into the Delcredere guaranty.

Loss by Krupp Company of Germany—Concern Reports It Ran Behind \$2,400,000 in 1931.

A cablegram as follows from Berlin, March 4, is taken from the New York "Times":

The Friederich Krupp Company reports for the year ended on Sept. 30 1931, a net loss of \$2,400,000. The effects of the extremely bad year were modified for the Krupp company, it was said, only through the manufacture of some specialties such as rustproof steel and other high-grade steels. The book values of plants and securities were written down sharply.

The turn-over dropped from \$92,000,000 in 1930 to \$63,000,000 last year. Orders received for the first quarter of the new year are insufficient to keep working one-third of the men employed normally.

Prussian State Bank.

The "Wall Street Journal" of March 3 reported the following from Berlin:

"Seehandlung," Prussian State bank, records 1931 gross profits at 9,600,000 marks against 12,800,000 marks in 1930, while the net return declined to 1,300,000 marks from 6,800,000. Heavy security losses accounted for reduced earnings, and, as further depreciation of this sort will have to be shown in the 1932 statement, no dividend has been declared. This bank plays an important role in the Berlin money market.

Austrian Prices Rising—German "Index" Higher—Vienna Recognizes Depreciation of the Currency as an Influence on Values.

Under date of March 5, the New York "Times" reported the following from Vienna:

The index of wholesale prices in Austria has risen to 114 as against 112 in December and 105 in January of 1931. The retail index has risen to 142. One incident, possibly bearing on this movement of prices, is that the Austrian National Bank, whose reserve ratio amounts to 25%, with a note circulation of 937 million schillings, now permits "currency clearing" between exporters and importers, with exporters entitled to a premium of 31%.

It is considered that this recognizes practically, although not officially, the depreciation of the Austrian schilling.

Austria and Hungary Face Cuts in Budgets—Former Must Make a New Reduction of \$15,000,000 Because of Rise in Jobless Relief Needs.

Need for some form of economic relief for Central Europe became more apparent in Austria and Hungary on March 8, said a wireless message on that date from Vienna to the New York "Times," which also stated:

After explaining to the Cabinet Council that as a result of increased calls for unemployment relief the Austrian budget must be reduced \$15,000,000 more, the Finance Minister, Dr. Kienboeck, left for Paris to attend a meeting of the League of Nations Finance Committee.

Adrian van Rengel, director of the Credit Anstalt, had already left for the same destination, since the Committee will discuss the financial situation in Austria, in which the Credit Anstalt question is the most important factor.

Reports that the Austrian Government will arbitrarily repudiate or restrict the guarantee which it gave to English, American and other foreign creditors of its principal bank are without foundation, but it has requested either lowering of the interest rate on \$75,000,000 of indebtedness or reduction of the capital sum.

In Budapest to-day the Hungarian Finance Minister, M. Koranyi, told the economy committee of Parliament that the 1932 budget must be \$12,000,000 less than that of last year.

Johann Telesky, former Finance Minister, stated Hungary's trade balance for the first half of this year apparently would be unfavorable, so there probably would be no foreign exchange even for payment of service on those foreign debts which the Government had expected to be able to transfer.

Dividend by Polish Bank—12% Payment Voted on First Issue of Shares—New Credit Limit.

The stockholders of the Bank of Poland approved on Feb. 24 a 12% dividend on the first issue of shares payable

that day, according to Associated Press advices from Warsaw on Feb. 24 to the New York "Times," which added:

The second issue, held by the Treasury, participates in the profits to the extent of 5,000,000 zlotys (about \$550,000), and also in 6,900,000 zlotys net profits.

The meeting voted approval of an amendment to the bank statutes increasing the maximum limit of Treasury credits paying no interest from 60,000,000 zlotys to 100,000,000 zlotys.

Bill Would Reduce Polish Job Insurance—Government Proposes to Cut the Maximum Daily Allowance from 84 Cents to 56.

The following Warsaw cablegram, March 7, is from the New York "Times":

A sweeping change in the Polish unemployment insurance scheme was proposed in a bill that the Government submitted to the Sejm to-day.

The trade unions have already made a vehement protest against the measure, and a one-day strike has been proclaimed for March 16.

Under the new plan the maximum daily wages, which form the basis of all unemployment allowances, would be lowered from 84c. a day to 56c. The family allowance would be confined to the workers with wives and children, and parents, brothers and sisters would not be taken into account as they have been under the present law.

The "waiting time," or period of unemployment which must elapse before the workers would be entitled to relief would be raised from 20 to 30 weeks.

If this reform is adopted and is coupled with a number of minor changes in the administration of the unemployment insurance fund, it is expected to lessen considerably the burdens the State is bearing in covering the deficit in the fund. The Government subsidy to cover the deficit, plus the regular contributions, has amounted to \$25,000,000 for the last two years.

Poland now has 320,000 unemployed, nearly 30% of all those gainfully employed in industries.

Spanish Treasury Issue.

The following (United Press) from Madrid, is from the "Wall Street Journal" of March 9:

Augusto Barcia, Governor of the Bank of Spain, the Vice Governor and representatives of five large Madrid banks have arranged details for the issuance of 500,000,000 paper pesetas (\$38,300,000) two-year Treasury notes bearing 5½% interest.

Legal authorization for the notes is expected early in April when the Cortes approves the new budget. Banking authorities predict over-subscription of the issue at that time.

Portugal Raises Tariffs—\$4,000,000 Public Works to Begin in July—Jobless Fund Ordered.

A Lisbon cablegram, Feb. 27, appeared as follows in the New York "Times":

Eight new Government decrees were published to-day, raising the import duties on tobacco, kerosene and newsprint from 5 to 20%.

The Government also announced a six-year plan for public works development which will be begun next July. Schools, hospitals, ports and roads have an allotment of \$4,000,000.

An obligatory unemployment relief fund will be imposed on employers and employees by the Government beginning March 1. Organized labor and the unemployed are planning a demonstration Monday. The Government published a warning that any disorders will be suppressed.

On March 1 the Department of Commerce at Washington issued the following relative to the new Portuguese tariffs:

Decrees published preliminarily in Portugal on Feb. 27 1932, to become effective the day following official promulgation (which was expected within 48 hours), provide for a general surtax upon existing import duties, authorization to negotiate provisional commercial agreements employing minimum rates, denunciation of existing accords, if necessary, and authorization to fix maximum quantities of imports during specified periods, according to a radiogram received in the Department of Commerce from Commercial Attache Richard C. Long, Lisbon. It was stated that the duty changes were due to economic necessity, and not intended as reprisals.

All existing rates of import duty into Portugal and the adjacent islands are increased by one-fifth, except on the following:

Anthracite, bituminous and lignite coal, coke, coal briquettes weighing more than one kilo each, and mineral oils, except crude petroleum and those suitable for illumination, on which the duties are increased by one-twentieth; sugar of any origin, on which the duties are increased by one-tenth, and leaf or manufactured tobacco and materials for the tobacco industry, and newsprint, on which there is no increase.

Upon recommendation of a commission created by this decree, duties may be increased to double the present rates, or the present duty surtax may be reduced to one-twentieth with regard to primary materials and industrial equipment.

It is reported that the customs officials were refusing withdrawals on Feb. 27, although the decrees were not yet effective.

The Portuguese Government is also authorized to expend the revenues resulting from increased duties on raw cotton, certain silk articles and knit goods, and on yarns, fabrics, knit goods and articles of cotton for stimulation of cotton production in Portuguese Colonies in Africa.

State Controls Danish Krone—New Law Puts Foreign Trade Authority in Hands of Bank Committee.

From the "Wall Street Journal" of March 7, we take the following from Copenhagen:

As a result of the continuing growing difficulties on the foreign exchange market, the Government has rushed through the Chamber a law which creates a State monopoly institution through which all foreign exchange transactions must pass.

The law gives the Minister of Commerce dictatorial powers over the foreign exchange market, but the Minister is delegating his authority to three persons, who, with a special staff of about 60, will have complete control over all foreign exchange dealings in Denmark, and hence also over all foreign trade. The committee of three will consist of one of the directors of the National Bank, a representative of the Ministry of Commerce, and of Olaf Berntsen, the Danish-American banker, who recently resigned from the London branch of an American banking house to become Government

Comptroller of Foreign Exchange, thus replacing the Minister of Commerce on the board of the National Bank.

The exchange law consists of only two sections, the first of which provides that the Minister of Commerce may order all Danes resident in Denmark to repatriate assets, securities, bills checks and cash held abroad, to be converted into Danish currency through the National Bank. The second paragraph states that imports of foreign goods can only take place against a certificate granted by the National Bank to the effect that the currency required for this importation will not endanger the foreign exchange reserves of the country. It is expressly stated in the law that raw materials and all commodities necessary to keep export industries going are to have prior claim to such foreign exchange as is available.

Minister Calls Bill Essential.

The law will have far-reaching effects. It will mean, for example, that an importer who has foreign currency on deposit abroad cannot make use of it to purchase foreign goods, unless expressly authorized to do so by the National Bank or its committee.

In submitting his bill to the House, the Minister of Commerce admitted that it was drastic, but said that it was essential in present circumstances.

"The foreign exchange reserves of the National Bank have been brought down to a point where our proposals are inescapable," he said. "We have to do our utmost to keep on an even keel, and I hope our people will understand that our proposals are essential, not only for the well-being of the country but for its very existence."

Until Jan. 30, the Government had relied upon a foreign exchange decree which had been operative since Nov. 18 1931, but which had gradually been discovered to be ineffective. This decree prohibited unofficial dealings in foreign exchange, and provided that the business was to be done through an agreed number of banks. Despite the fact that there was complete understanding among all concerned as to the importance of getting the arrangement to work smoothly, difficulties increased. Not the least of the reasons was that Danish agricultural export products found a constantly growing number of markets closed to them, with the result that they made less foreign exchange available to the Danish money market than originally provided for. At the same time, imports continued on a very high level.

Provincial Firms Favored.

The complaint was also made that in dividing up available supplies of foreign exchange, provincial firms were unduly favored at the expense of Copenhagen firms, the reason being that the greater part of the available foreign exchange reaching the country came through provincial channels and not through Copenhagen.

As an illustration of the financial stringency which has prevailed here for some time, reference may be made to the difficulties encountered by the City of Copenhagen in obtaining accommodation which was urgently needed. Repeated applications were made to the National Bank for a loan, but were turned down. At last, as the result of personal intervention by the Minister of Commerce and the thorough scaling down of Copenhagen's budget, the National Bank consented to grant the city overdraft facilities to the extent of kr. 30,000,000 on strict terms. The city bound itself immediately to issue a loan of kr. 30,000,000 for public subscription, with a currency of two years, carrying 6% interest, at a price not less than 97 and not more than 98. All the bonds which were not subscribed for within eight days of the issue of the loan were to be handed over to the National Bank as security for the overdraft, the latter to retain the right to liquidate its holdings, if any at any time it thought fit to do so. The city bound itself not to use the credit beyond the limits of the strictest necessity, and entirely in accordance with the statement submitted to the bank.

Dutch Farmers Suffer—Land Values Decrease 50% Because of Tariff War.

The following from Amsterdam, March 6, is from the New York "Times":

A crisis is confronting Dutch agriculture because of high tariffs and import prohibitions abroad on agricultural and cattle produce. Land values have fallen an average of 50% compared with those of two years ago. Many farmers who took mortgages on their land are thus in very difficult circumstances.

Unemployment among metal workers is serious in Rotterdam, where the number of employed has fallen from 10,037 in July 1930, to 4,026 now, representing a 59% loss. Elsewhere from 45 to 72% of hands have been discharged, according to union data.

Charles H. Sherrill Named as United States Ambassador to Turkey.

On March 4 President Hoover sent to the Senate the nomination of Charles H. Sherrill, of New York City, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States to Turkey. Additional information, according to the "United States Daily" was supplied as follows:

A lawyer, Mr. Sherrill was born on April 13 1867 at Washington, D. C. He has received degrees from Yale and from New York University. After practicing law at New York from 1891 to 1909, he served as the United States Minister to Argentina from March 25 1909 until July 27 1911. He resumed the practice of law in September 1912.

Mr. Sherrill has been the recipient of honors for many foreign nations, among which are the Legion of Honor of France, the Order of Leopold I of Belgium, the Serbian Order of White Eagle, the Order of White Lion of Czechoslovakia and the Swedish Order of Polar Star.

He was a Brigadier-General and Adjutant-General in the State of New York and had charge of the United States draft in that State from Sept. 1 1917 to Sept. 18, 1918.

Incorporation Under Laws of New York State of American Council of Foreign Bondholders Inc.—Activities of Council To Be Directed by Max Winkler.

Announcement was made March 6 of the incorporation under the laws of the State of New York of the American Council of Foreign Bondholders, Inc., to serve as a clearing house for information regarding economic and financial conditions in foreign countries in whose securities and enterprises American capital has been placed. Particular at-

tention it is stated will be paid to countries or political subdivisions which have either already defaulted on their contractual obligations, or are on the verge of default.

The formation of the Council, it is added, has been prompted by the enormous stake which the United States has abroad, aggregating at the beginning of this year almost \$18,000,000,000, exclusive of so-called political obligations owing to the United States Government. The activities of the Council will be directed by Dr. Max Winkler, who for a number of years has been pointing to the desirability of creating an organization in the United States along the lines of similar organizations abroad, which have for many years functioned with marked success. The announcement also says:

There will be associated with Dr. Winkler in the direction of the activities of the Council a number of economists, including, among others: Dr. Thomas H. Healy of the Georgetown School of Foreign Service. Chester Lloyd Jones, Dean of the School of Business, University of Wisconsin.

Edmond H. Jones, former Acting President of the Permanent Fiscal Commission of Bolivia.

Professor John M. Chapman.

Denys P. Myers, Director of Research of the World Peace Foundation.

J. Ros McIntosh, President of Analyst Associates, Inc.

Winthrop C. Swain, economist and statistician.

Dr. Winkler calls attention to the fact that since the formation of the British Council was effected at the time when Great Britain's foreign holdings barely exceeded \$2,000,000,000, the absolute necessity of creating a similar organization in the United States, in view of our very much larger stake abroad, is so manifest as to require no further explanation. Although attempts have from time to time been made in the United States to create instrumentalities designed to look after the interests of American investors in foreign securities and enterprises, and although certain organizations are actually believed to have been formed for the purpose of looking after specific situations, the formation of the American Council of Foreign Bondholders, Inc. is the first step taken to cover the entire foreign investment field from the standpoint of the American holder of foreign securities, both individuals as well as institutions. The Council is only to a limited extent patterned after the British Council, which has functioned successfully for more than two generations and which during its existence been involved in the settlement of claims aggregating well over \$5,000,000,000.

The Council will not, for the time being at least, undertake to direct foreign debt negotiations. It may, however, see fit from time to time to co-operate with committees especially organized for this purpose by those identified with the origination and distribution of foreign bonds, and will, in this way, be in a position to act whenever conflicts of interests may render such action desirable.

The Council will disseminate information regarding the true economic and financial conditions of countries in whose securities or enterprises American investors have placed their funds. Through the dissemination of such information, it should be possible in the future to prevent the flotation in the American market of securities of dubious quality. In this manner the usefulness of the Council will come from prophylactic rather than protective measures.

The Council will also undertake to make careful examinations of the various situations regarding defaults on the part of foreign governments or political subdivisions, with a view to enabling the creditor to intelligently appraise the capacity of the respective debtors, on the basis of actual conditions rather than theoretical possibilities as to what those debtors might be in a position to do on behalf of their foreign creditors.

The Council will publish bi-monthly reviews and analyses of conditions abroad as they may affect the American holder of foreign bonds or American investors in foreign enterprises, as well as those engaged in foreign commerce. It is hoped that through these reports, the American investing public will be kept informed of the situation abroad, which should go a long way towards arresting the often unreasonably erratic fluctuations in the price of foreign securities traded in on the American markets.

The headquarters of the American Council of Foreign Bondholders, Inc., are at 49 Wall Street, New York City.

New Swedish Government Issue.

Press advices from Stockholm March 10 said that the Swedish Government is issuing kr. 50,000,000 4½% bonds at 97.

Argentina Plans Central Bank.

Associated Press advices from Buenos Aires, March 8, reported that the creation of a central bank for Argentina will be one of the matters submitted to the coming extraordinary session of Congress by the new Government, Finance Minister Hueyo said in an interview with the newspaper "La Nacion." He added that the Government does not contemplate issuing new paper currency or negotiating a new foreign loan.

Argentina Road Asks Moratorium—Cordoba Central Reported Unable to Meet Interest Due April 1 on 4% Debentures—Blames Traffic.

The following from London March 8 is from the New York "Evening Post":

The Cordoba Central Railway, Ltd., which operates 1,218 miles of road in Argentina, announced to-day that it is unable to meet interest, due April 1, on its 4% first debenture stock, owing to traffic declines and exchange losses.

The company asks for a three-month moratorium within which to draw up a comprehensive plan to deal with the situation. A moratorium already exists in respect to the interest on the 5% second debenture stock.

Westminster Bank, Ltd., London, are bankers for the company. The 4% debenture stock, issued and outstanding in the amount of £8,000,000 is redeemable at 105% at any time on six months' notice or in event of liquidation of the company.

Debt Payment Soon by Bolivia Unlikely—Institute of International Finance Notes Effect on Revenues of Drop in Tin Price.

The possibility that the Republic of Bolivia can soon resume payment in full on its \$62,180,303 of external debt is remote, according to a special report on the republic's finances issued March 4 by the Institute of International Finance through its director, Dean John T. Madden. The Institute, which is conducted by the Investment Bankers' Association in co-operation with New York University, explains that the drop in the world price of tin was chiefly responsible for Bolivia's failure to settle the \$6,132,000 interest and amortization charges on its debt, said the New York "Times" of March 5, which went on to say:

Increased production of tin in Bolivia and in other countries, and a general decrease in world consumption drove the price from an average of \$1,405 a ton in 1927 to \$480 in 1932, the report said. Consequently the Bolivian Government's income dropped from \$17,539,000 in 1929 to \$13,104,000 in 1930, while the figures for 1931 are expected to show an even greater decline.

Arrangement on 1931 Budget.

"The Government arranged its 1931 budget on the basis of expected revenues of \$10,210,868, with expenditures placed at \$11,700,865, without providing for the service on the external debt," the Institute says. "Revenues in 1931 declined to such an extent that even with no payment being made on the external debt the Government was unable to balance the budget from current income and was again forced to borrow to cover the deficit."

"Payments for debt service during 1929 required about 36% of total revenues, during 1930 approximately 47%, and the 1931 service, if paid, would have consumed more than 85%, of which the external debt service would amount to 76% of the total expected revenues."

The report points out that although each of the four dollar loans aggregating \$61,422,000 outstanding is secured by a lien on specific revenues, these revenues, pledged in their entirety, represent the major part of the total income of the Government and must be used internally for the preservation of law and order and the maintenance of Governmental activities essential to the life of the nation.

External Debt Arrears \$4,349,456.

Arrears of interest on the external funded debt amounted to \$4,349,456 on Jan. 15 last. The dollar loans in default are: 6s, due on Oct. 1 1940, outstanding \$1,296,000; 8s, due in 1947, outstanding \$2,072,000; 7s, due in 1958, outstanding \$13,364,000, and 7s, due in 1969, outstanding \$22,690,000. Thus, \$59,422,000 of dollar loans are in default. The \$2,000,000 7% match monopoly dollar bonds, due in 1950, are being paid. Other external debt includes £155,821, equivalent to \$758,303.

The internal debt of Bolivia consists of 23,874,000 bolivianos of funded debt and 20,134,856 bolivianos of floating debt. The report states that the bankers here are keeping in touch with the situation through the Permanent Fiscal Commission, two of whose three members are nominated by the bankers.

Fall of Bolivian Cabinet Said to Have Been Due to Inflation Issue—Ex-Minister of Finance Had Proposed New Notes Bringing Gold Coverage to 35%.

Advices March 10 from La Paz to the New York "Times" said:

The controversy between the Government and the Central Bank of Bolivia over proposals for inflation, which led to the creation of a new Cabinet yesterday, was explained to-day in the English-language section of the newspaper "La Razon." The editorial follows in part:

"Projects suggested by the Minister of Finance . . . met determined opposition from the Central Bank. The Government suggested the issuance of new bills to the value of 10,000,000 bolivianos, thus changing the Kemmerer banking law. At present, under this law, our bills have a backing of 50% gold, whereas after such a new issue the backing will be only 35%."

"It is this suggestion that the Central Bank has been opposing tenaciously, and hence there was staged a public debate between the bank and the Government."

"In order to support his theory concerning the necessity of putting more bills into circulation, the Minister of Finance quoted President Hoover's reference to the pernicious effects of hoarding wealth. The bank reply, through the press, is that President Hoover does not recommend inflation by the issue of unbacked bills. . . ."

"In order to co-ordinate the different tendencies . . . President Salamanca offered the Finance Department to one of the directors of the Central Bank and agreed to maintain suspense on said projects. The Liberal party decided to co-operate with the Government, accepting the Ministries of Foreign Relations, Worship and Instruction and Agriculture. . . ."

"In the meantime the Central Bank has offered to cover the deficit in the budget, which is calculated as follows: Receipts, 29,682,560; disbursements, 33,096,501.19; deficit, 3,413,914.19 bolivianos. In order to arrive at these figures it was necessary to make tremendous reductions, as the original budget showed a deficit of over 10,000,000 bolivianos."

Brazil's Third Funding Loan Approved in Presidential Decree—Two Bond Issues to Permit Payment on Foreign Debt.

From the New York "Herald Tribune" we take the following (United Press) from Rio de Janeiro March 6:

A Presidential decree approving Brazil's third funding loan and authorizing credit operations in order to fulfill payment of interests on external loans and other financial operations, was published in the "The Diario Oficial" to-day.

The Federal Government will issue two series of bonds, the first maturing in 20 years and the second in 40 years, both yielding 5% annually. The 20-year issue, in pounds sterling, dollars or francs, will be used to replace coupons of corresponding loans floated in England, France and the United States, except the 1898 and 1914 funding loans and the 1922 coffee loan. The 40-year series will be applied to payment of coupons on the French and English loans, without a mortgage guarantee.

The maximum capital for the 20-year issue will be £2,648,939 (\$12,837,254) for England, \$29,884,545 for the United States and 66,000,000 francs (\$2,640,000) for France. The capital for the 40-year issue will be £7,881,-

814 (\$38,216,797) for England and 135,000,000 francs (\$5,400,000) for France.

Brazil to Pay Scrip on External Loans.

The New York "Times" of March 6 said:

Scrip in lieu of interest on certain external bonds of the Brazilian Government held in Europe and the United States, pursuant to a plan announced by Brazil on Oct. 17, last, will be issued in a few days, according to the bankers who have been active in Brazilian financing. Dillon, Read & Co. of New York, N. M. Rothschild & Sons of London and the Banque Francaise pour le Commerce et l'Industrie of Paris have taken leading parts in working out the mechanics of the scrip plan.

The scrip, on which 5% interest will be paid in cash, will be issued in two series. The first series, due in 20 years, will be put out against the interest on the following loans: sterling 5s of 1903; French franc 5s of 1909; American dollar 8s of 1921; American dollar 7s of 1922; American dollar 6½s of 1926, and sterling and American dollar 6½s of 1927.

The second series of scrip, redeemable in 40 years, will be issued in respect to all other Brazilian Government foreign loans, except the 5% funding issue of 1898, the 5% funding loan of 1914, and the 7½% coffee security issues of 1922, service on all of which will be continued to be paid in cash.

United Fruit Company to Advance Colombia Loan of \$500,000 on Banana Tax Account—Action of Cundinamarca Assembly Regarding Payments on Obligations.

Associated Press advices March 9 from Bogota, Colombia, stated:

President Olaya Herrera announced to-day that the United Fruit Co. would advance to the Government this week \$500,000 in gold as future payments on the banana export tax. The Government will pay 6% interest and at the normal rate of banana exports, should retire the advance in two years.

Under a 20-year contract signed last month the United Fruit Company pays 3 cents a bunch as the banana tax.

A cablegram from Bogota March 9 to the New York "Times" had the following to say:

The company will retain the national banana export tax of three cents a bunch to amortize the loan, with 6% annual interest. On the basis of the present rate of banana exports, amortization will be complete in four years, it is estimated. This loan should speed the conclusion of long-pending negotiations for the long-term rental of the Santa Marta Railway, operating through the bananz zone, by the national Government to United Fruit interests, with the acquiescence of the State of Magdalena, which holds the rights of the railway.

It is understood that the amount of the loan will remain for the time being deposited in the Bank of the Republic to strengthen its reserves.

The Cundinamarca State Assembly approved yesterday an ordinance prescribing a new order of payments on State obligations, relegating service on the public debt to practically last place. This appears to be the first step toward a definite declaration of a moratorium on service of Cundinamarca's \$11,500,000 outstanding in foreign bonds, floated by J. and W. Seligman & Co., thus discarding the National Government's plan to issue scrip to cover the deferred payment of maturing interest on these bonds.

Colombia Decrees Subsidy for Coffee—President Olaya Authorizes a 10% Export Bonus, Payable in Bonds—Holds United States Concerns Will Be Real Beneficiaries—Government Aims to Keep Exchange Rate.

Three Presidential decrees were issued on March 8 in Colombia, concerning foreign exchange and banking, according to Bogota advices on that date to the New York "Times" which further said:

Decree 422 announces the firm purpose of the Government and the Bank of the Republic not to increase the present exchange rate of 105 pesos for \$100 and to maintain the 35% minimum gold reserve for the Bank of the Republic's note circulation, but the Government recognizes demands of the coffee interests for a higher exchange by granting the exporters a bonus of 10% of the value of coffee exports this year, from March 15.

The bonus is payable in the form of 6% National Government bonds, the interest to be payable from dividends accruing from the Government's stock in the Bank of the Republic and the bonds to be amortized at par, beginning one year after issuance, upon tender in payment of National taxes up to 2%.

On the basis of quantity and value of current coffee exports and the present National revenues, it is estimated that 4,000,000 pesos of bonds may be issued in the next 12-months amortized in the six succeeding years. The bonds will be permissible for investment up to a maximum of 15% of the capital and reserves of the Bank of the Republic and will be an obligatory investment of at least 10% of savings banks funds.

The afternoon dailies here doubt the success of the bonus plan, believing that United States firms purchasing here and exporting the bulk of the coffee crop will be the real beneficiaries instead of Colombian growers.

Foreign Exchange Purchases Limited.

Decree 421 limits the purchases of foreign exchange for the payment of private debts due prior to Sept. 24 1931, including accounts for imported merchandise and advances on coffee, to 20% of the instalments without stipulating the instalment periods. The control office which licenses the purchase of foreign exchange is limited weekly to 90% of the amount of gold and foreign exchange purchased by the Bank of the Republic in the previous week. Smelters must deliver all smelted gold to the mint or the Bank of the Republic and owners of gold will receive payment in the national currency, which at present is not redeemable in gold on demand.

Decree 420 gives commercial banks mortgage bank status for the conversion of commercial debts to long-term mortgage-secured debts, and commercial loan extensions no longer are limited to six months. The Bank of the Republic is authorized to rediscount for a maximum of one year commercial banks' mortgage-secured loans up to 50% of the book value of the commercial banks' holdings of stock in the Bank of the Republic. The Bank of the Republic is authorized to guarantee dividends to its private stockholders.

The Minister of Finance is authorized to arrange to lend the new Colombian Credit Corp. 400,000 pesos for ten years to facilitate the liquidation of defaulted long-term mortgage loans the corporation takes over from banks.

The 400,000 pesos will be available from a 1,500,000-pesos emergency fund created by the Bank of the Republic's salt monopoly concession loan to the Government contracted in December, 1931.

The Bank of the Republic is authorized to discount Colombian Credit Corp. loans up to a maximum of 500,000 pesos.

The peso is worth 95.50 cents at present exchange rates.

Chile Approves Plan to Aid Cosach Group—Government Agrees to Alleviate Burdens for Reorganization of Nitrate Industry.

Under date of March 8 an Associated Press cablegram from Santiago, Chile to the New York "Times" said:

Finance Minister Luis Izquierdo announced to-night that the Government had approved proposals of Medley G. B. Whelpley, president of the Cosach nitrate group, for reorganization of the Chilean nitrate industry.

"In the present world situation of nitrogen fertilizers, it has been deemed more prudent to maintain the present structure of the Cosach Co.," his statement said.

Negotiations between the producers and the Government were limited, therefore, to efforts to alleviate "the all too heavy burdens of the company, making indispensable reductions and economies" until it could attain a satisfactory position or reach "an equitable agreement with the producers of synthetic nitrates."

Mr. Whelpley will leave for New York to-morrow to lay his plan before creditors and bankers of the Cosach group, a \$300,000,000 Government-producer organization.

Chile Aims to Limit Dealings in Exchange—New Central Bank Will Be Allowed to Deal Exclusively in Alien Currency Under Plan.

The following (United Press) from Santiago, March 11, is from the New York "World-Telegram":

Purchase of foreign exchange will be limited exclusively to a new central bank and the export of gold and withdrawal of foreign money deposited in Chilean banks prohibited under the terms of a projected law sent to Congress by the executive power.

The law will provide wide reformation of legislation governing exchange. It will establish a central bank for free foreign exchange purchase. The President of the Republic will fix foreign exchange quotations according to data furnished by a commission of control.

Prohibition of export of gold will be absolute. No foreign money may be withdrawn without the commission's authorization. Foreign deposit will be transferred to the central bank.

Chilean Budget for 1932 Approved by Congress—Expenses Lower Incident to Moratorium on Foreign Loans.

Associated Press advices, March 8, from Santiago, Chile, said:

President Montero announced to-day that the Congress had approved the 1932 budget with estimated receipts of \$71,743,275 and expenditures of \$71,693,395. Expenditures are considerably lower than last year's, partly because of the moratorium on foreign loans.

Ecuador Business Slump Accentuated—American Exporters Advised to Sell on Basis of Cash in Advance.

An announcement, March 3, by the Department of Commerce at Washington said:

Following the abandonment of the gold standard, rise in exchange rates, and uncertainty as to future developments, the seasonal slackness has been accentuated in Ecuador, and retail sales during February were 40% below those of January, according to a report from Consul-General Harold D. Clum, Guayaquil, made public by the Department of Commerce.

The rate of exchange on New York since the suspension of the gold standard has been six sucres to the dollar. American exporters should sell only on the basis of cash in advance. Cacao prospects are still comparatively favorable, but the rice crop has been badly damaged by recent floods.

Ecuador To Get Loan From Central Bank.

Associated Press advices from Guayaquil (Ecuador), March 7 said:

The government settled to-day its differences with the Central Bank of Ecuador, which arose last week over a loan.

The bank will loan to the Government 12,000,000 sucres (\$2,400,000 at par) or ten years and the State will rescind its recent decree withdrawing Government funds from the bank.

The refusal of the Central Bank to grant a loan to Ecuador was noted in our issue of March 5 page 1671.

In its issue of March 5 the New York "Times" reported the following from Guayaquil, March 4:

The Central Bank has flatly refused to lend the Government the requested 15,000,000 sucres (a sucre is nominally 20 cents) after having consulted associated banks, whose managers had advised refusal if the Central Bank was certain this course was best for the country's interests.

Reports from a Cabinet meeting yesterday indicated the Government was considering the abrogation of its recent decree regarding the gold standard, as it holds there is no advantage in having unconvertible paper money without a loan.

The Government's situation is regarded as serious, since reports say the comptroller's office has more than 2,000,000 sucres in bills pending, with only 125,000 sucres on hand and all the Government revenues showing a falling off from the budgeted figures.

The same paper also announced the following from Guayaquil, March 5:

Because of the refusal of the Central Bank to grant a loan, the Government has decreed that all of the Government's deposits, amounting to 6,000,000 sucres (nominally \$1,200,000), be withdrawn and deposited in other banks, and has also decreed a moratorium of all obligations between banks for 90 days.

The Government delegates on the board of directors of the Central Bank are retired until reorganization is achieved, and the decree states this is the first of a number of measures made necessary by the attitude of the directors of the Central Bank.

Great uneasiness is already shown by some exporters, who do not know what price to set on their goods. Some believe drafts will be embargoed at five sucres to the dollar, while at the capitol it is rumored that the next emergency decree will revalue the sucre at 6.50 to the dollar.

Luis Alberto Carbo, President of the Banco Hipotecario, asserts the real gold value of the dollar has dropped to that level and that consequently it is logical to revalue the sucre.

Emergency Decree Ratified in Peru—After Wounding of President, Congress Provides for Court Martial of Any Disturbers.

A decree giving the President extraordinary power to punish disturbers was ratified by the emergency session of the Peruvian Congress on March 7 as a result of the wounding of President Luis M. Sanchez Cerro the previous day by an assassin who was said to belong to the opposition party. A cablegram from Lima, March 7, to the New York "Times," from which we quote, also said:

The decree, which was issued by the last junta, following a revolt last year, provides for court martialing of offenders and capital punishment.

Adherents of the two parties gathered in knots in the streets of Port Callao to-day, and a clash was prevented only when the special police arrived and fired into the air, dispersing the groups. Lima, however, was quiet.

The President was believed to-day to be out of danger. The bullet entered his chest and passed out below a shoulder blade.

Several political prisoners, among whom was Francisco Tamayo, a Minister in the Government of the first military junta of President Sanchez Cerro, reached Callao to-day from Mollendo.

Distribution Announced to Holders of Sao Paulo Water Works Loan.

Speyer & Co. and J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp., as Fiscal Agents for the State of San Paulo 7% secured external Water Works Loan of 1926, announce that, out of funds available, they will make a distribution to the holders of the March 1 1932 coupons as a part payment, at the rate of \$29 for each \$35 coupon and \$14.50 for each \$17.50 coupon. Holders should present their coupons for such part payment at the office of Speyer & Co. or at the office of J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp. Upon such presentation and payment, the coupons will be stamped to indicate the amount paid thereon. The Bankers state that they will continue their efforts in the interests of the bondholders.

New York Stock Exchange Notice Regarding Sao Paulo Water Works Loan—Bonds Will Continue to Be Dealt in Flat.

The following notice was issued March 9 by the New York Stock Exchange:

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.
Committee on Securities.

State of Sao Paulo 7% Secured Sinking Fund Gold Bonds External Water Works Loan of 1926, Due 1956—Interest.

March 9 1932.

Referring to the ruling of the Committee on Securities dated March 1 1932 (Sec.-401).

Notice having been received that payment of \$29 per \$1,000 bond will be made beginning March 11 1932, on account of the March 1 1932, coupon on State of Sao Paulo 7% Secured Sinking Fund Gold Bonds External Water Works Loan of 1926, due 1956:

The Committee on Securities further rules that the bonds be quoted ex-interest \$29 per \$1,000 bond on Friday, March 11 1932; that the bonds shall continue to be dealt in "flat" and to be a delivery after Friday, March 11 1932, must carry the March 1 1932, coupon stamped as to payment of \$29 per \$1,000 bond and subsequent coupons.

ASHBEL GREEN, Secretary.

A previous notice by the Stock Exchange was given in our issue of Jan. 5 page 1670.

Uruguayan Minister of Public Works Resigns.

According to Associated Press advices from Montevideo (Uruguay), March 4, Victor Benavidez, Minister of Public Works, resigned that day, and it was announced that the resignation would be accepted.

Interest Money Received for April 1 Payments of Cauca Valley and Bogota (Colombia) Mortgage Bank Bonds.

J. & W. Seligman & Co., as fiscal agents, announce that sufficient funds are on hand to pay in full the interest and sinking fund charges due April 1 on Department of Cauca Valley (Colombia) 7½% gold bonds, due Oct. 1 1946, and on Mortgage Bank of Bogota (Colombia) 7% sinking fund gold bonds, due Oct. 1 1947. In the case of the Department of Cauca Valley bonds, the entire amount required to pay both the interest and sinking fund charges has been withdrawn from a reserve fund deposited with the fiscal agents

under the terms of the trust and fiscal agency agreement as security for such charges, when the bonds were originally issued. In the case of the Mortgage Bank of Bogota bonds, only the amount required to pay the interest charges has been withdrawn from such a reserve fund, the bank having tendered to the fiscal agents the entire amount of bonds due to be retired on April 1. The announcement in behalf of the bankers also says:

It has been necessary to draw upon the reserve funds due to the fact that under a decree issued by the Republic of Colombia on Oct. 31 last, both the Department of Cauca Valley and the Mortgage Bank of Bogota have been denied permission to purchase the dollar exchange required for the remittance of service charges due on their external bonds during the current semester.

Portion of 7½% Bonds of Department of Cauca Valley (Colombia) Drawn for Redemption.

J. & W. Seligman & Co. as fiscal agents are notifying holders of Department of Cauca Valley, Republic of Colombia, 20-year 7½% secured sinking fund gold bonds that \$66,000 principal amount of these bonds have been drawn by lot for redemption at 103 and accrued interest on April 1 1932.

Suez Canal Traffic Drops in Volume and Vessels in 1931.

Traffic passing through the Suez Canal during 1931 decreased both in tonnage and in the number of units traversing the canal as compared with the previous year according to the annual bulletin of the Compagnie Universelle du Canal Maritime et de Suez issued from their Paris office, says report from Vice Consul Davis B. Levis, Paris, made public by the Department of Commerce. The further advices of the Department March 3 follow:

The number of vessels passing through the canal during 1931 was 5,366 with a net tonnage of 30,028,119 tons, a decline of 395 vessels from 1930 and a diminution of 1,640,640 net tons, as compared with the previous year. The loss was entirely from loaded units, it is pointed out, the vessels crossing in ballast increasing in tonnage from 2,629,291 tons in 1930 to 3,169,321 tons last year. Vessels in ballast also represented 10.6% of the total traversings last year as compared with 8.9% the year before.

The material decrease in traffic noted during the last six months of 1931 was probably due the report states to the increasing decline in general business and maritime activities throughout the world.

Cut in Officials' Pay Proposed in Hawaii—Governor Asks 10% Reduction.

Honolulu (Hawaii) advices, March 7, to the New York "Times" stated:

The special session of the Hawaiian Legislature reconvened to-day after a month's recess to take up problems of taxation and school administration and to deal with a message from Governor Judd outlining proposed economies. One of these is a recommendation that the salaries of all Territorial employees be cut 10%.

Such a proposal, if put into effect, will save \$1,500,000 in the coming two years.

The message also proposed the creation of a department to consolidate and control Territorial institutions under a budget bureau, a reduction of the number of district courts and tax offices, reduction or deferment of payments to the Territorial retirement system and Territorial insurance fund and the transfer of several almost inactive funds to the general fund of the Territory.

A bill offered to-day appropriates \$83,650 for Oahu prison, funds to be expended in hiring additional guards at the penitentiary and for alterations in the existing plant to obviate the possibility of escape by convicts.

Russia Plans Loan of 50,000,000 Rubles—Internal Issue Will Be Floated by Offering of 111,000 Cash Prizes Over 10 Years.

From Moscow, March 5, Associated Press advices to the New York "Times" stated:

In line with its policy of maintaining the stability of the ruble by issuing no new currency, the Soviet Government announced to-day the issuance of a 50,000,000-ruble State loan for 1932.

The loan is to be without interest, but with a lottery feature offering 111,000 cash prizes totaling 54,324,000 rubles over a period of 10 years. Twelve lottery drawings are to be held annually, and the highest prize is 25,000 rubles (about \$12,500).

The new loan bonds, which are issued in 20- and 100-ruble denominations, will increase Russia's internal indebtedness to about 6,550,000,000 rubles.

Soviet to Issue New Nickel Coins.

Associated Press advices from Moscow, Feb. 27, said:

The Soviet Government has decided to issue new nickel coins in values of 10, 15 and 20 kopecks (about 5, 7½ and 10c.) to circulate with the silver coins already in use.

Henry Pu Yi Becomes Ruler of New State of Manchuria.

Henry Pu Yi, former "Boy Emperor" of China, who (we quote from Associated Press accounts) stepped down from the ancient "dragon throne" and went into exile as a bewildered child 20 years ago, arrived at Changchun, Manchuria March 8 for his inauguration on the following day as head of the new Manchurian Federated State. Regarding the inauguration ceremonies we quote the following from Changchun March 9 to the New York "Times":

In an elaborate ceremony, said to have been arranged and paid for by Japanese agents, Henry Pu Yi, former boy Emperor of China, was inaugurated at 3 o'clock this afternoon as chingchen (dictator) of Manchoukuo, as the new Manchurian state is to be known.

The Regent himself proclaimed the independence of Manchoukuo and the severance of all ties with China. He declared that his policy would be to promote the welfare of all the people of the new State.

Many important Chinese and Japanese leaders were present in Changchun, coming from all parts of Manchuria. The streets were decked with Japanese flags and the new black, white, red, blue and yellow emblem of Manchoukuo.

This resurrection of the former Manchu Emperor from the obscurity which he preferred is believed to have been sponsored by Japanese Army leaders. Many Japanese diplomats and statesmen have consistently opposed the anachronism of elevating to the post of a dictator a young man who has played no part in China's affairs since his dethronement as a small boy nearly twenty years ago, who has never given any sign of ability or initiative as a Governor and who until last November, when he fled from the Japanese occupation at Tientsin to Japanese protection at Port Arthur, had never set foot in Manchuria, whence his dynasty emerged more than 250 years ago as conquerors of all China.

Pu Yi will announce the personnel of his Cabinet and various councils and Ministries to-morrow.

While the inauguration ceremony was going on here, Chinese forces opposing Japanese domination of Manchuria, whom the Japanese designate as "bandits," attempted a surprise attack upon the Mukden airdrome. They were beaten off with heavy losses.

Almost at the moment the new Regent was repeating the oath of office, Chinese insurgents launched an attack upon four villages along the South Manchuria Railway, escaping before the arrival of Japanese troops. Other Chinese recalcitrants raided the town of Hallin on the eastern branch of the Chinese Eastern Railway, stealing carts and horses and escaping without casualties. Half a score other raids were reported yesterday in the eastern section of Kirin Province.

In Associated Press accounts from Changchun March 8 the new head of the Manchurian State was quoted as saying in his inaugural address:

"The people of Manchuria have long suffered under tyrannical government. "In these troublesome times I must confess myself poor in talent and unable to devise means to relieve the people from their pain and suffering.

"However, with a due sense of my unworthiness, I come to assume the office of dictator, unable to refuse to please the people. Therefore, I am determined to use my utmost efforts, with the kindly aid and wise advice of you all, to seek peace and safety for the State and the people."

Reference to the new Manchurian State was made in our issue of Feb. 20, page 1301, and Feb. 27, page 1468.

Manchuria a Candidate for Foreign Recognition.

Associated Press advices from Washington March 9 said:

With Henry Pu Yi's inauguration to-day as dictator, the new government in Manchuria becomes a candidate for foreign recognition.

The prospects are Pu Yi will not have any considerable foreign diplomatic set at his Changchun capital for some time, even if the new government manages to resist the opposition which already has manifested itself in numerous revolutionary outbreaks.

Soviet Russia already has made clear that its consent to installation of a president for the Chinese Eastern Railway who is a representative of the new government must not be taken as recognition of Manchuria's independence from China.

It seems likely that League member nations will go slow in granting recognition to a State created out of the richest provinces in China, particularly with the United States and Soviet Russia, the two important non-members of the League, definitely on record against partition of the country.

China Forbids Use of New Manchurian Flag.

The following Shanghai cablegram March 9 is from the New York "Times":

Chinese Government circles this morning were exercised over cables from Dairen and Mukden to the effect that the new Manchurian Government had ordered the Chinese customs houses to hoist the new Manchurian flag. T. V. Soong, Finance Minister here, instructed the Director General of Customs to cable orders to all Manchurian cities, forbidding the lowering of the Chinese flag and the hoisting of the emblem of the new State.

If force is used to carry out the change to the Manchurian flag, China will protest against the lawless seizure of customs houses."

China's Government Considers New Regime in Manchuria a Rebel Group.

Under date of March 9 Associated Press advices from Nanking said:

China's government regards the new regime in Manchuria as a rebel group, the Foreign Office announced to-day.

"The ridiculous activities of Henry Pu Yi and those associated with him constitute a serious offense against the Chinese laws," the statement said. "Such a move as they have made is properly characterized as that of a rebel group. Manchuria is part of China's territory and is recognized as such by the nations of the world."

Japanese Line Ends Shanghai Cargo Ban—To Give Preference to Such Shipments.

The following from San Francisco, March 9 is from the New York "Times":

Seychi Nakase, manager of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line at San Francisco, announced to-day that the ban of that line on cargo for Shanghai had been lifted. At noon Saturday, the steamship Taiyo Maru will sail for Japanese and Chinese ports. She now is in Los Angeles, but will return here before sailing for the Orient.

The Taiyo Maru already has a heavy cotton shipment booked for Japan. The line's headquarters in Japan, however, ordered that preference be given to Shanghai cargo, so that exporters in the United States who had been awaiting the lifting of the embargo would not be disappointed.

China Asks League of Nations to Halt Japanese—Demands Action in Assembly to Stop Shanghai Advance, Arrange Truce.

The following (Associated Press) from Geneva March 4 is from the New York "Evening Post":

China's spokesman in the League of Nations Assembly demanded to-day that the League act immediately to halt the advance of the Japanese Army in the Shanghai area and to arrange a formal armistice.

America's delegation to the disarmament conference was present in the crowded committee room when the League Assembly reconvened to consider the conflict in the Far East.

Dr. W. W. Yen, China's spokesman, charged that Japanese troops continued fighting yesterday after the order had been given to stop hostilities. Tsuneo Madsudaira, for Japan, denied it and said that if there had been any shooting after two o'clock yesterday afternoon it was in irregular skirmishes.

Dr. Yen asked then that the Assembly request neutral representatives at Shanghai to clear up these contradictory reports. He was informed that the League's commission of inquiry had been asked to report as quickly as possible on the true state of affairs.

Japan Asserts China Violates League Plan—Holds Failure to Negotiate Is Contrary to Resolution—Charges False Propaganda.

From the New York "Times" we take the following from Tokio March 9:

Naotake Sato, Japanese representative at Geneva, has been instructed to say that China's refusal to discuss the cessation of hostilities is contrary to the League Assembly's resolution. At the same time, Mamoru Shigemitsu, Japan's Minister to China, through responsible neutral channels at Shanghai, will seek to open negotiations for an armistice with a round-table conference to follow.

Japanese officials complain that instead of discussing an armistice the Chinese are concentrating fresh forces and are circulating false propaganda that Japan is breaking the armistice.

Japan is anxious to effect a settlement for she is maintaining large forces at Shanghai at great expense but it is felt that the Chinese have little to gain now by a formal armistice and that it will be difficult to find a Chinese statesman willing to represent Nanking in negotiations in which they will eventually meet an inflexible Japanese demand for the formal denunciation of the anti-Japanese boycott.

Japanese Curb Visitors—Passes Required from Foreigners Entering Battle Areas.

Associated Press cablegrams from Shanghai March 7 stated:

Friction between Japanese bluejacket patrols and foreign sightseers attempting to flock into the Chapel and Kiangwan battle areas caused Japanese military authorities to-day to prohibit any one entering those zones without passes.

The Japanese, in requiring passes to-day from recognized authorities stating that the holders were entitled to enter the battle zones, said that the areas were unsafe owing to debris and unexploded shells.

Several Americans seeking to look over the areas attempted to oppose the Japanese patrols. They were ejected from the zones.

Number of Japanese Killed and Wounded in War.

Shanghai Associated Press accounts March 10 said:

Japanese official sources announced this afternoon that 532 Japanese were killed and 2,072 wounded from the beginning of the hostilities here on the night of Jan. 28 until March 5.

The report said the dead consisted of 240 soldiers of the army and 145 men of the navy. Seventeen civilians were reported killed. Of the wounded, 1,578 were of the army, 450 of the navy and 44 were civilians.

Japanese Bankers Meet—Lower Rediscount Rate and Purchase of Bonds by Bank of Japan Proposed.

From the "Wall Street Journal" of March 9 we take the following from Tokio:

At the first conference which has been held between Bank of Japan and Japanese banking leaders since the induction of the Seiyukai Cabinet, the current financial problem was tackled and concrete recommendations were made to Finance Minister Takahashi.

Included among the recommendations are proposals that the Bank of Japan purchase in the open market bonds to the extent of about y. 50,000,000; that the Bank of Japan purchase future issues of Treasury bills; and that the Bank of Japan lower its rediscount rate. Banking leaders explained that the measures would support the bond market while the lower money rates would tend to restore confidence. Apparently, the stock market believes that some such steps are certain.

The meeting was attended by heads of the Mitsui, Mitsubishi, Daiichi, Yasuda, Kawasaki, Yokohama Specie, Hypothec, Industrial, Taiwan, Chosen and Konoike banks.

March 10 advices from Tokio are taken as follows from the New York "Evening Post":

Following the advice of banking leaders, Japanese Government has decided to have the Bank of Japan take over y. 172,000,000 of Treasury bill issues maturing March 16 and 17. It was planned to convert y. 72,000,000 of these into war bonds, but the Bank of Japan will probably be forced to take these too. This is the first move in the deliberate inflation program intended to aid banks to ease money.

Bankers Said To Have Refused Aid to Japan—Did Not Consult Washington.

The following from Washington March 4 is from the New York "Times":

Prominent banking houses in New York, upon their own initiative, have rejected overtures from Japan for loans with which to finance military operations in China, administration officials said to-day.

This was done two months ago, since which time there have been no new approaches from Japan. The bankers, it was explained, without

attempting to evaluate the suggested loans on their financial merits, refused to provide money for Japan to continue her present policies toward China.

The State Department said it did not learn of what had occurred until afterward. The department denied reports from Tokio that the United States Government had approached the J. P. Morgan interests in an effort to bring pressure to bear on Japan through the New York financial markets.

With reference to the above the New York "Journal of Commerce" of March 10 said:

Plans for credit inflation through the purchase of Government obligations by the Bank of Japan were recommended to the Finance Minister of Japan at a meeting of banking leaders in Tokio yesterday, according to cable dispatches received in Wall Street.

The meeting was attended by the heads of all of the large banks which ordinarily would be the chief buyers of the internal loans now planned by the Treasury and which during the first half are expected to exceed half a billion yen. While a portion of these issues are for refunding purposes and will not increase the Government debt, the issues are largely to meet the operating deficit of the Government and to carry war costs in Manchuria and in the Shanghai area. Reports from Tokio yesterday said that as a matter of form the Japanese Government would seek reimbursement on losses to civilians by China but this was not taken seriously in financial quarters. It was pointed out that even though there were some payment on this account by China it would not reduce the bill for hostilities of the Japanese forces.

The proposal made was that the Bank of Japan purchase approximately \$50,000,000 yen bonds in the open market and at the same time reduce the discount rate, thus facilitating Government security purchases by constituent banks in the system if it should prove necessary. At the same time the Bank of Japan would be asked to buy a major portion of the new Government issues. This operation would give the Government a direct new credit with the Bank of Japan and would greatly swell the deposits of all the banks combined.

The yen advanced moderately yesterday despite reports of contemplated inflation. It was pointed out in foreign exchange quarters that vigorous inflation had been allowed for prior to announcement of the large pending Government security issues. News that Japan would accept the league decision was considered favorable.

Approval by Tokio Cabinet of \$7,040,000 Appropriation for War—Would Bring Total Cost of Conflict to \$31,360,000—Opposition by Privy Council.

The following from Tokio Feb. 26 (copyright by the Associated Press) is from the New York "Times":

The Cabinet approved an extraordinary appropriation of 22,000,000 yen (at present \$7,040,000) to-day to meet additional military expenses in connection with the Japanese expedition to Shanghai.

The appropriation was divided, with the army receiving 20,000,000 yen and the navy 2,000,000.

To-day's appropriation requires the consent of the Privy Council, which was believed to be assured.

The money is expected to be raised by domestic bond issues. The Bank of Japan and the government Deposits Bureau are expected to take up the necessary issues, but nevertheless a considerable dislocation of the nation's financial condition is expected.

With 34,000,000 yen voted on Feb. 9, the cost of the Shanghai expedition thus became 56,000,000 yen to the end of the fiscal year, on March 31. Added to the 42,000,000 yen voted for the Manchurian campaign prior to the Shanghai conflict, it would bring the total of extraordinary appropriations for the military services voted since Sept. 18 to 98,000,000 yen (\$49,000,000 at par 50 cents, or \$31,360,000 at the current rate, 32 cents.)

Further appropriations are expected to be submitted to a special session of the Diet in April in the form of a supplementary budget.

The estimated cost of maintaining the Manchurian and Shanghai expeditions indefinitely is at least 10,000,000 yen a month.

Under date of March 2 Associated Press accounts from Tokio said:

The Japanese Cabinet encountered opposition to-day in its effort to obtain authorization for a bond issue of 22,000,000 yen (\$7,040,000) to finance the campaign at Shanghai.

The investigation committee of the Privy Council did not approve the plan, recommending instead that only 16,000,000 yen (\$5,120,000) be expended.

The committee insisted that a special session of the Diet be called if the Cabinet stuck to its determination to get the \$7,040,000. The Government has no desire to face Parliament at this time, Cabinet members explaining that "unwelcome discussions" might result if the question were openly debated.

An extraordinary session of the Cabinet was held to consider the difficult political problem involved. The Seiyukai party won an overwhelming majority in the February elections, but leaders did not care to make their first appearance before the Diet on the appropriation question.

Cabinet Ministers began a series of conferences with members of the Privy Council in an attempt to get them to change their minds.

Mitsui Bank Head Slain in Tokio—Baron Takuma Dan, Whose Firm Bought American Dollars, Shot by Youth.

From the New York "Evening Post" we take the following (Associated Press) from Tokio March 5:

Baron Takuma Dan, managing director of the House of Mitsui which controls one of the world's greatest fortunes and is Japan's leading commercial organization, was shot and killed to-day in the heart of Tokio's financial district.

The assassin was immediately arrested. He was Goro Hishinuma, twenty-one, a farmer boy from the Ibaraki Prefecture, a rural district north of Tokio from whence also came the slayer of Junnosuke Inouye, former Minister of Finance, who was shot and killed Feb. 9.

Baron Dan was shot as he alighted from an automobile in front of the magnificent Mitsui Bank Building at 11:40 a. m. The youth fired one shot from a revolver which struck the Baron in the right breast. He was carried to a medical room inside the building and died 40 minutes later.

Police who questioned the young assassin said his mind apparently had been inflamed by recent attacks upon Baron Dan in connection with large purchases of American dollars by the Mitsui interests just before Japan went off the gold standard in December. Ultra-patriotic organizations made

much of the incident, claiming it was detrimental to the welfare of the country.

Former Finance Minister Inouye, who was shot and killed March 9, also was one of Japan's most noted financial leaders.

Baron Dan was educated at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He was vice-president of the Japan-American Society and a close friend of many leading American financiers.

Baron Dan led a group of Japanese business men to the United States in 1921 on a mission to improve commercial relations between the two countries.

Baron Dan worked his way through school at Boston a half century ago, becoming a mining engineer. It was through the Mitsui mining interests that he rose to become managing director of the Mitsui Gomei Kaisha, holding corporation for all the farflung and widely diversified Mitsui enterprises.

Bank Runs in Japan End—Situation in Nagoya District Calm—Trouble Declared Purely Local.

According to the New York "Times" of March 9 advices received in Wall Street on March 8 from Japan said that the runs on banks in the Nagoya district, which began on March 4, had subsided and that the money market in that district was completely calm. The paper from which we quote added:

Bankers here stated that the banks affected were country institutions, doing a purely domestic business, and that the difficulties were in no way related to the Shanghai operations of Japan. The banks in question, it was stated in cables from Japan, do a purely domestic business and are not involved in the cotton industry, which is centred about Osaka. The principal industry in the Nagoya region is woolen manufacturing.

Bankers here were informed that the runs were the outcome of a situation similar to that which developed over the Bank of United States in this country in December, 1930. A merger of several banks in Nagoya had been planned, and when it was announced that the merger plans had fallen through runs on the banks began.

Tokio advices (March 7) to the "Times" (Associated Press) said:

The Bank of Japan to-day advanced funds to five banks at Nagoya, Japan, which were in financial difficulties as a result of the Sino-Japanese conflict.

The banks, having a total capital of almost \$10,000,000 dealt largely with cotton mills in the Nagoya district, whose principal market is in China.

The largest of the five is the Meiji Bank, which has a capital of about \$4,000,000. Runs also developed at a larger Nagoya bank and at the Bank, but they were reported to have weathered the storm.

Tokio Loans Increase—Last Week's Excess Over Deposits Greatest Since 1927.

The following from Tokio, March 8, is from the New York "Evening Post":

Owing to loans to aid rural banks, the Bank of Japan's gold coverage on March 5 stood at 24%, with reserves at 430,000,000 yen, against circulation of 1,247,000,000 yen, public deposits of 412,000,000 yen and private deposits of 89,000,000 yen.

Deposits of Tokio banks last week end were the lowest since 1917, and loans were the highest since January, 1930. The excess of loans over deposits was, the greatest since 1927.

Chinese Will Erect Temple at Chicago World's Fair—Reproduction of Lama "Golden Pavilion" Shipped to Chicago in 174 Crates.

The following is from the New York "Times" of March 9:

Several Chinese expert workmen and at least one Chinese architect will be needed to erect the reproduction of the Jehol lama temple for the Chicago World's Fair next year, it was revealed here yesterday by Dr. Sven Hedin, the Swedish scientist and explorer.

Dr. Hedin, whose expedition has been in Central Asia for nearly six years, with sections exploring the Gobi Desert, Inner Mongolia, Kansu, Chinese Turkestan and Tibet, is accompanied by Gosta Montell, ethnographer. They will go to Chicago this week to confer on the disposition of the 174 big crates that contain the Buddhist temple and its furnishings of images, banners, draperies, paintings, embroideries and vessels.

The temple, which bears the name of Patala, like the Dalai lama's temple at Lhassa, is an exact copy of the one built in 1780 by Emperor Chien Lung at Jehol, three days northwest of Peiping, outside the Grand Wall. Dr. Hedin said that it took almost two years to copy the temple, which is popularly known as the "Golden Pavilion."

Another lama temple has been transported to Stockholm, and both exhibits are being financed by Vincent Bendix of Chicago.

"The Golden Pavilion," said Dr. Hedin, "is a perfect example of the finest Chinese art, and will, I am convinced, be an immense attraction at the exposition."

Chinese Flood Damage Formally Set at \$500,000,000.

Final survey of the Yangtze flood area shows damage estimated at \$500,000,000, according to a radiogram to the Department of Commerce from Commercial Attache Julean Arnold, Shanghai. In making this known March 5 the Department stated:

Of the 2,000 square miles, 60% of the area was under cultivation, and out of a population of 25,000,000 people, it has been estimated that 150,000 were drowned, the report stated.

Itemized losses were as follows (Figures are in Chinese dollars):

Flooded crops, 900,000,000; buildings and furniture, 500,000,000; draft and productive animals, 170,000,000; farm implements, 120,000,000; stored grain and fodder, 100,000,000; clothing and bedding, 70,000,000; stored fuel, 60,000,000; other items, 75,000,000. The total loss is two billions of Chinese dollars (Mex.) at the rate of exchange on March 2, being about \$500,000,000.

The above figures do not include damages to dykes, roads, or prospective summer and winter crops.

Of the 450,000 tons of wheat and flour secured from the United States, all except 25,000 tons of flour and 21,000 tons of wheat have already been

received in China or it is enroute there, the report stated. These imports were the controlling factor in preventing high speculative prices in foodstuffs in the afflicted areas.

The most pressing problem at present is the completion of dykes repairs prior to June in order to safeguard lands from the summer's normal water level. The water has receded from the flooded areas leaving the land richer because of the silt deposits, and if reflooding can be prevented the population will recover its economic losses very rapidly.

It is necessary, the report pointed out, to raise 6,000,000 Chinese dollars in order to complete minimum requirements to dykes in order to insure against a serious catastrophe during the approaching summer.

More than 250,000 men are now working on the dykes and plans are contemplated which will increase this number to 500,000 this month, but the Government's allotment of the necessary 10,000,000 Chinese dollars for work has been cut down to 4,000,000 by emergency demands of the Sino-Japanese operations.

The Chinese Flood Relief Commission comprises men of outstanding ability and reliability. The Flood Corporation for China is incorporated under the laws of Delaware to conserve the assets of the Commission and to disburse all contributions for flood relief in accordance with Commission plans, the report stated. (Chinese dollar at par equal to about 24 cents, U. S.)

New Issue of \$25,000,000 4½% Debentures of Intermediate Credit Banks Sold.

The fiscal agent for the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks reports that the \$25,000,000 of debenture 4½s offered last week at par have been sold, relieving the Reconstruction Finance Corporation from its agreement to purchase all or any portion of the unsold balance on March 15. The new \$25,000,000 issue was referred to in these columns March 5, page 1673.

Farm Loan Payments with Mortgage Bank Securities Opposed—Would Throw Joint Stock Land Banks in Receivership, Commissioner Bestor Informs House Committee.

Legislation that would enable payment of Federal farm loans with bonds of the mortgage banks was described March 5 by M. Paul Bestor, Commissioner of the Federal Farm Loan Bureau, as certain to throw the Joint Stock Land banks of the country into receivership, if not "wreck" them completely. The foregoing is from the "United States Daily" of March 7, from which the following is also taken:

Mr. Bestor's views on this type of legislation were given before the House Committee on Banking and Currency at a hearing on the bill (H. R. 8167) by Representative Hare (Dem.) of Saluda, S. C. He asked the Committee to give the proposal long and careful thought before acting.

Legality of Proposal Questioned.

The Commissioner, as well as Peyton R. Evans, General Counsel of the Bureau, questioned the legality of the proposal as well as its practical effects. Mr. Bestor was of the opinion that it carried with it widespread economic danger beyond the immediate impairment of some \$2,000,000,000 in securities which he said it would affect directly.

"The banks and the investors are the ones affected by such legislation," Mr. Bestor explained. "It will do no good, can do no good, for the borrowers who need help. It will enable those able to pay to make unfair profits, but those who are delinquent in payments on their loans will be unable to make any use of it.

"The borrower who is delinquent cannot get hold of the bonds, even at their depreciated quotations, to pay off his mortgage. If he had funds, he would not be delinquent.

Effect on Banks Described.

"Then, the banks will be in the position of being compelled to take the bonds at par under any circumstances, bonds which the borrower acquired at the depreciated prices. As I see the situation, no bank can fortell what amount of bonds is going to be presented for redemption, and consequently it can make no plans for retirement unless it maintains an extraordinary reserve. If it kept a reserve sufficient to meet the retirements, its funds for loaning would be impaired."

Mr. Evans gave the Committee what he described as the picture of the legal complications involved, saying he doubted whether any one could foresee how the proposed change in the law would affect the several States.

He explained that the original Farm Loan Act gave consideration to the various laws of States, respecting real estate mortgages and contracts, and he had been unable to ascertain how the new legislation could be made operative in a satisfactory manner, even assuming its economic soundness.

Profits of Banks Asked.

Representative Strong (Rep.) of Blue Rapids, Kan., suggested that the joint stock land banks were buying in their own bonds at the depreciated levels and thus making a profit on them. He said he failed to see why borrowers should not be accorded the same rights.

This statement was followed by a request from Representative Hancock (Dem.) of Oxford, N. C., that Mr. Bestor supply the Committee with statistics showing what profit had been made by the joint stock land banks in this manner. The Commissioner hesitated to supply the figures, saying they constituted matters of private concern, but agreed to provide them upon assurance of the Committee that they would be received in executive session and held as confidential.

The Committee was in receipt of a request from the Joint Stock Land Bankers' Association which includes 42 of the institutions in its membership that the Committee will hear their views before acting on the bill. The request was that officers of some of the banks, as well as officers of the association, be allowed to express their views and they will be accorded that privilege, the Committee decided.

Change Is Advocated in Farm Loan Act—Representative Hare Urges House Group to Act on Proposal.

Representative Hare (Dem.), of Saluda, S. C., testifying before the House Committee on Banking and Currency, March 4, advocated favorable action on his bill (H. R. 8167) to authorize payment of farm loan mortgages with bonds

issued by the mortgage banks. The "United States Daily" of March 5 said:

His proposal would amend Section 27 of the Federal Farm Loan Act by adding a new provision, as follows: "Any person having obtained a loan from a Federal land bank or a joint stock land bank may buy and sell farm loan bonds issued by the mortgage bank, and any such bank is authorized and directed to accept bonds at par value when presented by a mortgagor in payment of any installment due under a mortgage, or in full satisfaction of a mortgage after it has been in full force and effect for a period of five years. Provided, that where a mortgage has been foreclosed and the mortgage bank was the purchaser at the foreclosure sale and still has title to the property, the mortgagor shall have the right to purchase and tender such bonds in full satisfaction of the mortgage indebtedness and redeem said lands, the bank being required to execute deed for same."

The Committee took no action on the measure nor on the pending companion bills (S. 2409 and H. R. 8931) to amend the Federal Farm Loan Act in regard to Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, to aid marketing of the debentures and other obligations of those banks. The Committee will meet again March 5.

Chairman Stone of Federal Farm Board Opposes Move to Limit \$15,000 Salaries Paid By Co-operatives From \$500,000 Revolving Fund Set Up Under Agricultural Marketing Act.

James C. Stone, Chairman of the Federal Farm Board, in response to a request for his opinion of a bill to limit to \$15,000 the salaries that may be paid by co-operative associations, states in a letter to Representative Ludlow that his "best judgment is that such legislation would work irreparable harm to the co-operative movement, and," he adds, "I am therefore opposed to it." Chairman Stone's letter to Representative Ludlow follows:

Feb. 29 1932.

Hon. Louis Ludlow,
House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Ludlow:

Due to my absence from Washington and to the press of urgent work of the Board when here, I have been compelled to neglect my correspondence to some extent, which explains why your letter of Feb. 8 was not answered promptly. I hope you will be good enough to accept my apology for the delay.

You asked my opinion as to whether Congress should take action limiting to \$15,000 the salaries that may be paid by co-operative associations borrowing money from the \$500,000,000 revolving fund set up by the Agricultural Marketing Act. While I know your purpose is to do something you believe will be helpful, my best judgment is that such legislation would work irreparable harm to the co-operative movement, and I am therefore against it.

For co-operative marketing to succeed, the thing most needed is competent and honest management, a management equal to or better than that of the association's competitors in the private trade. The only way a co-operative can get such management is by paying salaries comparable to those offered by private business institutions engaged in the same line and handling a comparable volume of the product. In business, whether co-operative or private, brains and ability are sold to the highest bidder, and, in most instances, I believe you will agree with me, they command pay in proportion to the services rendered. Those who object to farmers marketing their products in their own interest because it will interfere with huge private profits they have made in the past would like nothing better than for Congress to place large-scale co-operatives in a position where they cannot compete for the caliber of men needed to run their business.

I cannot agree with you that co-operative executives should be regarded as "public servants," for the function of co-operatives is to merchandise the products of their members and not to perform a public service. It is, therefore, hardly fair to compare the salaries of co-operative employees with those of Government office holders or to try to put the two on the same basis. Honor and glory are generally regarded as part of the compensation in Government service. It is possible to appeal to patriotism when an outstanding individual in his line or profession is asked to accept office at only a small part of what he can earn in private life, but generally speaking when the directors of a co-operative, especially a large-scale organization, try to hire men competent to handle the business of their members, it is hard cash, not sentiment, that talks.

The co-operative themselves, not the Farm Board, elect their officers, hire their employees, and fix the compensation paid them. They are in fact farmer-owned and farmer-controlled. In making them loans, the Board has not felt that it should go beyond the requirement that their management be capable, honest, and efficient, and their business policies sound.

I do not want to be construed as approving all of the salaries of all employees of the co-operatives that have borrowed money from the revolving fund. In the rush of getting started quickly on new enterprises, some of which involve yearly turnovers of more than \$100,000,000, overpayments may have been made in a number of instances, but for every man overpaid in co-operative marketing it is safe to say a hundred are underpaid. Directors of the co-operatives are giving this matter the serious study it deserves, and I feel sure that steps are being taken promptly to correct mistakes where it is discovered they have been made.

On the subject of co-operative salaries, I would like to bring to your attention the views of a prominent Nebraska farmer, a man who has been in the co-operative movement for years and who is now President of the Farmers' Westcentral Grain Co., and also Secretary of the Farmers' National Grain Corp., Mr. Charles B. Steward. Writing to one of your colleagues in the House recently, Mr. Steward, who, I am sure all agree, has the interest of the men and women on the farm at heart, told of the difficulties confronted by co-operatives in building efficient marketing machinery. Among other things, he said:

"I am assuming my share of the responsibility of the salaries paid by the Farmers National Grain Corp. to its employes. I will state frankly that as I became conversant with this movement I was somewhat astonished at the salaries paid by competing private grain firms. As a business co-operative it was necessary that we secure the very highest type of expert grain men to direct the marketing and distribution of the grain of our co-operative members. I think you will agree that we as individual farmer producers are not conversant with the technical details essential to a successful marketing program. Naturally we must go to the regular grain trade where men have had a life time of experience in this business. There are plenty of men who have had this experience and who are honest and efficient and who will serve a farmers' organization just as faithfully and loyally as they will serve a privately owned corporation but we found that in our effort to secure such men we had to compete with the privately owned grain companies who because of the profits of their business had established a high level of salaries to their key men.

"Permit me to suggest that it would be very unfair to handicap the business organization of a nationally organized co-operative association handling grain, in the salaries which they shall pay to their technical men unless there can be found some way of limiting in an equal manner, the salaries paid by our competitors. Unless this can be done I think you will agree that we might have some difficulty in securing the type of men necessary to successfully market the grain of our co-operative members.

"I am more familiar with conditions on the Omaha market, and with salaries paid on this market by various members of the Grain Exchange. "There has been some criticism for instance of the fact that we pay Mr. Otis Smith, who is the Manager of the Omaha Branch office of the Farmers National Grain Corp., a salary of \$15,000 per year. The facts are that Mr. Smith was getting this salary in addition to a bonus from a private grain corporation operating on this market before we induced him to take the management of our branch office. He has managed the office and merchandised the grain in such an efficient manner that the profits of the Omaha Branch office have been of a very substantial nature after paying all expenses.

"Now I happen to be personally acquainted with several other grain experts who occupy similar positions upon this market as that occupied by Mr. Smith and whose responsibilities are about on a par with those of Mr. Smith. While these men did not agree with me as to the Federal Farm Marketing Act, still they are personal friends of mine and we have frequently discussed these matters. They have told me what their salaries are. I do not care to specifically give the names of the firms which they represent but one of these gentlemen was President and General Manager of the Company and receives a salary of \$32,000 a year besides being a holder of a substantial amount of the Company's stock, which has also been a good dividend paying proposition to him.

"Another gentleman who is managing one of our competing privately owned grain companies on this market receives a salary of \$25,000 per year. I have discussed this matter of salaries with these men and both of them have expressed to me their opinion that the salaries we pay our expert grain men are not unreasonable considering the volume of grain and type of service they render.

"As an Executive Officer of the Farmers Westcentral Grain Co., of Omaha, Neb., and of the Farmers National Grain Corp. of Chicago, I would welcome some practical means of keeping these salaries within what we consider reasonable bounds. But so long as the grain business is conducted as it is, we would be very seriously handicapped by any legislation definitely limiting the salaries of our employees unless such legislation would cover the entire field of both co-operative and private grain handling agencies."

Without expressing an opinion as to whether the salary is justified, I cite to you the fact that one of the outstanding successful co-operatives has paid its manager in excess of \$50,000 a year since the date of its organization in 1921. This association (I will be glad to furnish you its name if you desire it) has only about 2,700 members, and handles only about one-tenth the volume of business handled by one of the large co-operatives mentioned in your letter. The directors of this association are actual farmers and are as conservative and hard-headed business men as any who have come before our Board.

Under the Agricultural Marketing Act farmers have made great strides organizing their business on a sound and efficient basis. It would be a most serious mistake for Congress to do anything that would turn back this progress. In my opinion, that would be the inevitable result of the legislation you suggest, and that is just what the enemies of co-operative marketing want to see done.

Certainly such action against agriculture would be thoroughly indefensible unless Congress were prepared to impose similar restrictions on all other beneficiaries of Federal aid. This would mean putting the same provision in the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act so that banks, railroads, and other borrowers from the \$2,000,000,000 fund could not pay salaries to officers and employees in excess of \$15,000 (a thing which Congress already has refused to do); it would mean that ship builders borrowing Government funds for construction purposes could not pay salaries to their officers and employees in excess of \$15,000; it would mean that airplane and shipping companies receiving millions in direct Government subsidies through mail contracts could not pay salaries to officers and employees in excess of \$15,000; it would mean that great industrial concerns receiving tariff protection could not pay salaries to officers and employees in excess of \$15,000; and it would mean that newspapers and magazines participating in the ninety odd million dollar annual subsidy to second-class mail users could not pay salaries to officers and employees in excess of \$15,000.

Even these measures, however, would not place large-scale co-operatives on a basis of equality with private distributors of farm products with whom they must compete in the employment of men qualified to handle their business. Congress might meet this situation to some extent if it were to declare that all individual incomes including salaries, commissions, and bonuses, of more than \$15,000 earned by those privately engaged in the marketing of farm products were unwarranted and should be subject to an excess profits tax of at least 80%.

In closing, I wish to emphasize with all the force at my command that the proposed discriminatory salary restriction would be a most serious blow to the co-operative marketing program which the Farm Board is helping farmers to develop under the provisions of the Agricultural Marketing Act, a program that for the first time offers agriculture an opportunity to gain economic equality with other industries.

Since you gave wide publicity to your letter addressed to me, I hope you will do me the courtesy of giving equally wide publicity to my reply.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Very truly yours,
James C. Stone, Chairman.

Red Cross to Distribute Federal Farm Board's Wheat to Ten States.

Associated Press accounts from Washington, March 10, said:

Government wheat will be given to farmers in Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Montana and New Mexico to feed starving livestock.

The list of the States ravaged by last year's drought was furnished to the Department of Agriculture to-day by the Red Cross. The Red Cross is preparing blanks for chapter chairmen in the States to use in requisitioning the feed from the 40,000,000 bushels donated by Congress from the Farm Board stocks.

Already 14,000 bushels have been shipped into South Dakota.

Loans of \$762,269 Made During 1931 by Agricultural Credit Corporation of Minneapolis.

Loans of \$762,269.10 were made during 1931 by the Agricultural Credit Corporation of Minneapolis to farmers of the Northwest to finance the purchase of foundation livestock, according to a statement of operations made public March 4 by C. T. Jaffray. Mr. Jaffray, President of the Soo Line, is Chairman of the Board of Directors of both

the Agricultural Credit Corporation and the First Bank Stock Corporation with which it is affiliated. The statement said:

The Agricultural Credit Corporation has been financing the development of a general agricultural diversification program in the Northwest Grain States since 1924. Its livestock loans are made direct to farmers and are repayable on a three-year basis, 30% the first year, 30% the second year, and 40% the third year, thus enabling the farmer to pay for his stock out of the income from the animals.

Of the total of 1,888 new loans in 1931, \$393,445.45 was advanced to 947 farmers for the purchase of 92,848 sheep and \$368,823.65 was loaned to 941 others for the purchase of 10,049 head of cattle.

Repayments of loans made in previous years totalled \$754,793.50. According to Mr. Jaffray, the rate of repayment, considering the character of the year and the general depreciation of farm income, has been very satisfactory.

Since the Agricultural Credit Corporation commenced business in 1924 it has loaned \$7,480,275.33 to 15,817 farmers for the purchase of 448,712 sheep and 46,237 head of cattle. In addition, it has loaned \$40,385.96 to members of boys' and girls' clubs and also \$40,926.95 for the purchase of feeder cattle and lambs. Of the grand total of livestock loans of \$7,561,588.24 there has been repaid \$5,397,891.61, leaving a balance outstanding on Dec. 31st of \$2,163,696.63.

These figures do not represent the total cost of the animals, as the farmers either made a down payment in cash or pledged additional livestock to margin the loan.

A comparison of operations during the year with 1930 reflects the lowered initial cost of foundation stock on the present market. The year has also shown that the policy of diversification and the maintenance of livestock on the farms, even at the present level of reduced prices, has provided the living for many families and made it possible for them to remain on the farm.

North Dakota in 1931 again led the States of the Ninth District in the value of livestock acquired through the Corporation's facilities. South Dakota was second; Minnesota third and Montana fourth, with Michigan and Wisconsin participating, but in less degree.

American National Red Cross Plans Prompt Shipment of Wheat Holdings of Federal Farm Board—Initial Distribution of 5,000,000 Bushels Out of 40,000,000 for Relief Purposes.

Plans for the distribution among needy people of 40,000,000 bushels of Federal Farm Board wheat just made available for this purpose by the Government, the Red Cross were announced as under way on March 8 at its national headquarters at Washington said the "United States Daily" of March 9, from which we also take the following:

The initial request of the Red Cross for 5,000,000 bushels of wheat, some of which will be distributed immediately for livestock feed in crop failure areas has been approved, it was said. Arrangements were said to be under way at Chicago to grind some of the grain into flour.

The announcement follows in full text:

Chairman John Barton Payne, of the American Red Cross, received notification to-day (March 8) from the White House, that President Hoover had approved the initial Red Cross request for 5,000,000 bushels of Government wheat.

Machinery for distribution of the grain was speedily set in motion. It was announced at Red Cross headquarters that within a few hours 14 car loads of 1,000 bushels each would leave from Omaha, Nebr., for the crop failure areas in South Dakota.

Red Cross representatives are in Chicago to-day (March 8), it was stated, making necessary arrangements for milling the wheat into flour. Chairman Payne authorized the following statement outlining the method of procedure which will be followed in distributing the grain:

"In order to make this wheat available for feeding the needy, it must first be turned into flour. Negotiations between the Red Cross and representatives of the millers are now under way in order that this may be accomplished as speedily as possible.

"The Red Cross is also consulting with representatives of the Grain Stabilization Corporation and the railroads in order that in each case the wheat can be turned into flour at the point nearest the needs. This will result in speedier distribution.

"Local relief bodies will be told that flour from the Government-donated wheat will be made available for their use under the following conditions:

"1. Application will be made to the Red Cross chapter upon the requisition forms which will be furnished the chapters.

"2. The application will state the approximate number of families the agency is now feeding or expects to feed, and the estimated amount of flour which it will require for its feeding program.

"3. The distributing agency will agree to use the flour in accordance with the terms of the law under which the wheat has been turned over to the Red Cross.

"These requisitions, when approved by our chapters, will be transmitted to national headquarters in Washington, or to our branch offices at St. Louis or San Francisco. The flour will be shipped as soon as it is ready to leave the mill.

"As to the wheat which will be needed for feeding livestock, this must be restricted, under the terms of the bill, to the 1931 crop failure areas. The Department of Agriculture is preparing the list of counties eligible to receive aid.

"This wheat will be distributed through the present Red Cross organization which is now functioning in those areas. It will be requisitioned by Red Cross workers and shipped as needed from the nearest available supply. It will be furnished to farmers after being cracked or crushed."

The first actual shipments will be two cars each to the following seven South Dakota cities: Platte, Plankinton, Amour, Yankton, Wessington Springs, Rapid City and Mitchell. The wheat will be crushed locally at the respective destination points. Most of it will be crushed for livestock food, but part of it will be milled into flour for family feeding.

These 14 cars are being handled without freight charges by the Chicago & North Western and the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul railroads. The grain will be loaded at Omaha from the Farmers National Warehouse Corporation elevators, where the Grain Stabilization Corporation wheat is stored in that area.

Meeting Transportation Costs.

Announcement that the American Red Cross will seek to distribute without cost as much as possible of the Federal Farm Board wheat, recently

voted by Congress for relief purposes, but that the remainder of the cost would have to "come out of the wheat itself," was made March 8 by John Barton Payne, Chairman of the Red Cross, in a letter addressed to Senator McNary (Rep.) of Oregon, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture.

"It is the purpose of the Red Cross to get as much of the essential work done without cost as possible," Mr. Payne pointed out in his letter. "Already two railroads have agreed to transport a certain number of cars of wheat into South Dakota for the feeding of livestock without cost. Whether this will be a precedent and to what extent we may be able to get this done in other cases we do not know.

Wheat to Absorb Expenses.

"But, when it is necessary to pay cost of transportation and cost of milling, the Red Cross will, by competitive bidding, reduce the milling charges to the lowest figure, and contract with the miller agreeing to do it for the lowest sum to deliver so many barrels of flour to the point of destination for so much wheat; the miller to absorb the transportation charges and the milling charges—in other words, both to come out of the wheat."

Mr. Payne explained that he was submitting this information to the Senate in order that there would be no contention later that the Red Cross should not have followed this course.

Resolution Signed by President Hoover Authorizing Appropriation of \$10,000,000 Unexpended Balance of Drouth Relief Funds for Establishment of Agricultural Credit Corporations.

On March 3 President Hoover signed the following resolution, passed by Congress, setting aside \$10,000,000 (from unexpended balances of drouth relief funds), for the Secretary of Agriculture to aid in the establishment of agricultural credit corporations.

(H. J. Res. 292)

JOINT RESOLUTION

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to aid in the establishment of agricultural-credit corporations, and for other purposes.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized to make advances or loans to individuals, under such regulations as he may prescribe, for the purpose of assisting in forming local agricultural-credit corporations, livestock-loan companies, or like organizations, or of increasing the capital stock of such corporations, companies, or organizations qualified to do business with Federal intermediate credit banks, or to which such privileges may be extended.

Sec. 2. (a) No loans shall be made to individual stockholders on the capital stock of, or to create or increase the capital stock of such corporation, company, or organization in an amount in excess of 75 per centum of the par value of the capital stock of such corporation, company, or organization owned by or proposed to be subscribed to by such individual.

(b) No loan shall be made upon the capital stock of any corporation until the Secretary of Agriculture shall find that the financial structure of such corporation is sound and unimpaired and by him approved, nor shall any loan be made upon the capital stock of such corporation until the management of such company shall be made known to and approved by the Secretary, and the Secretary shall have the right at any time to declare the indebtedness to the Government that may be created hereunder due whenever in his judgment the financial structure of the corporation shall become so impaired or the management become so unsatisfactory as to jeopardize the interests of the Government.

Sec. 3. No loan or advance shall be made to any individual upon the capital stock of or to create or increase the capital stock of any corporation, unless the paid in capital stock of such corporation shall be at least \$10,000.

Sec. 4. To carry out the provisions of this resolution, including all expenses incurred thereunder, there are authorized to be appropriated, out of the unexpended balances of appropriations made to carry out the provisions of Public Resolution Numbered 112, Seventy-first Congress (46 Stat. 1032), as amended by the Interior Department Appropriation Act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1932, and as amended by Public Resolution Numbered 120 (46 Stat. 1167), and out of the collections from loans made under Public Resolution Numbered 112, as so amended, a sum not exceeding \$10,000,000, which sum shall be paid into a revolving fund. Not to exceed 2 per centum of such fund may be used for expenses of administration. All moneys received from time to time upon the repayment of any advance or loan made pursuant to this Act, together with the interest, shall be paid into the revolving fund and shall thereafter be available for the purposes and in the manner hereinbefore provided.

Approved, March 3, 1932.

The resolution originally passed the House on Feb. 17; in amended form it was passed by the Senate on Feb. 19; it subsequently went to conference, the House agreeing to the Conference report on Feb. 25, and the Senate accepting the conference report Feb. 26.

Chicago Will Need a Million Bushels—Red Cross There Says Movement Just Begun is Greatest Aid Shipment in Our History.

The following from Chicago, March 8 is from the New York "Times":

The largest single movement of relief supplies in the history of the nation started to day a few hours after President Hoover had authorized the use of wheat from the Farm Board's bins.

In the emergency offices of the Red Cross here it was said to-day that the 40,000,000 bushels donated was worth, at present market value, about \$10,000,000 more than the amount expended during the great Mississippi Valley flood disaster of 1927. It is \$5,000,000 more than twice the expenditure for Red Cross drouth relief in 1931.

Cook County, Illinois, needs nearly 1,000,000 bushels of the free wheat, James T. Nicholson, manager of the local Red Cross chapter, declared. He said plans were being made to distribute over 200,000 barrels of flour in the county, which includes Chicago.

The Farm Board's grain stabilization headquarters were busy arranging release of wheat supplies. The cost of these supplies, it was said, would

have to be borne by the Stabilization Corporation, since Congress made no appropriation for the purpose.

The Farm Board's corporation has just sold 5,000,000 bushels of wheat to American millers, following its policy of unloading its vast stocks at this rate each month, according to George S. Milnor, President. He said a meeting would be held with the Millers' National Federation in Chicago Thursday to arrange for converting the Red Cross wheat into flour.

Although about four and one-half bushels of wheat make a barrel of flour, some plan of paying the millers in wheat or its by-products for their costs, including bags and transportation, is to be considered so that the proportion will be reduced somewhat.

Mr. Milnor denied reports issued to-day from the grain trade that the Farm Board was using this means of "getting out of the grain business."

Thirty thousand freight cars will be required to handle the 40,000,000 bushels of Red Cross wheat, it was pointed out.

Senate Accepts House Resolution Calling for Distribution of 40,000,000 Bushels of Federal Farm Board Wheat Holdings—President Signs Resolution.

The distribution, through the American National Red Cross, of 40,000,000 bushels of wheat of the Grain Stabilization Corporation for relief purposes, is provided for in a resolution signed by President Hoover on March 7. The wheat thus made available for distribution is to be used "in providing food for the needy and distressed people of the United States and Territories, and for feed for livestock in the 1931 crop-failure areas." The proposal to distribute 40,000,000 bushels was contained in a resolution passed on March 3 by the House of Representatives (not March 2 as inadvertently stated in our issue of a week ago) by a vote of 344 2, as was noted in an item in our issue of March 2, page 1674 in which we stated that the House Committee on Agriculture had voted 15 to 6 on March 1 to strike out the Senate provisions and substitute the provisions proposed by the House Committee making the amount of wheat to be distributed 40,000,000 bushels. The Senate on Feb. 24 had approved a resolution to distribute 5,000,000 bushels of the Federal Farm Board's wheat holdings to destitute farmers in the drouth and grasshopper stricken States of the Northwest for their families and livestock. On March 4 the Senate concurred in the House Amendment, and the resolution, as passed by the House and concurred in by the Senate was signed March 7 by President Hoover. As to its signing we quote the following from a Washington dispatch March 7 to the New York "Times":

The joint resolution of Congress under which 40,000,000 bushels of wheat now held by the Farm Board will be distributed among the country's needy reached the White House this morning and was signed by President Hoover late this afternoon following a conference with Attorney General Mitchell.

Getting this wheat to the deserving unemployed is now the task of the American Red Cross. In fact, the distribution provisions of the resolution led to the delay of several hours in signing it.

John Barton Payne, Chairman of the Red Cross, after a conference with the President had announced that the resolution might be referred to the Attorney General for an opinion on its legality. Arthur M. Hyde, the Secretary of Agriculture, and James C. Stone, the Chairman of the Federal Farm Board, were also called in by the President.

All Differences Ironed Out.

The subject of their discussion was the La Guardia amendment to the resolution, which provided that in cities of 25,000 and over the distributing organization should bake the wheat flour into bread. The Red Cross pointed to its lack of facilities to carry out this provision.

Other slight differences in the interpretation of the delivery provisions were ironed out or overruled by the President, and the distribution of the wheat will begin as soon as the organization machinery can be set up.

Chairman Stone has opposed the measure since its introduction in the Senate by Senator Norbeck, Republican, of South Dakota. It then called for 5,000,000 bushels instead of the 40,000,000 in the House bill. Mr. Stone on several occasions characterized the proposal as "unfair" both to the Farm Board and to the farmer, charging that it would deprive the Board of about \$25,000,000 of its \$500,000,000 revolving fund.

Mr. Stone is believed to have laid these views before the President to-day. In statements to newspaper men, however, he said that the Board's ability to continue its assistance to farmers through loans to co-operative associations would not be affected by the resolution. He said this in denial of a report that the Board, contrary to its promises, would now have to ask Congress for another appropriation or drastically curtail the Board's former activities.

The report was based, Mr. Stone said, on the following facts:

"The 40,000,000 bushels of wheat which is to be distributed to the needy was part of approximately 143,000,000 pledged to a banking syndicate headed by the Chase National Bank of New York as collateral security for a loan of \$50,000,000 to the Grain Stabilization Corp.

"The amount of the loan covered by the 40,000,000 bushels was about \$14,000,000, the wheat having been pledged on a basis of about 35 cents a bushel. Elimination of the 40,000,000 bushels, which had been pledged as security, places on the Board the requirement to pay the banking syndicate the \$14,000,000. This will be paid out of the present free assets of the Board, amounting to about \$49,000,000."

No Need to Curtail Activities.

Mr. Stone explained that in addition to the \$49,000,000 of unobligated assets, the Board had \$16,000,000 obligated for loans promised to co-operatives, but as yet uncalled for.

Asserting that there was not the slightest indication that the New York bankers would refuse an extension on the \$50,000,000 loan, Mr. Stone added:

"The credit of the Federal Farm Board is as good to-day as it ever was, and reports to the effect that we might ask Congress for an additional appropriation or curtail our activities are without the slightest foundation."

He said that while depletion of the Board's wheat holdings by 40,000,000 bushels would not injure its ability to assist agriculture, further distribution

by Congress might have that effect, because it would reduce the amount of money available for loans to co-operatives.

The resolution as signed by President Hoover follows:

That the Federal Farm Board is authorized and directed to take such action as may be necessary to make available, at any time prior to May 1 1933, on application by the American National Red Cross, or any other organization designated by the American National Red Cross, wheat of the Grain Stabilization Corp., for use in providing food for the needy and distressed people of the United States and Territories, and for feed for livestock in the 1931 crop-failure areas. Such wheat shall be delivered upon any such application only upon the approval of the President of the United States, and in such amounts to each organization as the President may approve, except that the total amount of wheat delivered as hereinbefore authorized shall not be in excess of 40,000,000 bushels.

Sec. 2. No part of the expenses incident to the delivery, receipt, and distribution of such wheat shall be borne by the United States or the Federal Farm Board. Such wheat may be milled or exchanged for four or feed, but if processed it shall be without profit to any mill, organization, or other person. In cities of over 25,000 population the American National Red Cross or any other organization designated by it may have said flour obtained in accordance with section 2 baked into bread or processed into food for distribution: *Provided*, That no part of the expense incident to such baking or processing shall be paid out of said wheat or flour and no part of said expense shall be borne by the United States or the Federal Farm Board.

Sec. 3. The Federal Farm Board shall keep account of all wheat delivered as authorized in Section 1 and shall credit the account of the Grain Stabilization Corp. with an amount equal to the current market value thereof at the time of delivery.

Market Value of Bonds Listed on New York Stock Exchange—Figures for March 1 1932.

On March 9 the New York Stock Exchange issued the March 1 figures of the total market value and the average market price of all listed bonds as follows:

As of March 1 1932 there were 1,592 bond issues aggregating \$52,244,839.794 par value listed on the New York Stock Exchange, with a total market value of \$39,347,050.100.

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.
U. S. Government.....	\$14,808,364.081	\$97.69
Foreign government.....	10,669,862.850	65.02
Railroad industry (U. S.).....	7,148,363.446	66.05
Utilities (U. S.).....	3,093,553.660	82.79
Industrial (U. S.).....	2,268,386.836	63.23
Foreign companies.....	1,358,519.227	53.74
All bonds.....	\$39,347,050.100	\$75.31

The February statement (given in our issue of Feb. 13, page 1122) showed 1,595 bond issues aggregating \$52,241,912,994 par value listed on the Exchange on Feb. 1, with a total market value of \$38,371,920,619.

Total Short Interest on New York Stock Exchange During February.

The New York Stock Exchange on March 5 issued a compilation indicating the short interest on stocks each day for the month of February. The figures show that the short interest, which on Feb. 1 stood at 3,600,265 shares, dropped to 2,964,016 on Feb. 24, but again rose, and on March 1 stood at 3,102,876. 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 February 1932:

Feb. 1 1932.....	*3,600,265	Feb. 16 1932.....	3,363,727
Feb. 2 1932.....	3,636,435	Feb. 17 1932.....	3,234,068
Feb. 3 1932.....	3,688,934	Feb. 18 1932.....	3,177,712
Feb. 4 1932.....	3,685,682	Feb. 19 1932.....	3,192,702
Feb. 5 1932.....	3,700,119	Feb. 23 1932.....	2,996,691
Feb. 8 1932.....	3,754,942	Feb. 24 1932.....	2,964,016
Feb. 9 1932.....	3,842,241	Feb. 25 1932.....	2,983,014
Feb. 10 1932.....	3,931,885	Feb. 26 1932.....	3,049,978
Feb. 11 1932.....	3,965,142	Feb. 29 1932.....	3,081,194
Feb. 15 1932.....	3,437,833	Mar. 1 1932.....	3,102,876

* 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.

The figures issued last month by the Stock Exchange were noted in our issue of Feb. 13, page 1122.

Market Value of Listed Shares on New York Stock Exchange March 1 \$27,585,989,257, Compared with \$26,377,647,814 Feb. 1—Classification of Listed Stocks.

As of March 1 1932 there were 1,276 stock issues aggregating 1,320,153,047 shares listed on the New York Stock Exchange, with a total market value of \$27,585,989,257. This compares with 1,275 stock issues, aggregating 1,319,232,336 shares, listed Feb. 1 on the Exchange, with a total market value of \$26,377,647,814. In making public the March 1 figures on March 5 the Exchange said:

As of March 1 1932 New York Stock Exchange member borrowings on security collateral amounted to \$524,663,758. The ratio of security loans to market values of all listed stocks on this date was therefore 1.90%.

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 that date was therefore 1.94%.

In the following table listed stocks are classified by leading industrial groups, with the aggregate market value and average share price for each:

	March 1 1932.		February 1 1932.	
	Market Values.	Aver. Price.	Market Values	Aver. Price.
Autos and accessories.....	\$ 1,528,343,615	14.13	\$ 1,525,628,841	14.10
Financial.....	778,001,589	13.42	686,348,972	11.82
Chemical.....	2,254,863,835	33.44	2,145,351,515	31.82
Building.....	186,661,767	11.78	171,126,464	10.80
Electrical equipment manufacturing.....	752,042,091	18.49	721,767,388	17.74
Foods.....	1,976,657,339	27.67	1,863,243,712	26.14
Rubber and tires.....	153,647,647	12.45	144,519,004	11.76
Farm machinery.....	240,372,585	21.40	260,643,747	23.21
Amusements.....	171,444,406	8.62	172,727,272	8.77
Land and realty.....	50,754,741	9.85	47,821,245	9.11
Machinery and metals.....	722,211,667	14.55	675,336,722	13.60
Minine (excluding iron).....	603,691,218	10.28	682,265,659	11.62
Petroleum.....	2,107,703,940	12.05	1,958,126,213	11.19
Paper and publishing.....	190,299,546	11.86	186,816,333	11.65
Retail merchandizing.....	1,611,969,835	22.64	1,554,640,312	21.87
Railroads and equipments.....	2,885,867,416	25.12	3,030,050,019	26.38
Steel, iron and coke.....	1,225,683,946	31.25	1,108,916,688	28.27
Textiles.....	120,268,900	10.80	112,723,387	10.12
Gas and electric (operating).....	2,511,890,115	35.95	2,376,837,932	34.02
Gas and electric (holding).....	1,785,748,772	18.66	1,693,888,263	17.70
Communications (cable, tel. and radio).....	2,808,191,305	74.71	2,508,557,615	66.79
Miscellaneous Utilities.....	170,749,001	16.82	153,414,375	15.11
Aviation.....	108,906,815	6.10	110,813,471	6.21
Business and office equipment.....	176,074,036	16.81	168,199,166	16.06
Shipping services.....	14,725,635	7.05	13,812,155	6.61
Ship operating and building.....	16,056,993	4.56	15,159,545	4.31
Miscellaneous business.....	73,350,319	12.56	77,752,458	13.31
Leather and boots.....	199,440,193	28.39	193,958,471	27.61
Tobacco.....	1,256,370,303	39.47	1,168,747,818	36.72
Garments.....	12,400,881	6.50	11,621,166	6.09
U. S. companies operating abroad.....	380,849,404	10.90	358,782,229	10.27
Foreign companies (incl. Cuba & Can.).....	512,749,402	11.29	478,085,627	10.65
All listed companies.....	\$27,585,989,257	20.90	\$26,377,647,814	19.99

Inquiry into Stock Market Trading Put Off Until Next Week—Senator Norbeck Holds Glass Bill Has Right of Way in Committee.

Investigation of stock exchanges under the Senate resolution adopted March 4 has been definitely put over until next week, said a dispatch March 9 from Washington to the New York "Herald Tribune," which added:

Senator Peter Norbeck, Chairman of the Banking Committee, said to-day he did not expect to call a meeting until the sub-committee working on the Glass banking bill was prepared to report. He did not think such a report could be made before Monday. He added that he intended to live up to the agreement of some time ago to give the Glass bill right of way in the Committee and not thrust the stock market investigation ahead of it. The sub-committee on the Glass bill held another meeting to-day and later announced that it was making progress but had not yet completed revision.

The resolution authorizing an investigation into stock market trading was referred to in our issue of March 5, page 1679.

Irving Balzer Suspended from New York Curb Exchange.

The New York Curb Exchange announced on Mar. 11 the suspension of Irving Balzer for failure to meet his obligations. The New York "Evening Sun" of that day in its report of the matter went on to say:

Mr. Balzer was an individual trader on the floor of the Exchange and was not connected with any brokerage firm. He had been a member of the Exchange since April 9 1919. It was stated that the suspension might prove to be a temporary one.

Gurnett & Co. Failure—Composition Offer of 50 Cents in Cash and 50 Cents in Notes.

The brokerage firm of Gurnett & Co., the suspension of which from the New York Stock Exchange on Jan. 5 1932, for insolvency was noted in our issue of Jan. 9, page 227, has filed an offer of composition in the United States District Court of Massachusetts, which provides that 50 cents in cash and 50 cents notes be paid to the creditors. The Boston "News Bureau" of Mar. 8, from which the above information is obtained, continuing said:

These notes will be paid from the liquidation of receivables standing in excess of \$500,000 and realization from the unforced liquidation of substantial blocks of securities, fair liquidation of which requires more time than would be available under administration in the usual bankruptcy channels.

To carry out the composition, the Tenrug Liquidating Corp. has been formed to take over the slow assets and liquidate the same.

The personnel of the corporation will serve without compensation so that expenses of the corporation will be reduced to the unavoidable expenses of administration and collection.

With co-operation from the creditors, by approving the plan, it is confidently believed that the forecast made at the time of suspension, that the firm would pay creditors one hundred cents on the dollar, will be realized.

The firm's difficulties arose from the precipitous decline of the stock market and absence of market for securities, which necessarily rendered the firm unable to realize on accounts as well as other firm assets, quickly enough to meet the demands precipitated by the suspension.

The amount of the general debits are calculated at approximately \$650,000.

Gurnett & Co. has filed a bankruptcy schedule which shows liabilities of \$889,329 and assets of \$648,673. Secured claims are uncertain, while

unsecured claims amount to \$869,329. Assets consist of \$2,000 in the hands of the receiver, and securities of \$417,673. Value of furniture and fixtures is \$2,000.

Annual Election of Philadelphia Stock Exchange— Frank L. Newburger Re-Elected President.

At the annual election of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, on March 7, Frank L. Newburger, unopposed candidate for President, was re-elected. The following 11 members of the Governing Committee were re-elected: For three years, B. Frank Townsend Jr., Frank C. Matthews, John S. Parke, J. Maurice Wynn, Ernest W. Franch, Samuel K. Phillips, Henry D. Boening; for two years, James Carstairs and Alexander C. Yarnall; for one year, Edgar Scott and James P. Magill. Mr. Newburger is serving his third term as President of the Exchange. He was elected a member of the Exchange on Jan. 25 1907, and elected Vice-President in 1922, and each year thereafter until his succession to the Presidency in August 1930, upon the resignation of M. F. Middleton Jr. Mr. Newburger was one of the founders of Newburger, Loeb & Co., which was established in 1899. He was born in Philadelphia Feb. 18 1873, and was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in the class of 1893.

Bank Stock Levy in Oklahoma Held To Be Repealed— Adoption of State Income Tax Precludes Collection of Impost on Shares, Court Rules.

Shares of stock of National banks are no longer subject to ad valorem taxes in Oklahoma, the Supreme Court of that State has held in a case entitled Board of County Commissioners of Oklahoma County v. State Board of Equalization, according to Oklahoma City advices, March 4, to the "United States Daily," which also had the following to say:

The 1931 income tax law applies to such banks, and precludes any ad valorem levy on the shares, the opinion ruled. The syllabus of the case prepared by the court follows in full text:

1. Under Article 7, Chapter 66, Sess. Laws 1931, banks and banking corporations are classified for the purpose of taxation, and a tax laid on the net income of said banks.

2. The Legislature is authorized to substitute one form of taxation for another.

3. Classification of property for purposes of taxation is a legislative function and when such classification is not based upon an invidious or unreasonable distinction it will not be interfered with by the courts.

4. Article 7, Chapter 66, Sess. Laws 1931, became effective on April 4 1931, which provided an exclusive method of taxing banking corporations on their net income and repealed all laws in conflict therewith; held, that said Act repealed the provisions of the Oklahoma statutes levying a tax on shares of stock of banking corporations and substituted therefor an income tax.

5. Under Section 5219, R. S. of the U. S., amended March 4 1923, Chapter 267, 42 Stat. 1499, amended March 25 1926, Chapter 88, 44 Stat. 223; Vol. 12, U. S. C. A., Section 548, providing "The Legislature of each State may determine and direct, subject to the provisions of this section, the manner and place of taxing all the shares of National Banking Associations located within its limits. The several States may (1) tax said shares, or (2) include dividends derived therefrom in the taxable income of an owner or holder thereof, or (3) tax such associations on their net income, provided the following conditions are complied with: 1 (a). The imposition by any State of any one of the above four forms of taxation shall be in lieu of the others, except as hereinafter provided in subdivision (c) of this clause."

The imposing of an income tax on the net income of National banks precludes the State from levying an additional tax upon the shares of stock of National banks on an ad valorem basis.

6. Upon the recommendation of the Oklahoma Tax Commission the State Equalization Board is authorized to strike from the assessment rolls property assessed on an ad valorem basis which property is not subject to ad valorem tax.

Dealings in 1931 on Securities Market of the Chicago Board of Trade.

We have received from the Chicago Board of Trade the following regarding dealings on its securities market:

SECURITIES MARKET ON CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE—1931 SALES AND RANGE OF PRICES.

Sales by Months—	Stock		Bonds.*
	Shares.	Market Value.	
January	143,760	\$4,204,883	*
February	119,381	4,480,689	*
March	159,885	5,158,680	\$94,400
April	170,657	4,730,235	74,700
May	138,736	3,262,440	22,100
June	153,961	3,361,950	19,400
July	136,760	3,457,875	19,600
August	105,555	2,328,217	4,600
September	144,842	2,637,555	14,700
October	134,666	2,197,770	6,000
November	116,739	2,062,375	3,000
December	142,205	1,806,170	31,500
Total 1931	1,667,147	\$39,688,839	\$281,000
Total 1930	1,446,185	61,863,597	53,500

* Chicago Board of Trade Safe Deposit Co. 5% gold bonds, listed March 18 1931.

100th Anniversary of Founding of Banking House of Lawrence Turnure & Co.

The partners of one of the oldest banking houses in Wall Street, Lawrence Turnure & Co., celebrated its 100th anniversary with a dinner on March 10. A sketch of the history of the firm is furnished as follows:

In the early part of 1832 Moses Taylor established himself in business in New York with offices at 44 South St.

The original circular, which is in possession of Lawrence Turnure & Co., bears the date of March 10 1832, and although it is probable that the business may have been started some short time before, this date has been taken to fix the 100th anniversary.

On Jan. 1 1849 Mr. Taylor formed a partnership with Percy R. Pyne, his son-in-law, under the name of Moses Taylor & Co., and on Dec. 31 1851 Lawrence Turnure was admitted as partner. These gentlemen agreed to "become partners in the business of buying and selling on partnership account and on commission, sugars, molasses and such other goods as may be consigned to them for sale, and, in the carrying of merchandise, freight and passengers in such ships or vessels as they may employ for such purpose, and also in the purchasing of bills of exchange and promissory notes" and specifying the firm's ownership or interest in the following vessels: Bark Lyra, Bark Cornelia, Ship R. R. Milam, Ship Forest King, Brig Fornax, Bark Albertina.

Dec. 31 1865: The partnership was renewed with the addition of William Newton Adams to conduct the same business at the same address, 44 South St., New York.

Jan. 1 1868: Henry A. C. Taylor, son of Moses Taylor, was admitted to partnership.

Dec. 31 1872: William Newton Adams retired, the remaining partners being: Moses Taylor, Percy R. Pyne, Lawrence Turnure and Henry A. C. Taylor.

May 23 1882: Moses Taylor died.

June 1 1882: Percy R. Pyne, Jr., became partner.

After the death of Moses Taylor the firm continued under the same name, Moses Taylor & Co., the partners now being: Percy R. Pyne, Lawrence Turnure, Henry A. C. Taylor and Percy R. Pyne, Jr.

Dec. 31 1882: Henry A. C. Taylor retired.

Dec. 31 1888: Percy R. Pyne retired.

Jan. 1 1889: Lawrence Turnure & Co. succeeded to the business of Moses Taylor & Co., the partners of the new firm being: Lawrence Turnure, Percy R. Pyne, Jr., Lawrence Turnure, Jr., and Joseph M. Andreini.

Dec. 31 1894: Percy R. Pyne, Jr., retired. George E. Turnure admitted.

Dec. 31 1896: Lawrence Turnure, Jr., retired. The remaining partners being: Lawrence Turnure, Joseph M. Andreini and George E. Turnure.

May 1 1899: Lawrence Turnure died.

Aug. 1 1899: New partnership was formed, consisting of George E. Turnure, Joseph M. Andreini and William E. Glyn.

Dec. 31 1909: Joseph M. Andreini retired.

Dec. 31 1910: Edward F. McManus and Orville H. Tobey admitted to partnership. The firm now consisted of: George E. Turnure, William E. Glyn, Edward F. McManus and Orville H. Tobey.

Jan. 1 1924: Edwin S. McManus admitted to partnership.

Dec. 31 1924: William E. Glyn retired.

Jan. 1 1925: George K. Livermore and Lawrence Turnure admitted to partnership.

Dec. 31 1931: Orville H. Tobey retired, leaving the present firm, consisting of: George E. Turnure, Edward F. McManus, Edwin S. McManus, George K. Livermore and Lawrence Turnure.

In 1856 Moses Taylor became President of the National City Bank of New York, continuing in that office until his death in 1882, when he was succeeded by Percy R. Pyne, his son-in-law and business partner, who served from 1882 to 1891.

From 1832 to 1880 the firm maintained its offices at 44 South St. In the latter year it moved to 52 Wall St., occupying the rear part of the building, while the National City Bank of New York, of which Moses Taylor was President, occupied the front part.

Percy R. Pyne and Lawrence Turnure were directors of the bank, and on the death of Mr. Taylor Mr. Pyne became President of the bank. During all the years that Mr. Taylor served as President of the National City Bank of New York he retained his partnership interest in the firm, as did Mr. Pyne until his retirement in 1888.

On the retirement of Mr. Pyne as President of the National City Bank of New York in 1891, Mr. Lawrence Turnure, who was the senior director of the bank, was asked to assume the Presidency but declined in order to devote his entire attention to the business of the firm, remaining, however, a director of the bank until his death in 1899.

In 1896 the firm moved from 52 Wall St. to 50 Wall St., and in 1908 to its present offices at 64 Wall St.

While not departing from the fundamental principles of business established by the early partnerships, the firm has somewhat changed the scope of its activities in the course of time and varying conditions. In 1925 the senior partner became a member of the New York Stock Exchange and the firm at the present time is engaged in the business of investment banking and the purchase and sale of securities on a commission basis.

Bills Creating Central Savings Bank and Central Co- Operative Bank in Massachusetts Signed by Gov. Ely—Loans to Savings Banks Through Mutual Savings Central Fund.

In the presence of a number of bankers and members of the Legislature, Governor Ely on March 2 signed a bill creating a central savings bank, and a bill establishing a central co-operative bank. The Boston "Herald" of March 3, in reporting this, went on to say:

Formation of both institutions was recommended by Governor Ely to the Legislature to give greater liquidity to the assets of mutual savings banks and co-operative banks in the State.

The signing of the bills was witnessed by President Herbert F. Taylor and other officers of the Massachusetts Co-operative Bank Association, Dana S. Sylvester, executive manager of the Savings Banks Association of Massachusetts, and a number of legislators who took a prominent part in framing the bills and securing their enactment. The bills become operative immediately.

Enactment of the measure creating the central savings bank, to be known as the Mutual Savings Central Fund, Inc., was hailed with keen satisfaction yesterday by mutual savings banks officials, for which the new organization becomes a "State reserve system." Under the terms of the Act, every one of the 195 mutual savings banks in the State, with deposits of \$2,137,003,421, will become a member of the new reserve bank.

A statement issued yesterday by the Savings Banks Association of Massachusetts said the new law "brings the mutual savings banks of Massachusetts into a close-knit organization, affording even greater protection to their 3,000,000 depositors. Written originally as an emergency measure to assist in restoring confidence, the Act is now regarded by many bankers as a permanent and definite forward step in the history of the savings banks of this State."

Continuing, the statement said:

A Notable Departure.

"The Act sets up a reserve bank that corresponds in many ways to the Federal Reserve System. It is a notable departure in banking, as no other single group of banks in the country has its own reserve bank. In the opinion of bankers and economists, this plan sets up a workable institution that will afford full security both to member banks and their depositors, making it easy to obtain large sums at any time without resort to outside aid or any semblance of red tape."

The central bank will make loans to member institutions, secured by collateral made up of investments legally permissible to savings banks. The officers and 15 directors will be savings bankers, and the law specifies that the central bank may call upon any or all member institutions to subscribe up to 3% of their individual deposits. It is likely that the immediate call for subscriptions will not exceed \$3,000,000, and that if circumstances require the additional capital will be raised gradually. Should the full amount of 3% be asked, the total would reach \$65,000,000.

Amendments to National Bank and Federal Reserve Acts Proposed By Representative Steagall—Guarantee of Deposits in National Banks—Minimum Capital for Latter Fixed at \$50,000—Stockholders Relieved of Double Liability—Would Restore Check Collection Charges.

Major changes in the Federal Reserve and National banking laws including a guarantee of Federal Reserve member bank deposits and a \$50,000 minimum capital requirement for national banks are proposed in a bill introduced in the House on March 7 by Representative Steagall of Alabama, Chairman of the House Committee on Banking and Currency. At the same time, according to the Washington correspondent of the New York "Journal of Commerce," the Glass sub-committee of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee moved to secure final action at an early date on the Glass banking bill.

Regarding the Steagall bill, Associated Press dispatches from Washington, March 7, said:

The Steagall bill included the following fundamental changes:

No charter would be issued for a national bank without a capital of at least \$50,000 and a paid in surplus of 10% of the capital.

Federal Reserve member banks would be permitted to levy a charge for checking service not to exceed one-tenth of 1%.

Half of the profits of the twelve Federal Reserve banks after fixed requirements were met, would be returned to member banks.

A system of deposit guarantees for Federal Reserve members.

To guarantee deposits, Steagall said his bill would create a board consisting of the Secretary of the Treasury, the Comptroller of the Currency and three Presidential appointees.

"This board would start with a \$517,000,000 fund," he said, "taking over \$167,000,000 now paid in as franchise tax \$150,000,000 of the Federal Reserve surplus and \$200,000,000 to be obtained through a deposit assessment."

"This board would take over an insolvent bank and within 60 days would be required to make a payment of at least 50% on every deposit of \$1,000 or less and 25% on all other deposits, provided that at least every deposit in this group would get \$500."

Representative Steagall said other payments would be required at the end of six-month periods until the deposits have been paid in full.

Representative Strong of Kansas expressed a fear that such legislation might prove detrimental to State banks.

"The State banks will find themselves in a situation where they must put themselves in the same position," Representative Steagall replied, "and you will find them applying for admission to the Federal Reserve System."

According to the "United States Daily" the Steagall bill would create a Federal commission and setting up a fund of more than \$500,000,000 for the purpose of liquidating insolvent national banks, and to guarantee deposits in member banks of the Federal Reserve System. From that paper we quote the following regarding the bill:

Mr. Steagall discussed the measure on the floor of the House prior to its introduction, explaining its provisions. Many millions of hoarded funds would be released through its enactment, he declared. He issued a formal statement explanatory of the bill, which was referred to the Committee of which he is chairman.

Three Changes Proposed.

The measure introduced by Mr. Steagall would provide a minimum capitalization of \$50,000 for national banks. It would, moreover, permit members of the Federal Reserve System to make a charge for remitting proceeds of checks drawn against them. Stockholders of national banks would be relieved of the double liability now attaching to shares of bank stock, unless the bank in question maintained and operated branches.

A minimum capitalization of \$50,000, Mr. Steagall said, would remedy the condition under which an over abundance of banking institutions grew up, the permission to make exchange charges for remitting proceeds of checks would restore an item of profit to many of the smaller banks, and the creation of a fund out of which to guarantee profits would restore the confidence of depositors.

Federal Commission Proposed.

The bill would create a Federal commission of five members, one of whom would be the Secretary of the Treasury, another the Comptroller of the Currency, and three other individuals appointed by the President and approved by the Senate.

Among other things, it would create a \$517,000,000 fund to relieve distressed banks. Of this amount, \$167,000,000 would be transferred from the Treasury. This amount, Mr. Steagall said, has been paid into the Treasury by reserve banks as a franchise tax. The rest is made up of \$150,000,000 from the surplus of the Federal Reserve System, and \$200,000,000 assessed against the member banks.

The bill also would authorize assessment of member banks not to exceed \$100,000,000 annually. This assessment would not be enforced unless absolutely necessary, under the terms of the bill. In addition to pro-

hibiting the chartering of any bank with a capital stock of less than \$50,000 it would require an additional 10% surplus.

Payments to Depositors.

The Commission would take over any bank certified by the Comptroller as insolvent. A board composed of a representative of the Commission, one selected by the stockholders and one by the depositors, then would have 30 days to appraise the closed institution.

Sixty days would elapse before the first payment is made to the depositors. Six months later another payment would be made and still six months later, the third. A fourth and final payment would be authorized to be paid within another six months, making 21 months from the time the bank closes until all depositors are fully reimbursed.

Statement Submitted by Chairman Steagall.

Mr. Steagall discussed the bill as follows:

"The bill provides that no national bank shall be chartered with a capital of less than \$50,000. That is intended to cure what has been regarded by many well informed persons as an unsound provision of the national banking law, which has allowed the organization of too many banks, not properly equipped in point of capital to justify them in taking over the deposits of the community, often many, many times in excess of the amount of the capital of the banks. In addition to requiring a minimum capital of \$50,000, the bill requires that there shall be set up contemporaneously with the payment of the capital stock, a surplus fund to the amount of 10% of the capital of the bank. The bill further provides that member banks of the Federal Reserve System shall be permitted to make a reasonable charge, not exceeding one-tenth of 1% for the service rendered by them in remitting checks.

"The bill also provides that half of the earnings of the Federal reserve system, accruing after paying the 6% return on the capital of their member banks and setting aside the 10% required under the law for creating a surplus fund, shall be returned to the member banks of the country or the basis of their capital stock.

This legislation is now favored by many of the Federal Reserve bank officials and by many men in the banking world who heretofore have been against the passage of any such legislation. I have introduced the bill in Congress for some 10 years, session after session, and I call your attention to the fact that at the last meeting of the directors the Boston bank, prior to the death of Governor Harding, endorsed that bill. I think it will now be welcomed on every hand.

Provision of Measure on Guaranteeing Deposits.

"The main feature of the bill is the provision which is designed to afford a system of guaranteeing deposits in banks that are members of the Federal Reserve system. Session after session for years, I have introduced in this House a bill requiring the Federal Reserve Board, under their own rules and regulations, to set aside and use the earnings of the Federal Reserve system for the accumulation of a fund out of which to pay depositors in member banks that become insolvent or must be liquidated.

"The original Federal Reserve law, as it passed the Senate, embraced a provision for setting aside a portion of the earnings of the Federal Reserve banks for the purpose of guaranteeing deposits in member banks. That provision went out of the bill in conference, on one argument alone—that the Federal Reserve system was not to become a money making institution and would not be able to carry the burden imposed by the requirement of guaranteeing deposits in member banks.

"I do not criticize anybody who held the view that it was not wise to have the Federal Reserve banks undertake this service, but it turns out that the opponents of this provision were mistaken in their contention and in their view of the matter. The records show that the Federal Reserve system has made net profits of more than \$500,000,000 since the system was inaugurated. They have paid into the Federal Treasury \$167,000,000 as a franchise tax, which they did not owe. The provision for paying a franchise tax was simply put in as an automatic piece of machinery by which to take over any side profits that might be accumulated above the dividends to be paid and the surplus fund provided for in the Federal Reserve law. They paid \$167,000,000 into the Federal Treasury as a franchise tax and they have now something like \$275,000,000 of surplus.

"This enormous net profit has been made by these banks in the face of expenditures in buildings and in personnel and in various activities with which the House is familiar and which have been the subject of discussion on this floor from time to time since the passage of the Federal Reserve Law. The Federal Reserve system of banks has made in one year, repeatedly, more than \$50,000,000 of net earnings.

Extent of Losses from National Banks.

"Could they have carried the burden imposed by the Senate amendment requiring that the system take care of deposits in insolvent banks. Could they? Let us see. The records show that from the enactment of a national banking law to 1925—a period of 60 years—the total net losses of depositors in national banks have been only \$45,000,000. Something like three-quarters of a million dollars annually would have paid the losses to depositors in member banks for the first 60 years of the operation of the national banking law of this country. The profits of the Federal Reserve system accumulated in one year, repeatedly, amount to more than enough to have paid the net losses to depositors in the national banking system for nearly three-quarters of a century.

"The figures show the total losses to depositors in national banks and in all member banks from the foundation of the national system down to 1930 amount to only \$2,000,000. Since 1930, we have had an unprecedented wave of bank failures. The deposits, however, in such member banks, national banks and State member banks of the Federal Reserve system since 1930 brought down to date amount to only \$500,000,000 or \$600,000,000. It is not possible that the net losses or the final losses to depositors in these banks could amount to more than 25% or 50% of the total losses. This is putting it in its furthest possible construction. If we based it upon the record of 60 years, we would say that not more than \$50,000,000 of additional burden has grown out of the failures of banks, members of the Federal Reserve system, since these figures down to 1930, over a period of 65 years.

"The bill which I have prepared provides for the creation of a board to consist of the Secretary of the Treasury and the Comptroller of the Currency and three members to be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, who shall take over the liquidation of banks that are declared insolvent. And I may say in this connection that this money, in good conscience and in good morals and in common honesty, belongs now to the banks of this country, out of whom it was made. That is where that fund honestly and properly belongs."

Influence Foreseen to Stop Hoarding.

Representative LaGuardia (Rep.) of New York City, interrupted to say that when the word goes out that the Chairman of the House Banking and Currency Committee announces he has introduced a bill and that Committee will consider its provisions to guarantee depositors of banks, "it will do more to stop hoarding than all of the appeals made to-day by officials, directly and indirectly, can possibly do."

"Does the guarantee of deposits (in your bill) go so far as to guarantee deposits in small State banks?" asked Representative Strong (Rep.) of Blue Rapids, Kans., a member of the Banking and Currency Committee.

"Oh, no," replied Mr. Steagall.

"Well, will not this kind of a bill destroy some of the small banks?" asked Mr. Strong. "Will it not put them out of business if their deposits are not guaranteed?"

"No," replied Mr. Steagall and Mr. Strong said he would like to have Mr. Steagall think about that. Mr. Steagall said that if Mr. Strong is solicitous for a system that will embrace State banks he would join hands with Mr. Strong if the latter would get such support for it as would enable them to enact it into law. "But we can make progress only by degrees," said Mr. Steagall, "and we have not jurisdiction over State banks. All we can do is first to set up a common sense system for Federal Reserve Banks and the National banks and the State banks that are members of the Federal Reserve System.

"When we do that, it is only a question of time when the State banks will find themselves in a situation where business prudence and common sense operation will demand that they put themselves on a basis of equality with their competitors in the Federal Reserve System and they will be thronging the Federal Reserve System of this country asking for admission, and the law provides that all shall be admitted who are in a position to make it advantageous to the Federal Reserve System to have them as members."

Banks Are Charged With Hoarding Money.

Mr. Steagall said it is idle to talk to the people about putting their money in banks where the banks will not trust one another. Any banker who goes to another bank to obtain funds, even for 30 days, with a specific purpose in mind and a specific date on which it is to be returned, he said, is confronted with a demand that he put up three, four or five times the amount he desires to borrow, in securities.

He referred to a member of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation urging the people to trust the banks but that the same man "when an applicant for an emergency loan comes before that board will be demanding from three to five times the amount loaned in collateral security that is sound and adequate before he will loan a dollar to that bank."

"Yet," Mr. Steagall added, "we talk to the citizenship of the country about placing their money into banks to prevent hoarding. The truth of the matter is the banks of the country are doing the hoarding. They are in a situation where they cannot be blamed. It is all that is left for them to do. They dare not turn their money and liquid assets over to business purposes at a time like this."

The text of the bill as given in the New York "Times" follows:

A BILL.

To amend the National Banking Act and the Federal Reserve Act and to provide a guaranty fund for depositors in National banks.

TITLE I.

Section 1. The first sentences of Section 5138 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (U. S. C., Sup. V., Title 12, Par. 51), is amended by striking out the comma after the word "inhabitants" and adding the following: "and except that such associations with a capital of not less than 25,000 may, with the sanction of the Secretary of the Treasury, be organized in any place the population of which does not exceed 3,000 inhabitants"

Section 2. (a) Section 5138 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (U. S. C., Sup. V., Title 12, Par. 51), is amended by adding the following new sentence:

"No associations shall be organized unless with a surplus (hereinafter called 'initial surplus') of not less than an amount equal to ten per centum of its capital stock."

(b) Section 5618 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., Title 12, Par. 26), is amended to read as follows:

Surplus Must Be Paid In.

"Section 5618. Whenever a certificate is transmitted to the Comptroller of the Currency, as provided in this title, and the association transmitting the same notifies the Comptroller that at least 50 per centum of its capital stock and that at least 50 per centum of its initial surplus has been duly paid in, and that such association has complied with all the provisions of this title required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of banking, the Comptroller shall examine into the conditions of such association, ascertain especially the amount of money paid in on account of its capital, and on account of its initial surplus, the name and place of residence of each of its directors, and the amount of the capital stock of which each is the owner in good faith, and generally whether such association has complied with all the provisions of this title required to entitle it to engage in the business of banking; and shall cause to be made and attested by the oaths of a majority of the directors, and by the president or cashier of the association, a statement of all the facts necessary to enable the Comptroller to determine whether the association is lawfully entitled to commence the business of banking."

Requirement for Consolidations.

(c) The first proviso of Section 1 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the consolidation of National banking associations," approved Nov. 7, 1918 (U. S. C., Title 12, Par. 33), is amended to read as follows: "Provided, that the capital stock and initial surplus of such consolidated association shall be not less than required under existing law for the organization of a national bank in the place in which it is located."

(d) That portion of the second sentence of Section 3 of such Act of Nov. 7, 1918, as amended (U. S. C., Sup. V., Title 12, Par. 34-A), before the semicolon in such sentence, is amended to read as follows:

"The capital stock and initial surplus of such consolidated association shall not be less than that required under existing law for the organization of a National banking association in the place in which such consolidated association is located."

(e) Section 5154 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (U. S. C., Title 12, Par. 35), is amended by adding after the first proviso the following:

"Provided, That the initial surplus of such association shall not be less than that required under existing law for the organization of a National banking association in the place in which such association is located."

(f) Section 5140 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., Title 12, Par. 53), is amended to read as follows:

"Section 5140. At least 50 per centum of the capital stock and at least 50 per centum of the initial surplus of every association shall be paid in before it shall be authorized to commence business and the remainder of the capital stock and initial surplus shall be paid in instalments of at least 10 per centum each on the whole amount of the capital and initial surplus as frequently as one instalment at the end of each succeeding month from the time it shall be authorized by the Comptroller of the Currency to commence business, and the payment of each instalment shall be certified to the comptroller, under oath, by the president or cashier of the association."

Sell Out Defaulting Shareholders.

(g) The first two sentences of Section 5141 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., Title 12, Par. 54), are amended to read as follows:

"Whenever any shareholder, or his assignee, fails to pay any instalment on the stock or on the initial surplus where the same is required by the preceding section to be paid, the directors of such association may sell the stock of such delinquent shareholder at public auction, having given three weeks' previous notice thereof in a newspaper published and of general circulation in the city or county where the association is located, or, if no newspaper is published in said city or county, then in a newspaper published nearest thereto, to any person who will pay the highest price therefor, to be not less than the amount then due thereon (including amounts due from such shareholder with respect to initial surplus) with the expense of advertisement and sale; and the excess, if any, shall be paid to the delinquent shareholder. If no bidder can be found who will pay for such stock the amount due thereon (including amounts due from such shareholder with respect to initial surplus) to the association, and the cost of advertisement and sale, the amount previously paid shall be forfeited to the association, and such stock shall be sold as the directors may order, within six months from the time of such forfeiture, and if not sold it shall be canceled and deducted from the capital stock of the association."

Assessments Provided for Losses.

(h) The first two sentences of Section 5295 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (U. S. C., Title 12, Par. 55), are amended to read as follows:

Every association which shall have failed to pay up its capital stock or initial surplus, as required by law, and every association whose capital stock shall have become impaired by losses or otherwise, shall, within three months after receiving notice thereof from the Comptroller of the Currency, pay the deficiency in the capital stock and the initial surplus by assessment upon the shareholders pro rata for the amount of capital stock held by each; and the Treasurer of the United States shall withhold the interest upon all bonds held by him in trust for any such association, upon notification from the Comptroller of the Currency, until otherwise notified by him. If any such association shall fail to pay up its capital stock and capital surplus, and shall refuse to go into liquidation, as provided by law, for three months after receiving notice from the Comptroller, a receiver may be appointed to close up the business of the association, according to the provisions of Section 5234."

(i) That part of Section 5143 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (U. S. C., Title 12, Par. 59), before the semicolon is amended to read as follows:

"Any association formed under this title may, by the vote of shareholders owning two-thirds of its capital stock, reduce its capital and surplus to any sum not below the amount required by existing law to authorize the formation of associations."

Shareholders Liability Amended.

Section 3 (a). Section 5151 of the Revised Statutes and Section 23 of the Federal Reserve Act (relating to liability of shareholders of national banking associations) (U. S. C., Title 12, Pars. 63, 64) are amended by striking out the words "in addition to the amount invested in such shares" wherever they appear.

(b) This section shall not apply to the shareholders of any national banking association which operates or establishes a branch.

Section 4. The provisions of Section 1, 2 and 3 of this act shall apply only to national banking associations and organized after the date of enactment of this act.

Section 5 (a). The second sentence of the first paragraph of Section 7 of the Federal Reserve Act (U. S. C., Title 12, Par. 289), is amended to read as follows:

"After the aforesaid dividend claims have been fully met, 10 per centum of the net earnings of such bank shall be paid into the surplus. One-half of the remainder of the net earnings shall be paid into the Federal Guaranty Fund for the Depositors in member banks of the Federal Reserve System, and the remaining one-half shall be paid to the member banks of the Federal Reserve System, of which amount each bank shall be paid an amount which bears the same ratio to the amount of such remaining one-half as the paid-in capital stock owned by such stockholders in such member bank bears to the total paid-in capital stock owned by all stockholders in all member banks of such Federal Reserve Bank."

Disposal of Surplus in Liquidations.

(b) The first sentence of the second paragraph of Section 7 of the Federal Reserve Act is repealed.

(c) The second sentence of the second paragraph of Section 7 of the Federal Reserve Act is amended to read as follows:

"Should a Federal Reserve Bank be dissolved or go into liquidation, any surplus remaining, after the payment of all debts, dividend requirements as hereinbefore provided, and the par value of the stock, shall, in the discretion of the Secretary, be used to supplement the gold reserve held against outstanding United States notes, or shall be applied to the reduction of the outstanding bonded indebtedness of the United States under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury."

Section 6. The second proviso of the first paragraph of Section 13, as amended, of the Federal Reserve Act (U. S. C., Title 12, Par. 342) is amended to read as follows:

"Provided further, that nothing in this or any other section of this act shall be construed as prohibiting a member or non-member bank from making reasonable charges, but in no case to exceed ten cents per \$100 or fraction thereof, based on the total of checks and drafts presented at any one time, for collection or payment of checks and drafts and remission thereof by exchange or otherwise."

Section 7. The first paragraph of Section 13, as amended, of the Federal Reserve Act (U. S. C., Title 12, Par. 342) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph:

"Upon application of a sending bank, a Federal Reserve Bank shall give immediate credit on the checks and drafts received from such a bank for collection, but the Federal Reserve Bank may charge on such credit an amount of interest calculated, at the current rediscount rate, from the time of receipt of such item to the time of collection thereof, or with the approval of the Federal Reserve Board may establish a time schedule for the calculation of such period."

TITLE II.

Provides Liquidating Board.

Section 201. There is hereby established a board to be known as the "Federal Bank Liquidating Board" (hereinafter called the "board") which shall consist of the Secretary of the Treasury, the Comptroller of the Currency and three citizens of the United States appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Not more than one of the appointive members of the board shall be of the same political party as the President. The appointive members of the board shall hold their offices for a term of four years, except that a member appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve only for the unexpired portion of the term of the member whom he succeeds. Each appointive member shall receive a

a salary of \$10,000 per annum, payable monthly. The appointive members of the board shall be ineligible, during the time they are in office and for one year thereafter, to hold any office, position or employment in any member bank of the Federal Reserve System or in or on the Federal Reserve Board. The board shall elect its own chairman and other officers, and is authorized to employ and fix the compensation of such officers and employees of the board as it deems necessary, but the compensation of no officer or employee of the board shall exceed \$10,000 per annum. The Secretary of the Treasury and the Comptroller of the Currency shall receive no compensation for services as members of the board.

Federal Guaranty Fund.

Section 202. (a) There is hereby established a fund to be known as the "Federal Guaranty Fund for Depositors in Member Banks of the Federal Reserve System" (hereinafter called the "fund"). There shall be paid into such fund an amount equal to the entire sums heretofore paid to the United States as franchise tax by the Federal Reserve Banks. The board shall, as soon as practicable after the enactment of this act, require each Federal Reserve Bank to pay into the fund an amount which bears the same ratio to \$150,000,000 as the surplus of such bank on Dec. 31 1931 bears to the total surplus of all Federal Reserve Banks on Dec. 31 1931.

The board shall also require the payment into the fund, by the member banks of the Federal Reserve System, of such amount (not to exceed \$139,000,000) as may be fixed by the board, of which each such bank shall pay an amount which bears the same ratio to the sum fixed by the board as the average deposits of such bank (other than time deposits) during the preceding calendar year bear to the average deposits (other than time deposits) of all member banks during the preceding calendar year, and such amount (not to exceed \$70,000,000) as may be fixed by the board, of which each bank shall pay an amount which bears the same ratio to the amount fixed by the board as the average time deposits of such bank, during the preceding calendar year, bear to the average time deposits of all member banks during the preceding calendar year.

Board May Call for \$100,000,000.

(b) At any time after twelve months after the payment of sums required to be paid under subsection (a) if, in the judgment of the board, the sums in the fund are inadequate to carry out the provisions of this title, the board is authorized to require the member banks of the Federal Reserve System to pay annually into the fund the whole or any part of \$100,000,000. Each bank shall pay an amount which bears the same ratio to \$100,000,000 (or such part thereof as may be fixed by the board) as the net earnings of such bank during the preceding calendar year bear to the net earnings of all member banks during the preceding calendar year.

(c) Sums payable by a Federal Reserve Bank or by a member bank under this section shall be subject to call, in whole or in part, by the board at such times as may be fixed by the board.

(d) If at any time, in the judgment of the board, there are in the fund sums in excess of an amount adequate to carry out the provisions of this title, the board shall refund to each Federal Reserve Bank and each National bank an amount which bears the same ratio to such excess as the amount which such Federal Reserve Bank or National bank contributed to the fund.

(e) Sums in the fund shall be invested only in such interest-bearing direct obligations of the Government of the United States as the board determines, or non-interest bearing deposits in member banks of the Federal Reserve System.

To Pay Depositors In Full.

Section 203. Whenever a National bank is insolvent, the Comptroller of the Currency shall so certify to the board, which shall proceed to wind up such bank in the manner provided by existing law except as modified by this title. Within 30 days after receipt of such certificate of insolvency by the board a committee consisting of one person appointed by the board, one appointed by the owners of a majority of the stock of such bank, and one appointed by the depositors of more than 50 per centum of the amount of outstanding deposits in such bank, shall make an estimate of the value of the assets of such bank, and the amount of liabilities of such bank and a statement of the amount of the outstanding deposit of each depositor in such bank.

Section 204. Upon approval by the board of the estimate and report of the committee, on the basis of such estimate, or, if modified by the board, and on the basis of such modified estimate (but not later than 60 days after the certification of insolvency), the board shall pay to each depositor whose outstanding deposit is \$1,000 or less, not less than 50 per centum of such deposit, and to each depositor whose outstanding deposit exceeds \$1,000, not less than 25 per centum of such depositor's outstanding deposit, or \$500, whichever is the greater. Within six months thereafter the board shall pay to each depositor whose outstanding deposit is \$1,000 or less the difference between the amount of his deposit and the amount paid under the next preceding sentence. Within six months after the payment has been made under the preceding sentence, all depositors, the amount of whose deposits are still unpaid, shall be paid not less than 25 per centum of such deposits, and within six months thereafter the amounts of all depositors' deposits shall be paid in full.

Section 205. The board or the liquidating agent appointed by the board, if expressly granted such an authority by the board, shall have power to borrow money secured by the assets of any insolvent National bank for the purpose of making payments to depositors or other creditors. Funds borrowed under the preceding sentence shall be used only for the purpose of paying depositors and creditors of the bank against the assets of which the funds are borrowed.

Section 206. In the case of insolvency of a member bank of the Federal Reserve System which is not a National bank the board shall request the receiver or liquidating agent of such bank to submit to the board a report and estimate containing the same matter as that required in the case of a report and estimate of the committee provided for in Section 203. Upon approval of such report and estimate the board shall proceed to pay to the receiver or liquidating agent amounts equal to the amounts which would have been paid to depositors under Section 204 in the case of a National bank.

The sums paid by the board under this section shall be paid at the times and in the amounts provided by Section 204, but such sums shall be paid to the receiver or liquidating agent in trust for the depositors.

Section 207. If any member bank of the Federal Reserve System fails to comply with the provisions of this title, or any regulation made by the board under this title, the Federal Reserve Board shall, after hearing, require such bank to surrender its stock in the Federal Reserve Bank and to forfeit all rights and privileges of membership. In any case of the failure of a National bank to comply with the provisions of this title, such bank shall, in addition, forfeit all the rights, privileges and franchises granted to it under the National bank act, and the Federal Reserve Act.

Section 208. The board is authorized and directed to make such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this title.

Section 209. There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

Two Issues of Treasury Certificates Aggregating \$900,000,000 Offered in March Financing of Treasury Department—\$300,000,000 Maturing in Seven Months Bear $3\frac{1}{8}\%$ —\$600,000,000 Maturing in One Year Carries $3\frac{3}{4}\%$ —Books Closed—Issues Over-subscribed.

The March financing of the Treasury Department, announced March 6 by Secretary Mills, took the form of Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, totaling \$900,000,000, or thereabouts, which were heavily over-subscribed. The certificates were offered in two series; one, to the amount of \$300,000,000, or thereabouts, designated Series TO-1932, will bear interest at $3\frac{1}{8}\%$, and will mature in seven months (Oct. 15 1932), while the other, Series TM-1933, carrying $3\frac{3}{4}\%$, was offered to the amount of \$600,000,000, or thereabouts; this issue will mature March 15 1933. Both issues will be dated and bear interest from March 15 1932. The subscription books to the \$900,000,000 offering were opened on Monday, March 7, and on March 8 Secretary Mills announced the closing of the books at the close of business that day—March 8. It was added that subscriptions received through the mail by the Federal Reserve banks up to 10 a. m. March 9, would be considered as having been received before the close of the books.

Both series of the \$900,000,000 certificate offering will be bearer certificates in denominations of \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000. The certificates of Series TO-1932 will have one interest coupon attached, payable Oct. 15 1932, and the certificates of Series TM-1933, two interest coupons attached, payable Sept. 15 1932, and March 15 1933, respectively. These certificates will be exempt, both as to principal and interest, from all taxation, except estate and inheritance taxes. Certificates of indebtedness of Series TM-1932, maturing March 15 1932, will be accepted at par in payment for the certificates in the present offering. Subscriptions for which payment is tendered in Treasury certificates of indebtedness of Series TM-1932, it was announced, would be given preferred allotment.

The results of the offering were made known on March 10 by Secretary Mills, who stated that the total subscriptions for the combined issues amounted to \$3,402,725,500; for the $3\frac{1}{8}\%$ seven months' issue of \$300,000,000, the subscriptions amounted to \$952,619,500, while for the $3\frac{3}{4}\%$ issue, offered to the amount of \$600,000,000, subscriptions were \$2,450,106,000. Secretary Mills announced that of the subscriptions for the \$300,000,000 issue, \$82,593,000 represent exchange subscriptions in payment for which Treasury certificates of indebtedness maturing March 15 1932, were tendered. Such exchange subscriptions were allotted in full. For the $3\frac{3}{4}\%$ certificates of \$600,000,000, \$414,089,500 represent exchange subscriptions. Such exchange subscriptions were allotted in full. Secretary Mills' further announcement of the subscriptions follows:

Allotments on cash subscriptions for $3\frac{1}{8}\%$ certificates of series TO-1932 were made as follows: Subscriptions in amounts not exceeding \$1,000 were allotted in full; subscriptions in amounts over \$1,000 but not exceeding \$10,000 were allotted 80%, but not less than \$1,000 on any one subscription; subscriptions in amounts over \$10,000 but not exceeding \$100,000 were allotted 60%, but not less than \$8,000 on any one subscription; subscriptions in amounts over \$100,000 but not exceeding \$1,000,000 were allotted 40%, but not less than \$60,000 on any one subscription; subscriptions over \$1,000,000 but not exceeding \$10,000,000 were allotted 25%, but not less than \$400,000 on any one subscription, and subscriptions in amounts over \$1,000,000 were allotted 15%, but not less than \$2,500,000 on any one subscription.

For the offering of $3\frac{3}{4}\%$ Treasury certificates, \$414,089,500 [of the total subscriptions] represent exchange subscriptions in payment for which Treasury Certificates of indebtedness maturing March 15 1932 were tendered. Such exchange subscriptions were allotted in full.

Allotments on cash subscriptions for $3\frac{3}{4}\%$ Treasury certificates of indebtedness of Series TM-1933 were made as follows: Subscriptions in amounts not exceeding \$10,000 were allotted 50%, but not less than \$500 on any one subscription; subscriptions in amounts over \$10,000 but not exceeding \$100,000 were allotted 30%, but not less than \$5,000 on any one subscription; subscriptions in amounts over \$100,000 but not exceeding \$1,000,000 were allotted 15%, but not less than \$30,000 on any one subscription; subscriptions in amounts over \$1,000,000 but not exceeding \$25,000,000 were allotted 10%, but not less than \$150,000 on any one subscription, and subscriptions in amounts over \$25,000,000 were allotted 5%, but not less than \$2,500,000 on any one subscription.

In announcing on March 8 the closing of subscription books, Secretary Mills said:

Secretary Mills to-day announced that the subscription books for the current offering of 7-month $3\frac{1}{8}\%$ Treasury certificates of indebtedness of Series TO-1932, maturing Oct. 15 1932, and 12-month $3\frac{3}{4}\%$ Treasury certificates of indebtedness of Series TM-1933, maturing March 15 1933, closed at the close of business to-day, Tuesday, March 8 1932.

Subscriptions received through the mail by Federal Reserve banks or the Treasury up to 10 a. m., Wednesday, March 9, will be considered as having been received before the close of the subscription books.

Secretary Mills called attention to the fact that this notice of closing relates to the $3\frac{1}{8}\%$ and $3\frac{3}{4}\%$ Treasury certificates of indebtedness, and does not apply to the 2% Treasury certificates, first series, offered in connection with the campaign of the Citizens' Reconstruction Organization.

The subscription books for the 2% Treasury certificates will remain open until further notice.

The January financing of the Treasury Department (referred to in these columns Jan. 30, page 776 and Feb. 6, page 957), aggregating \$350,000,000 or thereabouts of Treasury certificates, was likewise in two issues; one (series A-1932), maturing in six months (Aug. 1 1932), bearing interest at the rate of $3\frac{1}{8}\%$; the other series A-1933, running for one year to Feb. 1 1933, with interest at $3\frac{1}{4}\%$. Besides the \$900,000,000 of certificates representing the March financing, offered the present week, the Treasury Department also this week offered an issue of 2% Treasury certificates (so called "baby bonds") to which reference is made in another item in this issue of our paper. In announcing the \$900,000,000 offering, Secretary Mills on March 6 stated that about \$624,000,000 of Treasury certificates and about \$35,000,000 in interest payments on the public debt become due and payable on March 15 1932. From the "United States Daily" of March 7 we take the following:

The certificates, which embody the Government quarterly financing program, will provide the Treasury with approximately \$276,000,000 in unobligated money which will be added to tax receipts to enable the Government to meet expenses until the close of the fiscal year on June 30 according to additional information made available at the Treasury. The public debt will be increased by that amount and will total approximately \$18,400,000,000.

Expenditures to Be Met.

From its new funds, its tax receipts and its balance on hand, which will amount to about \$250,000,000 on March 15, the Treasury will have to pay the Government's running expenses and meet at least three special obligations, according to the information furnished. Additional information made available follows:

The Treasury has yet to turn over \$64,000,000 to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and \$62,000,000 to the Federal Land banks under the allotment of \$150,000,000 to the former and \$125,000,000 to the latter.

Moreover, the Treasury is pledged to purchase \$250,000,000 worth of Reconstruction Finance Corporation debentures in the near future. These expenditures, absorbing \$374,000,000 of the new funds and of the balance on hand, will leave the Treasury \$44,000,000 and its tax collections with which to meet running expenses.

Secretary Mills' announcement March 6 of the \$900,000,000 offering follows:

The Treasury is to-day offering for subscription, at par and accrued interest, through the Federal Reserve banks, \$900,000,000 or thereabouts, Treasury certificates of indebtedness in two series, both dated and bearing interest from March 15 1932: one series, TO-1932, being for seven months, with interest at the rate of $3\frac{1}{8}\%$, and maturing Oct. 15 1932, and the other series, TM-1933, being for 12 months, with interest at the rate of $3\frac{1}{4}\%$, and maturing March 15 1933. The amount of the offering of $3\frac{1}{8}\%$ seven months' certificates is \$300,000,000, or thereabouts, and the amount of the offering of $3\frac{1}{4}\%$ 12 months' certificates is \$600,000,000, or thereabouts.

Applications will be received at the Federal Reserve banks. The Treasury will accept in payment for the new certificates of either or both series, at par, Treasury certificates of indebtedness of series TM-1932, maturing March 15 1932, and subscriptions in payment of which such Treasury certificates of indebtedness are tendered will be given preferred allotment.

Bearer certificates will be issued in denominations of \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000. The certificates of series TO-1932 will have one interest coupon attached, payable Oct. 15 1932, and the certificates of series TM-1933, two interest coupons attached, payable Sept. 15 1932 and March 15 1933, respectively.

These certificates will be exempt, both as to principal and interest, from all taxation, except estate and inheritance taxes.

About \$624,000,000 of Treasury certificates of indebtedness and about \$35,000,000 in interest payments on the public debt become due and payable on March 15 1932.

President Hoover Reported as Seeking Names of Banks Hoarding Money—New York Bank Said to Be One of Principal Offenders.

Elsewhere we refer to a statement presented on March 9 to President Hoover by Benjamin Schwartz, Director-General of the Institute of Scrap Iron and Steel, in which it is alleged that the scrap iron industry has been "particularly affected by the restrictive credit policies of the banks of the country." From the New York "Journal of Commerce" we take the following from Washington March 9:

Following the conference with President Hoover, Mr. Schwartz said that the Chief Executive had been extremely interested in the portion of the statement dealing with money hoarding by banks.

President's Views Given.

Mr. Hoover, it was said, declared that "the Government had provided ample funds by relief measures which included the creation of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to permit the banks to extend credit to small business interest."

"If the banks were not co-operating in carrying forward the purpose for which the program was advocated the President wanted to obtain the details," Mr. Schwartz said. "He sought specific instances where banks had failed to give this aid.

"I intend to send a list of banks to the President. Mr. Hoover indicated that he would study the matter and determine the situation."

Incidentally it was noted in a Washington account March 5 to the New York "Times" that a report was persistent in Washington that President Hoover, in broadcasting the opening of the "baby bond" campaign [on March 6] or possibly at some later time, would make it clear to the country that not all the hoarders are plain citizens, but that

they include many banks, among them some of the most powerful in the country. The dispatch from which we quote also said:

This is known to be the opinion of an important element in the Administration personnel. The same report was current in the cloak rooms and office buildings of Congress.

That the banks generally are not taking advantage of the credit and other relief measures provided in the Glass-Steagall law, and by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, is the opinion of some of the highest officials in the Government. It is known that the President himself finds it rather difficult to understand the attitude of any bank which, in a time of economic distress such as the Nation is now passing through fails or refuses to avail itself of the credit and safeguarding provisions of the Glass-Steagall and Reconstruction Finance Corporation Acts.

The names of particular institutions on which the Administration places the stigma of hoarding are confidentially mentioned daily by Government officials. It can be said on the highest authority that a New York bank—one of the most powerful in the country—is mentioned as the worst offender. The liquid assets of this bank are to-day estimated at 85%. When prosperity was at its peak, these liquid assets were 35%, according to one official, and at that time this bank "boasted" that such was the fact, it was declared.

President Works on Speech.

One Government spokesman went so far as to declare that the "worst offenders" in the hoarding of money were "the banks and not the ordinary citizen."

Scrap Iron and Steel Institute in Statement to President Hoover Says Industry Is Affected by Restrictive Credit Policies of Banks.

Through its General Director, Benjamin Schwartz, a statement was presented on March 19 to President Hoover in behalf of the Institute of Scrap Iron and Steel in which it was asserted that the scrap iron industry "has been particularly affected by the restrictive credit policies of the banks of the country." The statement handed to President Hoover by Mr. Schwartz was given as follows in a Washington dispatch March 9 to the New York "Times":

To the President of the United States:

We greet you as representatives of the Institute of Scrap Iron and Steel, assembled in annual convention at Washington. We come here as representatives of an industry which is composed essentially of independent units of comparatively small business men.

We come here to convey, from the scrap iron dealers assembled in annual convention from every principal steel centre of the United States, an expression of their approval and appreciation of the statesmanship and thoroughness of the reconstruction program which your Administration has sponsored. We feel that the program was intended to serve and preserve the small business of the United States, which constitutes the backbone of our economic structure, and we express the hope that your program will quickly accomplish its purpose.

The scrap iron industry, which supplies a basic raw material for the steel industry, has been particularly affected by the restrictive credit policies of the banks of the country. The continuation of this banking policy, which we sincerely hope will be corrected as the result of your reconstruction program, has prevented the collection of valuable raw materials which constitute an excellent investment to-day because of the fact that they are at the lowest prices in the history of the industry.

This restrictive credit policy, if continued, will prevent the maintenance of the employment of hundreds of thousands of men who might profitably be employed in the machinery and organization of the scrap iron industry for the collection, preparation and distribution of these by-products of American industry.

This restrictive policy, if continued, will create a drain on the iron ore reserves of our country, while valuable raw materials are permitted to be dumped or to rot away, and will constitute a disservice to the national policy of conservation.

The chief service of the scrap iron industry lies in the field of the conservation of natural reserves. For every ton of scrap iron and steel that is collected, properly prepared and re-melted in the steel furnaces of the country, approximately five tons of iron ore, coal and other natural resources are conserved for future generations.

The use of approximately 40,000,000 tons of scrap in the manufacture of steel in 1929, valued at over \$500,000,000, conserved approximately 200,000,000 tons of natural resources in one year.

The significance of this fact to the National welfare is confirmed when one considers that iron ore cannot be replaced when once used and that the iron ore reserves of the United States are limited. Reliable authorities state that the available ore in the Lake Superior district would be exhausted in 1960 were it not for the increasing use of scrap.

750,000,000 Tons in Use.

It is encouraging to note that there are in use to-day approximately 750,000,000 tons of iron and steel in the various forms demanded by our civilization for our convenience and utility, in the form of automobiles, bridges, ships, railroads, sky-scrapers, and a thousand and one uses employed for iron and steel.

This tonnage, to which is added every year an increment of from 40 to 60 million tons of new steel, constitutes a reserve for the operations of the scrap-iron industry and a backlog of raw materials for the steel manufacturer.

The problem of the future is to study the economic life of each important commodity of iron and steel, to systematically plan the efficient return to the scrap heap of each commodity as it has outlived its usefulness to perfect the marketing organization and machinery of the scrap iron industry, so that there will be a continuous flow of economic raw materials at all times from the concentration scrap yards to the ultimate consumer—the steel mills and foundries of the country.

We pledge you the continuance of our service to the conservation of natural resources. We furthermore pledge that we will undertake a program to provide employment for the 200,000 people normally employed in the scrap iron and steel industry.

According to the "Times," after he left the President's room Mr. Schwartz said:

The President was most interested in that part of my statement about hoarding by banks. He said that the Government had provided ample funds by relief measures which included the creation of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to permit the banks to extend credit to small business interests.

If the banks were not co-operating in carrying forward the purpose for which his program was advocated the President wanted to have all the details. He asked for specific instances where banks had failed to give aid."

From the same paper we take the following:

Liquid Assets Increased.

In addition to available loans from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, the banks have the advantage of the liberalized provisions of the Federal Reserve law permitting them to rediscount a wide range of acceptable assets at the Reserve banks.

The liquid assets of many banks have been greatly increased since the end of the prosperity period in 1929. At that time many banks kept less than 5%, with the bulk of their assets in 60 and 90-day commercial paper.

In the liquidation period a new position has been created. The banks, are maintaining a large volume of vault cash, the assets of one New York bank having been reported as 85% liquid. While all of this was not actual cash, it was in assets which could be converted into cash on short notice.

The result has been, it is said, that while there is plenty of credit in the country, it apparently is not being made available to meet the needs of commerce and industry. At this time, with low prices in raw materials, experts hold that an easy availability of credit might be expected to create a buyers' market, in which large consumers would replenish depleted stocks, and through their purchasing bring about a return of more nearly normal times.

As long as the banks continue the restrictive policies, it is contended, considerable difficulty will exist in starting the revival.

It has even been suggested that the Reconstruction Corporation may not grant loans to banks unless it is shown that the advances are to be used for constructive purposes.

Institute Pledges Co-Operation.

In the institute's statement it was declared that the banks' policies would prevent the conversion of large amounts of scrap iron into steel; would possibly affect the jobs of 200,000 and would lead to inroads on the Nation's natural resources.

The institute praised the President's reconstruction program and pledged co-operation.

Offering of 2% Treasury Certificates in Denominations of \$50 to \$500 Designed to Attract Hoarded Money—So-Called "Baby Bonds."

Announcement of the offering of an issue of 2% United States certificates (first series), put out with a view to attracting hoarded money, was made by Secretary of the Treasury Mills on March 5. In announcing this offering Secretary Mills pointed out that it is not part of the March financing program of the Treasury Department, details of which were made available on March 6, and reference to which appears in another item in this issue of our paper. The new 2% Treasury certificates are to be issued only in bearer form and in denominations of \$50, \$100 and \$500, with two interest coupons attached, payable September 15 1932 and March 15 1933. The certificates will be dated and bear interest from March 15 1932; they will mature March 15 1933, but will be redeemable before maturity, at the option of the holders, at par and accrued interest on 60 days' notice. The certificates will be exempt both as to principle and interest, from all taxation, except estate and inheritance taxes. The proposed issuance of these so-called "baby bonds" was noted in these columns Feb. 27, pages 1491-1493. The initial offering of these certificates this week was featured by radio messages broadcast by President Hoover, Secretary Mills and others bearing on the anti-hoarding campaign. These messages are referred to elsewhere in this issue of our paper. Herewith we give the statement of Secretary Mills on March 5 announcing the offering:

The Secretary of the Treasury yesterday announced that the Treasury offers for subscription, at par and accrued interest, through the Federal Reserve banks, United States Treasury certificates, First Series, dated March 15 1932, with interest from that date at the rate of 2% per annum, maturing March 15 1933, and redeemable before maturity at the option of the holders at par and accrued interest, on 60 days' notice.

Almost any banking institution will handle subscriptions for these certificates or subscriptions may be made through the Federal Reserve banks.

The Secretary of the Treasury reserves the right to close the offering without prior notice.

The certificates will be issued only in bearer form and in denominations of \$50, \$100 and \$500, with two interest coupons attached payable Sept. 15 1932 and March 15 1933, respectively.

The principal and interest of the certificates will be payable in United States gold coin of the present standard of value.

These certificates will be exempt, both as to principal and interest, from all taxation, except estate and inheritance taxes.

The offering of these special certificates is not part of the Treasury's March financing program, which will be separately announced, but is being made in connection with the campaign to put idle money to work, which campaign was initiated by the President and is now being conducted by the Citizens' Reconstruction Organization under the direction of Colonel Frank Knox.

The Treasury Department's circular detailing the offering follows:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Two per cent. United States Treasury Certificates, First Series, dated and bearing interest from March 15 1932, due March 15 1933, redeemable prior to maturity, at the option of the holder, on 60 days' advance notice.

The Secretary of the Treasury offers for subscription, at par and accrued interest, through the Federal Reserve banks, 2% one-year United States Treasury Certificates, First Series, of an issue of certificates of indebted-

ness authorized by Section 5 of the Act of Congress approved Sept. 24 1917, as amended.

Description of Certificates.

The certificates of this series will be dated March 15 1932, and will bear interest from that date at the rate of 2% per annum, payable semi-annually. The certificates will be payable on March 15 1933, and will be redeemable before maturity, at the option of the holders, at par and accrued interest, on 60 days' advance notice by the holders. The principal and interest of the certificates will be payable in United States gold coin of the present standard of value.

Bearer certificates will be issued in denominations of \$50, \$100 and \$500, with two interest coupons attached payable Sept. 15 1932 and March 15 1933, respectively. Provision may be made for the interchange of certificates of different denominations, without charge by the United States, under rules and regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury. The certificates will not be issued in registered form.

The certificates of this series shall be exempt, both as to principal and interest, from all taxation (except estate and inheritance taxes) now or hereafter imposed by the United States, any State, or any of the possessions of the United States, or by any local taxing authority.

The certificates of this series will be accepted at par, during such time and under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed or approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, in payment of income and profits taxes payable at the maturity of the certificates. The certificates will be acceptable to secure deposits of public moneys, but will not bear the circulation privilege.

Application and Allotment.

Applications will be received at the Federal Reserve banks, as fiscal agents of the United States. Banking institutions generally will handle applications for subscribers, but only the Federal Reserve banks are authorized to act as official agencies.

The right is reserved to reject any subscription, in whole or in part, and to allot less than the amount of certificates applied for and to close the subscriptions at any time without notice; the Secretary of the Treasury also reserves the right to make allotment in full upon applications for smaller amounts, to make reduced allotments upon, or to reject, applications for larger amounts, and to make classified allotments and allotments upon a graduated scale; and his action in these respects will be final. Allotment notices will be sent out promptly upon allotment, and the basis of allotment will be publicly announced.

Payment.

Payment at par and accrued interest for certificates allotted must be made on or before March 15 1932, or on later allotment. If payment is made after March 15 1932 it must include accrued interest from that date. After allotment and upon payment Federal Reserve banks may issue interim receipts pending delivery of the definitive certificates. Any qualified depository will be permitted to make payment by credit for certificates allotted to it for itself and its customers up to any amount for which it shall be qualified in excess of existing deposits, when so notified by the Federal Reserve bank of its district.

Redemption Before Maturity.

In order to secure redemption before maturity of certificates issued hereunder, a demand therefor in writing, describing the certificates by denomination, serial number and aggregate amount, must be made by the holder; and the certificates, with unexpired coupons attached, accompanied by such demand, must be forwarded or delivered to a Federal Reserve bank, at the holder's risk and expense. Sixty days after receipt of the certificates and demand at a Federal Reserve bank, payment, at par and accrued interest, will be made.

General Provisions.

As fiscal agents of the United States, Federal Reserve banks are authorized and requested to receive subscriptions and to make allotments on the basis and up to the amounts indicated by the Secretary of the Treasury to the Federal Reserve banks of the respective districts.

OGDEN L. MILLS, Secretary of the Treasury.

Treasury Department,

Office of the Secretary, March 5 1932.

Important.—This circular relates only to the 2% Treasury Certificates, and should not be confused with the Treasury's regular March financing, announcement of which will be made on or about March 7.

Department Circular No. 456 (Public Debt).

To the Investor:

Almost any banking institution in the United States will handle your subscription for you, or you may make subscription direct to the Federal Reserve bank of your district. Your special attention is invited to the terms of subscription, allotment, and redemption as stated above.

Statement by Secretary of Treasury Mills Relative to Issuance of 2% Treasury Certificates Incident to Anti-Hoarding Campaign.

The following statement by Secretary of the Treasury Ogden L. Mills, on Treasury financing, issued incident to the anti-hoarding campaign, is published in the March issue of the American Bankers' Association "Journal":

I am pleased to have this opportunity, through the official organ of the American Bankers' Association, to send a message to the members of that Association with respect to the special Treasury certificates which are being offered for sale to the public on or about Monday, March 7.

In connection with the movement initiated by President Hoover for putting idle funds to work, the Citizens' Reconstruction Organization, headed by Colonel Frank Knox of Chicago, is conducting, during the week of March 7, a campaign of education.

Local committees of the Citizens' Reconstruction Organization, in counties, cities and towns throughout the country, are endeavoring to bring about a full realization of community and individual responsibility and of the necessity for co-operation as a matter of enlightened self-interest in contrast with individual yielding to blind fear. It is confidently believed that, once the unfortunate consequences of the diversion of currency from the normal channels of trade and industry are realized, the response will be immediate. An appeal is being made to all those who may be holders of idle funds to re-deposit them in banks or to invest them in some good security.

In order to make available a Government obligation with short maturity and in small denominations, the Treasury, on or about March 7, is offering a special Treasury certificate, bearing interest at the rate of 2% per annum. The new certificates have a maturity of one year, and are redeemable at face value upon 60 days' notice by the holder. They are issued only in coupon form, in denominations of \$50, \$100 and \$500, and have two interest coupons attached.

The sale of the new certificates is an incidental feature of the campaign to put idle funds to work, and is not to be understood as being a major part of Government financing. That will be handled in the usual course. There are no quotas being established for the sale of these certificates.

From time to time the Treasury has offered securities especially adapted to meet the needs of small investors; and making available at this time an offering of these special Treasury certificates is in line with this policy. Any form of investment or expenditure of funds which have been withdrawn from circulation meets the objective of the campaign being conducted by the Citizens' Reconstruction Organization; and the success of that campaign is not to be measured by the volume of sales of the new certificates.

The work of the Citizens' Reconstruction Organization in its campaign will be facilitated if persons who desire to invest in this form of security are able to obtain the new certificates in their own community and without delay. To this end the attention of banks has been called to the opportunity offered to obtain the certificates for subscribers through the so-called "War Loan Deposit Account" with the Federal Reserve banks. Under the well-established War Loan Deposit System, banks may subscribe for Government obligations and pay for them by means of a deposit to the credit of the Federal Reserve banks as fiscal agents of the United States. Inasmuch as payment by this method is in the form of credit, should funds for the purchase of certificates be withdrawn by depositors of the subscribing banks, they will automatically be replaced by a Government deposit, which will remain with the bank until called for by the Treasury.

Should the certificates be purchased with currency held outside of banks, the banks receiving the subscriptions will gain the cash deposited by the subscriber, while they may pay for the certificates delivered to the subscriber by means of a deposit credit for the account of the Government.

President Hoover Asks for Further Cuts in Federal Expenditures—Reply by Chairman Byrns of House Ways and Means Committee.

In a statement issued March 8 President Hoover declared that further economies by Federal bureaus "must be brought about by authorization of Congress, either by reorganization of the Federal machinery or change in the legal requirements as to expenditures by the various services." The President noted that the House appropriations Committee has reduced the amounts of bills so far reported out by about \$112,000,000. "In order," he said "to meet the requirements of the Ways and Means Committee that expenditures must be reduced by \$125,000,000 in order to balance the budget, it is necessary that further cuts be made." The President's statement follows:

The whole of the administrative officials are co-operating with the special Economy Committee appointed by the House of Representatives in the drive to bring about further drastic economies in Federal expenditures.

You will recollect that the budget sent to Congress represented reductions in expenditures for the next fiscal year of about \$365,000,000 below the present fiscal year. The House Appropriations Committee has reduced the amounts of bills so far reported out by about \$112,000,000. Of this, however, between \$60,000,000 and \$70,000,000 is a deferment until Congress meets next December, when they will be compelled to meet positive obligations by deficiency bills. To this extent, therefore, the reductions do not help next year's expenditures.

"In order to meet the requirements of the Ways and Means Committee that expenditures must be reduced by \$125,000,000 in order to balance the budget, it is necessary that further cuts be made.

There is very little room left for reductions by administrative action and the House Appropriations Committee has passed upon the major supply bills except the Army and Navy.

Further economies must be brought about by authorization of Congress, either by reorganization of the Federal machinery or change in the legal requirements as to expenditure by the various services.

The Director of Veterans' Affairs has proposed to the special House Committee on Economy some changes in the laws relating to pensions and other allowances which would produce economies of between \$50,000,000 and \$60,000,000 per annum.

The Postmaster-General is placing before the Committee changes in the legal requirements of Post Office expenditures. The Secretary of Agriculture has suggested changes in the law requiring expenditures in the Department of Agriculture, and the other departments are engaged in preparation of similar drastic recommendations.

"I believe the Committee on Economy, through administrative reorganization and such methods as I have mentioned, will be able to find a large area of economy.

"Nothing is more important than balancing the budget with the least increases in taxes. The Federal Government should be in such position that it will need issue no securities which increase the public debt after the beginning of the next fiscal year, July 1.

That is vital to the still further promotion of employment and agriculture. It gives positive assurance to business and industry that the Government will keep out of the money market and allow industry and agriculture to borrow the moneys required for the conduct of business.

I cannot over-emphasize the importance of the able non-partisan effort being made by the Ways and Means Committee and the Economy Committee of the House, whose work are complementary to each other.

Speaker Garner and Representative Byrns held a conference before Mr. Byrns issued a reply, said a Washington dispatch March 8 to the New York "Times" from which we take the following:

The Speaker said that the head of the Appropriations Committee had fully defined the party's position. Mr. Byrns gave out detailed figures to support his analysis of the non-recurring items in the Executive budget.

The President made a statement about Government economy at the White House this morning which the Democratic leaders in Congress immediately attacked as an "effort to assume credit in advance" for any reduction in Federal expenditures which the Garner-Byrns committee on economy may be able to effect."

They were annoyed at what Mr. Hoover said and at his way of saying it. There have been many public arguments this session over the Democratic charges that the Administration is not co-operating in cutting down Government costs.

But to-day's rejoinders from the Capitol were sharper than usual. When newspaper men handed to the Democratic leaders in Congress the text of the President's statement they were surprised and aggrieved. The more they examined its terms the more their cholera rose. Their irritation was augmented by the contents of telegrams received from Democrats elsewhere who have been applying themselves to the problem of balancing

the budget and who have counseled Speaker Garner and Chairman Byrns of the House Appropriations Committee to this end.

One eminent Eastern Democrat was particularly wroth at what he considered the implications of Mr. Hoover's statement and called on the party leaders here to restate and support their claims to having initiated Governmental economies.

"Co-operation in Words Only."

Mr. Byrns thereupon prepared and issued a statement on the subject, and other Democrats supplemented this with tart comment of their own.

The President began by saying that "the whole of the administrative officials are co-operating with the special economy committee appointed by the House of Representatives in the drive to bring about further drastic economies in Federal expenditures."

That was met by a retort from Mr. Byrns to the effect that the co-operation thus far had been in words only, except on the part of General Hines of the Veterans' Bureau.

The President asserted that the executive budget had been reduced \$365,000,000 for the next fiscal year over the current one and that, since the House's further reduction of this budget by \$112,000,000 included "between 60 and 70 millions" in mere deferments of bills until next December, the actual House cut was that much less.

Mr. Byrns's answer was that an analysis of the executive budget reduction of \$365,000,000 revealed that over \$340,000,000 of it "is due to non-recurring items." He said the actual further saving which the House had made would, if the Senate sustained it, be nearer \$115,000,000 than the \$40,000,000 or \$50,000,000 estimated by the President.

But Mr. Hoover made some definite suggestions for further savings which the Democratic leaders questioned on the ground that he should have recommended these in his message instead of "seeming to approve without stating what they are."

Byrns's Reply to President.

Chairman Byrns's statement was as follows:

"The statement of the President relative to his budget estimates and co-operation of administrative officials with the special economy committee in its effort to effect economies is most surprising. It seems to be an effort to assume credit in advance for any economies that the committee may be able to bring about as a result of the investigation it is now making.

"It is in line with the message of the President requesting authority to make consolidations. This was sent to Congress after the House had started its plans to work out consolidations and abolish duplications which have existed in the departments during all these years and which spokesmen for the President have stated that he knew had existed for ten years. Yet for the past three years of his Administration no steps have been taken by him to bring about their elimination.

"He states that the administrative officials are co-operating with the committee. It should be said that none of them volunteered their services until they were asked by the committee to file suggestions relative to economies that might be effected in their respective departments.

"Replies have been received from nearly all of them, saying they were willing to co-operate, but no suggestions have been forwarded up to this time. The statement of the President is encouraging in that it gives assurance that these suggestions will come forward.

Hoover Figures Challenged.

"It is a matter of considerable surprise that the President himself has not given the Committee up to this time the benefit of the information he was supposed to have had when he forwarded his message to Congress nor has he volunteered any assistance to the committee.

"He refers to suggestions of the Director of Veterans' Affairs, who is the only official who volunteered assistance, which he states would save 50 or 60 millions of dollars. This involves certain reductions in payments the bureau is now making to certain classes of disabled veterans.

"Surely the President has had this information for some time and the question naturally arises why he did not take the responsibility in his message last December of recommending this legislation which he would now have the country understand he approves without stating just what it is.

"He refers, with what appears to be evident pride, to the fact that his budget estimates are \$365,000,000 below the estimated expenditures for the present year. It is to be regretted that he did not analyze this reduction, for if he had done so it would have appeared that over \$340,000,000 of that amount is due to non-recurring items in the way of construction and other items of work which are being carried on this year but which will not be necessary next year.

"Neither did he say that the budget failed to submit an estimate for tax refunds and that this, according to the Treasury Department, will entail a deficit of more than \$32,000,000.

"It is apparent why his estimates did not include this sum. If they had done so, then the estimates would have carried an increase over present expenditures when non-recurring items are taken into consideration.

"He speaks of the House reductions in his estimates as being \$112,000,000. As a matter of fact they amount to nearly \$115,000,000 with several bills not yet reported. If the Senate does not add to these items, this represents an actual saving for the year 1933 under what the President asked Congress to appropriate.

Message to Committee Invited.

"The President seeks to avoid the effect of this by saying that between 60 and 70 millions of this amount represents a deferment until the next Congress. He is in error as to this. If he had consulted those who appeared before the Appropriations Committee, he would have been told that these immense reductions were made on the statement that they believed they would be able to get through the year 1933 on the amount allowed by the Appropriations Committee.

"The President has his opportunity if he wishes to help the Economy Committee in its effort to reduce expenditures, and that is by sending to it his recommendations as to what economies can be effected and saying what he had in mind when he sent his message to Congress.

"His failure in this respect is significant when it is compared with the action of President Harding, who voluntarily sent to the Reorganization Commission under his administration a carefully prepared plan showing where, in his opinion, consolidations could be effected with resultant savings to the government. The committee invites his co-operation. Up to this time it has received no word or communication from him that he proposes to extend it except through the public press."

Non-Recurring Items Listed.

The non-recurring items, amounting to about \$340,000,000, were scheduled by Mr. Byrns as follows:

Farm Board revolving fund	\$100,000,000	Roads	19,000,000
Park lands, D. C.	4,000,000	Legislative bill	5,375,000
National Park lands	1,000,000	U. S. Supreme Court bldg.	1,375,000
U. S. Shipping Board (construction loan)	35,000,000	Navy construction	19,000,000
Dec. in post office deficiency	40,000,000	Construction Interior Dept.	10,000,000
War Dept. construction	36,000,000	Census Bureau & Commerce Dept. construction	49,000,000
Drouth relief	22,000,000		

House cuts in the Executive budget were listed by Mr. Byrns as follows:

<i>Dept. of Agriculture—</i>		<i>Treasury and Post Office—</i>	
Appropriation, 1932.....	\$235,664,694	Appropriation, 1932.....	\$1,104,586,800
Estimate, 1933.....	186,243,405	Estimate, 1933.....	1,082,575,905
Decrease.....	\$49,421,289	Decrease.....	\$22,010,895
<i>Interior Dept.—</i>		<i>Independent Offices—</i>	
Appropriation, 1932.....	69,342,606	Appropriation, 1932.....	\$1,306,196,777
Estimate, 1933.....	56,705,352	Estimate, 1933.....	1,041,395,041
Decrease.....	\$12,637,254	Decrease.....	\$264,801,736
<i>State, Justice & Com., Labor—</i>		Tot. reduct'ns in 1933 estimates under 1932 appropriations.....	
Appropriation, 1932.....	\$139,001,704	\$358,088,831	
Estimate, 1933.....	129,784,136	Tot. reduct'n bills (incl. first deficiency) under budget estimates.....	
Decrease.....	\$9,217,567	114,579,052	
		Tot. reduct'n carried in bills under approp'ns for 1932, excl. of first deficiency bill.....	
		458,496,764	

Answering Representative Byrns' statement that the President had communicated with the Economy Committee only through the press and had submitted no definite proposals, a White House statement on March 9 said that the President had instructed "all officials of the Government to co-operate in full with the committee" immediately after its appointment. The White House statement follows:

Congressman Byrns seems to be under some misimpression. The President, in view of the 20 years of failure of every effort by Congress to eliminate overlapping and useless functions in the Federal Government for purposes of economy, asked, in a message on February 17, that authority should be given to him to execute definite projects of reorganization and economy, subject to the opportunity of the Congress to express its views upon each action. He stated that such reorganization and reduction by the Executive should be undertaken gradually as the result of study and experience gained as the process proceeded.

The House recognized the importance of the matter, but felt that it should be again undertaken directly by the Congress instead of by the President. They set up the Economy Committee for this purpose. The President has been glad that this Committee should undertake this great task. He at once instructed all officials of the Government to co-operate in full with the Committee, freely submitting their individual views and every possible suggestion to the Committee for its consideration, just as they would have been called upon by the President to do had his proposal been accepted by the House.

Some of the reports or suggestions by departmental heads have already been completed and laid before the Committee. Others are in progress. Each administrative officer has his own personal views in these matters.

The President has confidence that every avenue of saving will be laid before the Committee and that the Committee will exhaustively examine the advisability of any such suggestion.

The President's desire is for action at this session of Congress, and he will give most sympathetic consideration to any legislation which is sent to him which brings about real economy and is consonant with the preservation of the efficiency and necessary functions of the Government. What the country wants and needs is real results.

Prohibition Repeal Urged in Senate Resolution Offered by Senator Lewis Ordered to Lie on Table.

A resolution (S. Res. 183) to place the Senate on record for repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment or modification to permit control of liquor by States was introduced in the Senate, March 8, by Senator Lewis (Dem.), of Illinois. The resolution, was ordered to lie on the table said the "United States Daily" of March 9 which gives its text as follows:

- Resolved, that it is the sense of the Senate that:
1. The amendment to the Constitution of the United States, designated as the Eighteenth Amendment, be repealed or modified to the extent necessary to allow complete control by the States of the manufacture, distribution and transportation of spirituous beverages, and authorize the States by proper legislation to provide the content and qualifications of the beverages and any limitations of sale and distribution as will make and establish such form of temperance of commerce in connection with spirituous liquors in beverages containing alcohol as each State shall decide and elect to adopt as the policy of that State;
 2. The repeal, qualification or limitation of the Eighteenth Amendment shall provide for the States the privilege of transmitting to each local government of the State, to-wit: cities or counties, such authority of police control or privilege of levying and collecting revenue from the disposition in commerce of spirituous liquors in such manner as the State shall provide by law through its Legislature.
 3. It is hereby reserved that the State shall have the right by State referendum or public vote in each local government within the State to authorize the disposition of the spirituous liquor by the local governments within the State, such as city or county, as the law of the State shall provide, together with privilege of the local governments to license and collect revenue from such licensing as the State may provide.

Senate Sub-Committee Holds Election of Senator Bankhead of Alabama Void—Election Contested by J. T. Heflin.

The contest against the election of Senator John H. Bankhead, Alabama Democrat, culminated on March 4 in a recommendation from a Senate Elections Subcommittee that his seat be vacated. Associated Press accounts from Washington on March 4 added:

Voting along strictly party lines, the contest subcommittee adopted a report drafted by Chairman Daniel O. Hastings, Republican, of Delaware, and that widespread violation of election laws made the election fraudulent, and that Bankhead's nomination was invalid because of an illegal primary.

The subcommittee's action completed a year's investigation of the contest brought against Bankhead's election by his predecessor, J. Thomas Heflin. Heflin ran against Bankhead as a "Jeffersonian Democrat" and was defeated by about 50,000 votes. He had been barred from the Democrat primary because of his opposition in 1928 to the Democratic Presidential candidate, Alfred E. Smith.

Adoption of the Committee's report by the Senate would not seat Heflin, but would leave the seat vacant to be filled by appointment.

New Federal Tax Bill Completed in Committee and Introduced in House—Provides for Additional Revenue of \$1,096,000,000—Sales Impost of 2 1/4%—Higher Income, Corporation and Estate Taxes Carried in Bill.

The drafting of the new Federal taxation bill was completed on March 5 by the House Ways and Means Committee, and on Monday March 7 the bill was introduced in the House by Representative Crisp, Acting Chairman of the Committee. In the Washington account March 7 to the New York "Herald Tribune" it was stated that the bill was referred immediately back to the Committee, which met promptly and agreed unanimously to report it back to the House with a recommendation for its passage without delay. The Committee's report was formally presented to the House on March 9, and consideration of the bill in the House was brought under way on March 10.

A balanced budget with a surplus of \$5,000,000 in the Treasury by the end of the fiscal year 1933 would be made possible by the enactment of the new bill, Representative Crisp was reported as stating orally, according to the "United States Daily" of March 5, from which we also quote the following:

The bill itself will provide for the raising of an additional \$1,096,000,000 of revenue during the next fiscal year, and with \$125,000,000 which is expected to be saved in Federal expenditures and \$25,000,000 to be saved by proposed increases to be made in postal rates, the Treasury's estimated deficit of \$1,241,000,000 will be more than covered, he explained.

The \$1,096,000,000 additional revenue is expected to be raised by the following new and increased rates of the bill:

- (1) A manufacturers' sales tax at a 2.25% rate.....\$595,000,000
- (2) Increased income and surtax rates.....112,000,000
- (3) Increased corporation tax rate.....21,000,000
- (4) Doubling of estate tax and imposition of a gift tax.....35,000,000
- (5) Lowering the price on which an admission tax is to be charged.....90,000,000
- (6) Increase in stock transfer tax.....28,000,000
- (7) Excise tax.....75,000,000
- (8) Telephone, telegraph and radio message tax.....35,000,000
- (9) Tax on imported oil of 1 cent per gallon.....5,000,000
- (10) Changes in administrative features to "plug up" loopholes in the present revenue statute.....100,000,000

Mr. Crisp asserted that the estimated yield which the Committee has placed on each of these items is "very, very conservative," and that it is probable that in nearly each instance the actual yield will be greater than figures given.

Approved by Treasury.

In a statement issued on March 5, following the Committee's agreement on the bill, the Secretary of the Treasury, Ogden L. Mills, anticipates that "the Committee proposes to cover the deficit by raising approximately \$1,120,000,000 of new revenue and by reducing expenditures by \$125,000,000." Although the bill differs in many ways from the recommendations submitted by the Department, he stated, it has the approval of the Treasury.

"The budget of the fiscal year 1933 can now be balanced in the sense that there will be no further increases in the public debt after June 30, next," Mr. Mills asserted.

Although Mr. Crisp stated that he would introduce the bill on March 7, he explained that it would be a few days later before the measure would be reported, as he desires to write a report that will "explain in every detail" each section, and make clear the reason for the action of the Committee regarding each item. Just when the House will begin consideration of the measure has not been definitely decided.

Mr. Crisp said that he thought it "only fair" to state that Representative Cullen (Dem.), of New York City, had offered an amendment to the bill shortly before the Committee agreed upon the measure which would have legalized beer and have placed a tax on the beverage of \$5 a barrel, explaining that such a tax would have yielded approximately \$300,000,000. The proposal was rejected, however, by a large majority, the Acting Chairman explained.

Although the excise, manufacturers' sales and special excise tax provisions of the new bill will expire on June 30 1934, Mr. Crisp explained that the new income, corporation, estate and gift rates will remain in effect until repealed or otherwise changed. None of the new or additional tax rates of the bill will be retroactive, the Committee agreed.

Sales Tax on Wholesale Price.

The manufacturers' sales tax, under which practically all manufactured articles except the necessities of life would be taxed at a 2.25% rate, would go into effect 30 days after the enactment of the bill. The tax would be collected from the manufacturer at the wholesale price, and under the provisions of the bill the manufacturers would have 30 days after the effective date of the tax to pay their first month's tax.

Where a special excise tax is being paid on any commodity under existing law, it was explained, the manufacturers' sales tax will not apply.

Broad authority is given to the Treasury Department to work out a method of administering this tax, but a licensing system has been provided in the bill under which all manufacturers doing a business of \$20,000 or more a year shall be licensed and bonded. Approximately 140,000 manufacturers throughout the country are to be licensed under this provision, it is estimated. The Treasury, in administering the manufacturers' sales tax, must let the manufacturer know in advance what the tax on a specific article is to be, so that the manufacturer will have that information before him. The bill provides that where contracts have been made before March 1 1932, by manufacturers to deliver goods in the future, the purchaser is required to pay the tax.

The manufacturers' sales tax will affect imports to the extent that a duty of 2.25% above the regular tariff is to be required on all finished goods which are imported.

Exemptions from Sales Tax.

Mr. Crisp said that items selected for exemption from the manufacturers' sales tax take up less than two pages of the bill. The exemptions include: Farm products and garden products produced in the United States; fer-

Although differing in many respects from the recommendations submitted by us, the Committee's program has the approval of the Treasury Department and will receive its hearty support.

I desire to emphasize, however, that even after the Committee's courageous and determined action in providing additional revenue, a balanced budget is still dependent, not only on successful resistance to all increases in expenditures, but in an actual reduction of \$125,000,000, which the Committee indicates in its opinion is possible of attainment. I agree with the judgment of the Committee.

Income Taxes Payable by Residents of New York State for 1931, 1932 and 1933 Under New State and Federal Bills.

The following is taken from the New York "Times" of March 8:

Federal.—The new revenue bill introduced yesterday in the House of Representatives proposes to increase from 1½ to 2% the tax on the first \$4,000 of net income; from 3 to 4% the tax on the second \$4,000, and from 5 to 6% the tax on the remainder.

Exemptions are lowered to the levels recommended in the original Treasury program. Married men would be exempted up to \$2,500 and single persons with no dependents up to \$1,000, instead of \$3,500 and \$1,500 respectively as in existing law.

New surtaxes are proposed which would be applicable to all net incomes above \$10,000, with a graduated rate beginning at 1% on incomes between \$10,000 and \$12,000 and increasing gradually to 4% on incomes of more than \$100,000.

The new taxes would not be retroactive but would apply to income earned during the present calendar year and would be paid in 1933.

State.—The New York State Legislature has approved and Governor Roosevelt has signed measures increasing from 1 to 2% the tax on the first \$10,000 of net income; from 2 to 4% the tax on the next \$40,000, and from 3 to 6% the tax on the remainder.

Exemptions remain unchanged. A single person may claim an exemption of \$2,500 and heads of family an exemption of \$4,000.

Unlike the proposed Federal laws, the new State laws are retroactive. Increased rates must be paid this year on income earned in 1931. It is also provided that the higher rates will apply to income earned this year on which taxes will be paid in 1933.

The following table shows the Federal and State taxes paid last year by a married person with one dependent and the taxes to be paid this year and next, provided the new Federal measure is adopted in its present form:

Net Income.	Paid in 1931.			To Be Paid in 1932.		
	Federal.	State.	Total.	Federal.	State.	Total.
\$1,000						
2,000						
3,000						
4,000	\$1.13		\$1.13	\$1.13		\$1.13
5,000	12.38	\$9.00	21.38	12.38	\$12.00	24.38
10,000	92.25	56.00	148.25	92.25	112.00	204.25
15,000	336.25	112.00	448.25	336.25	224.00	560.25
20,000	706.25	212.00	918.25	706.25	424.00	1,130.25
25,000	1,198.75	312.00	1,510.75	1,198.75	624.00	1,822.75
50,000	4,573.75	812.00	5,385.75	4,573.75	1,624.00	6,197.75
100,000	15,753.75	2,268.00	18,021.75	15,753.75	4,536.00	20,289.75
500,000	115,753.75	14,268.00	130,021.75	115,753.75	28,536.00	144,289.75

Net Income.	To Be Paid in 1933.		
	Federal.	State.	Total.
\$1,000			
2,000			
3,000	\$1.50		\$1.50
4,000	16.50		16.50
5,000	31.50	\$12.00	43.50
10,000	153.00	112.00	265.00
15,000	455.75	224.00	679.75
20,000	869.50	424.00	1,293.50
25,000	1,405.75	624.00	2,209.75
50,000	5,549.50	1,624.00	7,173.50
100,000	22,209.50	4,536.00	26,745.50
500,000	199,029.50	28,536.00	227,565.50

Provisions of New Tax Bill Governing Manufacturers' Excise (or Sales) Tax of 2¼%.

Because of the importance of the new sales tax of 2¼% imposed in the tax bill introduced in the House on March 7, we are giving herewith the provisions in the bill governing the imposition of this tax:

TITLE IV—MANUFACTURERS' EXCISE TAX.

Sec. 601—Imposition of Tax.

(a) In addition to any other tax or duty imposed by law, there shall be imposed a tax of 2¼% of the sale price (except as provided in subsection (d)) on the sale of every article sold in the United States by the manufacturer or producer thereof, if licensed or required to be licensed under this title, except in the case of—

- (1) sales by a licensed manufacturer to another licensed manufacturer of articles for further manufacture;
- (2) sales by a licensed manufacturer to a registered dealer of articles for further manufacture to be resold to a licensed manufacturer;
- (3) sales by a licensed manufacturer to any person of articles for further manufacture to be resold to a licensed manufacturer, but only if such articles are delivered by the first licensed manufacturer to the second licensed manufacturer;
- (4) sales for exportation;
- (5) sales to a State or political subdivision thereof, or any agency thereof, of articles for use solely in the exercise of a governmental function; or
- (6) sales of articles hereinafter specifically exempted.

(b) In addition to any other tax or duty imposed by law, there shall be imposed a tax of 2¼% ad valorem (except as provided in subsection (d)) on every article imported into the United States, unless—

- (1) the consignee (within the meaning of the Tariff Act of 1930) is a licensed manufacturer (or his agent) and the article is an article for further manufacture, or
- (2) the consignee (within the meaning of such Act) is a registered dealer (or his agent) and the article is an article for further manufacture to be resold to a licensed manufacturer;
- (3) the article is imported by a State or political subdivision thereof, or any agency thereof, for use solely in the exercise of a governmental function; or

(4) the article is specifically hereinafter exempted.

(c) The tax imposed under subsection (b) shall be levied, assessed, collected, and paid in the same manner as a duty imposed by the Tariff Act of 1930, and shall be treated for the purposes of all provisions of law relating to the customs revenue as a duty imposed by such Act, except that—

(1) the value on which such tax shall be based shall be the dutiable value (under section 503 of such Act) of the article, plus the customs duties, if any, imposed thereon under any provision of law;

(2) for the purposes of section 489 of such Act (relating to additional duties in certain cases of undervaluation) such tax shall not be considered an ad valorem rate of duty or a duty based upon or regulated in any manner by the value of the article;

(3) such tax shall not be imposed upon any article imported prior to the date on which this title takes effect;

(4) no drawback of such tax (except tax paid upon the importation of an article described in subsection (d) (4)) shall be allowed under section 313(a), (b), or (f) of the Tariff Act of 1930 or any provision of law allowing a drawback of customs duties on articles manufactured or produced with the use of duty-paid materials;

(5) such tax shall be imposed in full notwithstanding any provision of law or treaty granting exemption from or reduction of duties to products of any possession of the United States or of any country; and

(6) when he deems such action to be in the interest of the revenue, the Secretary may direct that such tax with respect to any class of articles designated by him shall be levied, assessed, collected, and paid in the same manner and subject to the same provisions of law as the tax imposed by subsection (a).

(d) In the case of the following articles, the tax imposed by this title shall be at the following rates:

(1) Lubricating oils, of the grades designated (at the time of the enactment of this Act) by Society of Automotive Engineers viscosity numbers 20 to 70, inclusive, 4 cents a gallon;

(2) brewer's wort, liquid malt, malt syrup, and malt extract, fluid, solid or condensed, if containing less than 15% of solids by weight, 5 cents a gallon; if containing 15% or more of solids by weight, 35 cents a gallon;

(3) grape syrup, grape concentrate, and evaporated grape juice, if containing more than 35% of sugars by weight, 40% of the basis on which the tax is computed under subsection (a) or (b) of this section or section 603, as the case may be;

(4) crude petroleum, fuel oil derived from petroleum, gas oil derived from petroleum, and gasoline, imported into the United States, 1 cent a gallon: but no article described in this paragraph shall be exempted upon importation from tax under this title as an article for further manufacture, and no credit or refund of tax imposed upon the importation of any article described in this paragraph shall be allowed under section 605 (a).

(e) Exemption under this section of sales or importations shall be allowed or granted only upon compliance with the regulations.

Sec. 602—Exempt Articles.

No tax under this title shall be imposed on the sale or importation of the following articles:

(1) Farm or garden products produced in the United States; (2) fertilizers and such grades of articles as are used chiefly for fertilizers, or chiefly as ingredients in the manufacture of fertilizers;

(3) garden or field seeds;

(4) bran and shorts and feeds for animals or fowls;

(5) meat, fish (including shellfish), and poultry, fresh, dried, frozen, chilled, salted, or in brine;

(6) bacon, hams, pig shoulders, and pig jowls, not cooked or packed in air-tight containers;

(7) butter, oleomargarine, and other substitutes for butter;

(8) cheese;

(9) milk and cream, in any form;

(10) eggs in the shell;

(11) bread;

(12) flour and meal made of grain, and semolina;

(13) sugar;

(14) tea;

(15) coffee;

(16) salt;

(17) any article with respect to which an internal-revenue tax is imposed under existing law;

(18) water not in closed containers;

(19) newspapers, magazines, and other periodicals;

(20) books, pamphlets, and music, in raised print, used exclusively by or for the blind;

(21) textbooks for use in private or public schools or other institutions of learning;

(22) Bibles, comprising the books of the Old or New Testament, or both;

(23) rosaries, chaplets, medals, and similar articles of religious devotion; hymn books, prayer books, and manuals of religious devotion; books of religious reading, thought, or action; books of religious statistics; and

(24) altars, pulpits, communion tables, baptismal fonts, and shrines; parts thereof; religious statuary and pictures; collection envelopes, plates, and baskets; stationery and record books; cassocks, banners, and articles of regalia worn on the person or carried in the hand; tapers, lights, and candles; sanctuary oil; all the foregoing when manufactured exclusively for use in houses of worship.

Sec. 603—Tax on Sales by Registered Dealers.

(a) There shall be imposed on the sale or other disposition by a registered dealer of any article sold to or imported by him free of tax by virtue of his registration, if not sold to a licensed manufacturer as an article for further manufacture, a tax of 2¼% of the price (subject to the provisions of section 604 (a) at which such article was sold to such registered dealer, plus, in the case of an imported article, the amount of customs duties imposed thereon under any provision of law, if not included in such price (except that in the case of an article specified in section 601 (d) the tax shall be at the rate therein provided). If the Commissioner determines that the records with respect to any article are inadequate, such article shall be held to be sold otherwise than to a licensed manufacturer as an article for further manufacture.

(b) If the Commissioner determines that it is not necessary in the interests of the revenue to trace the identity of articles of any class in the hands of registered dealers, the regulations may provide a method of determining the proper tax liability of registered dealers with respect to articles of that class without regard to the identity of the individual articles.

Sec. 604—Sale Price.

(a) *Generally.*

In determining the sale price of an article there shall be included any charge for coverings and containers of whatever nature, and any charge incident to placing the article in condition packed ready for shipment, but there shall be excluded the amount of tax imposed by this title. A transportation, delivery, insurance, installation, or other charge (not re-

quired by the foregoing sentence to be included) shall be excluded from the sale price only if the amount thereof is established to the satisfaction of the Commissioner, in accordance with the regulations.

(b) *Sales on Consignment.*

In the case of an article sold by a consignee, the sale price shall be the fair manufacturer's price for the article.

(c) *Retail Sales by Licensed Manufacturer.*

In the case of an article sold by the manufacturer or producer thereof at retail (or directly to the consumer or user), the tax shall be imposed upon the price at which sold, except that in the case of any such article ordinarily sold at wholesale by manufacturers or producers, the tax shall be imposed upon the fair manufacturer's price for the article.

(d) *Installment Sales.*

In the case of a contract for the sale by a licensed manufacturer of an article, wherein it is provided that the sale price shall be paid to the manufacturer by installments, and the title to the article sold does not pass to the purchaser thereof until a future date notwithstanding partial payment by installments, or in the case of a conditional sale, each partial payment shall be regarded as a sale and the tax shall be paid on the portion of the sale price represented by the installment.

(e) *Leases and Royalties.*

If a licensed manufacturer leases an article or transfers the right of using the article but not the title thereto, or imposes a royalty on the use of an article, each payment with respect to the article shall be treated as a sale and the tax shall be paid on the amount of such payment. Any such lease, transfer, or imposition of royalty on the use of any article by a registered dealer shall be treated as a sale.

(f) *Manufacture Under Contract.*

For the purposes of this title, a person who manufactures or produces an article for another person (other than a licensed manufacturer) who furnishes materials and retains title thereto, shall be regarded as the manufacturer or producer of the article, and the tax shall be imposed upon the payment, or, if there is more than one payment, the tax shall be imposed upon each payment.

(g) *Use or Transfer of Article in Special Cases.*

If a licensed manufacturer—

(1) uses otherwise than as an article for further manufacture (including use as material in repair work) an article manufactured or produced by him, or sold to or imported by him free of tax by virtue of his license;

(2) transfers the title to an article by gift;

(3) transfers the title to, or the right to use, an article to any person (otherwise than through an arm's-length transaction) at less than the fair market price;

such use or transfer shall be considered a sale for the purposes of this title, and the sale price shall be the fair manufacturer's price for such article, with allowance for any tax previously paid with respect to any materials used in manufacturing or producing the article.

(h) For the purposes of this section, the fair manufacturer's price for an article shall be the sale price for such articles, in the ordinary course of trade, of manufacturers or producers thereof, as determined by the Commissioner.

Sec. 605—Overpayments, Credits, and Refunds.

(a) A credit against tax under a later return, or a refund, may be allowed or made—

(1) to a licensed manufacturer, in the amount of any tax under this title which has been paid with respect to an article for further manufacture purchased by him;

(2) to a manufacturer or producer when he becomes licensed, in the amount of any tax paid under this title with respect to articles for further manufacture on hand when the license is granted;

(3) to the exporter, in the case of an article sold for exportation or exported for sale, in the amount of any tax paid under this title with respect to the article; and

(4) to a licensed manufacturer or registered dealer who has paid tax under this title with respect to an article, when the sale price on which the tax was based is readjusted by reason of return or repossession of the article or a covering or container, or by a bona fide discount, rebate, or allowance; in the amount of that part of the tax proportionate to the part of the sale price which is refunded or credited.

(b) Credit or refund under subsection (a) shall be allowed or made only upon compliance with regulations.

(c) In no case shall interest be allowed with respect to any amount of tax under this title credited or refunded.

(d) In no case shall both credit or refund under subsection (a) and remission or drawback under the customs laws of the tax imposed by this title be allowed on account of the exportation of an article.

(e) No overpayment of tax under this title shall be credited or refunded (otherwise than under subsection (a), in pursuance of a court decision or otherwise, unless the person who paid the tax establishes, in accordance with regulations, (1) that he has not included the tax in the price of the article with respect to which it was imposed, or collected the amount of tax from the vendee, or (2) that he has repaid the amount of the tax to the ultimate purchaser of the article, or unless he files with the Commissioner written consent of such ultimate purchaser to the allowance of the credit or refund.

Sec. 606—Licensed Manufacturers and Registered Dealers.

(a) *Manufacturers and Producers.*

Every manufacturer or producer (except as hereinafter provided) is hereby required to take out an annual license, in accordance with regulations, and shall pay a fee of \$2 therefor. Licenses under this section shall expire upon the expiration of one year after the date on which this title becomes effective, and annually thereafter.

(b) *Exemptions.*

No license shall be required (but a license may be granted upon application) in the case of a manufacturer or producer—

(1) if a farmer, with respect to his farm or garden products; or

(2) if for the preceding year the total sale price of all articles (other than exempt articles) manufactured or produced by him was less than \$20,000; or

(3) if, in the case of a manufacturer or producer not engaged in manufacture or production of articles (other than exempt articles) during the whole of the preceding year, such manufacturer or producer files with the Commissioner a statement under oath that to the best of his belief the probable total sale price of all articles (other than exempt articles) to be manufactured or produced by him during the year for which the exemption is claimed will be less than \$20,000;

but in the case of any manufacturer or producer exempted under clause (2) or (3) of this subsection, if the Commissioner determines, on the basis of sales for any period during the year for which the exemption was granted, that the probable total sale price of all articles (other than exempt articles)

manufactured or produced by such manufacturer or producer during such year will not be less than \$20,000, or if the total sale price of all articles (other than exempt articles) manufactured or produced and sold by such manufacturer or producer during such year reaches \$20,000, such manufacturer or producer shall thereupon be required to be licensed.

(c) *Dealers and Importers.*

A dealer in or importer of articles for further manufacture to be sold to licensed manufacturers may be granted an annual registration by the Commissioner, upon application in accordance with regulations and—

(1) payment of a fee of \$2 and giving bond with sureties approved by the Commissioner and in such form and in such amount (not less than \$2,000 nor more than \$15,000) as the Commissioner shall prescribe, as liquidated damages, conditioned that he will keep adequate books, records, and accounts in accordance with this title and regulations, will render true statements of all sales by him, taxable or non-taxable, of articles sold to him free of tax by virtue of his registration, and will pay any tax imposed by this title; or

(2) payment of a fee of \$100.

Registrations under this subsection shall expire upon the expiration of one year after the date on which this title becomes effective, and annually thereafter.

(d) *Revocation or Cancellation of Dealer's Registration.*

If the Commissioner finds that a registered dealer has violated any provision of law applicable to the tax imposed by this title, he may revoke his registration. If the registration of any registered dealer is revoked, he shall not be entitled to registration within a period of one year after such revocation. The registration of any registered dealer may be canceled upon application by him.

(e) *Tax on Revocation, Cancellation, or Expiration of Registration.*

If a registered dealer's registration is revoked or canceled under subsection (d), or if a registered dealer's registration expires and is not renewed, he shall pay the tax imposed by this title (as if on a taxable sale at the time of revocation, cancellation, or expiration) on all articles purchased or imported by him free of tax by virtue of his registration and not resold by him prior to such revocation, cancellation, or expiration.

(f) *Tax on Registered Dealer on Date Title Ceases to Be in Effect.*

Every dealer or importer registered on the day on which the tax imposed by this title ceases to be in effect, shall pay the tax imposed by this title (as if on a taxable sale on such date) on all articles purchased or imported by him free of tax by virtue of his registration and not resold by him on or before such date.

(g) *Tax on Expiration of Manufacturer's or Producer's License.*

If a manufacturer or producer ceases to be licensed before the date on which the tax imposed by this title ceases to be in effect, he shall pay the tax which would be imposed on a sale to him, as of the date on which he ceases to be licensed, of all articles purchased or imported by him free of tax by virtue of such license and not used as articles for further manufacture in the manufacture or production of articles on the sale of which tax has been imposed under this title prior to such date.

Sec. 607—Returns, Records, and Payment and Collection of Tax.

(a) Every licensed manufacturer or registered dealer and every person liable for any tax under this title (other than tax under section 601 (b)) shall make monthly returns under oath and pay the taxes imposed by this title to the collector for the district in which is located his principal place of business, or if he has no principal place of business in the United States, to the collector at Baltimore, Maryland. Such returns shall be made on or before the last day of each month for the preceding month, and shall contain such information and be made in such manner as the regulations prescribe.

(b) The tax shall, without assessment by the Commissioner or notice from the collector, be due and payable to the collector at the time for filing the return. If the tax is not paid when due, there shall be added as part of the tax interest at the rate of 1% a month from the time when the tax became due until paid.

(c) Every licensed manufacturer and registered dealer, and every person liable for any tax imposed by this title, shall keep such records, render under oath such statements, and comply with such regulations, as the Commissioner with the approval of the Secretary may from time to time prescribe. Whenever in the judgment of the Commissioner necessary, he may require any person, by notice served upon him, to make a return, render under oath such statements, or keep such records, as the Commissioner deems sufficient to show whether or not such person is liable for tax under this title, and the amount of any such liability. All records required under authority of this section with respect to any sale shall be kept in such manner as to be readily accessible to the Commissioner or his agents for a period of four years from the date the tax with respect to such sale became due, unless the Commissioner authorizes the destruction of such records at an earlier date, or unless an agreement under section 611 determining the amount of liability under this title with respect to such sale is approved by the Secretary or Undersecretary.

(d) In case any person other than a licensed manufacturer or registered dealer acquires from or against a licensed manufacturer or registered dealer, by operation of law or as a result of any transaction not taxable under this title, the right to sell any article, the sale of such article by such person shall be taxable as if made by such licensed manufacturer or registered dealer, and such person shall be liable for the tax.

(e) If the Commissioner finds that a person liable for tax under this title designs quickly to depart from the United States or to remove his property therefrom, or to conceal himself or his property therein, or to do any other act tending to prejudice or to render wholly or partly ineffectual proceedings to collect taxes accrued under this title unless such proceedings be brought without delay, the Commissioner shall cause notice of such findings to be given such person, together with a demand for an immediate return and immediate payment of such taxes, and such taxes shall thereupon become immediately due and payable. The provisions of section 146 (b) and (c) of Title I (relating to security for payment and exemption of taxpayer) shall be applicable with respect to this subsection.

Sec. 608—Evasion of Tax.

(a) *Diversion of Articles Sold for Exportation.*

No article the sale of which has been exempted from tax under section 601 (a) (4) (relating to sales for exportation) shall thereafter be sold for use, or used, in the United States, unless the person so selling or using it pays the tax which would have been imposed on such sale if it had not been so exempted.

(b) *Tax on Sales to or Importations by Licensed Manufacturers or Registered Dealers.*

If the Commissioner finds that payment of tax under this title is being evaded or is likely to be evaded by a licensed manufacturer or registered dealer, or a class of licensed manufacturers or registered dealers, he may

require that the tax shall be imposed on the sale of any class of articles (even though articles for further manufacture or for resale to licensed manufacturers as articles for further manufacture) to, or the importation thereof by, such licensed manufacturer or registered dealer, or class of licensed manufacturers or registered dealers. Credit or refund of tax so imposed may be allowed on proof by a licensed manufacturer that such articles have been used as articles for further manufacture in the manufacture or production of articles on the sale of which tax has been paid, or by a registered dealer that such articles have been resold to licensed manufacturers as articles for further manufacture.

(c) *Sale of Article Purchased as Article for Further Manufacture.*

If a licensed manufacturer sells an article purchased or imported free of tax by virtue of his license he shall be liable for tax under this title in the same manner as if such article were an article manufactured or produced by him.

Sec. 609—Tax on Manufacturer or Producer Not Licensed.

Any manufacturer or producer not licensed or required to be licensed under this title, who sells an article and adds to the price any amount as tax under this title, shall be liable for tax under this title equal to such amount; and any such person who sells an article at a price represented to include tax under this title shall be liable for tax under this title on such sale.

Sec. 610—Contracts for Sale Entered into Before March 1 1932.

If a manufacturer or producer required to be licensed under this title has, prior to March 1 1932, made a contract with any other person for the sale, on or after the effective date of this title, of an article, which sale is taxable under this title, and such contract does not permit the adding, to the amount to be paid thereunder, of the whole of the tax imposed by this title, then the vendee shall be liable for so much of the tax imposed by this title as is not added to the contract price, and the vendor shall collect such amount from the vendee and account therefor to the United States, or in case of failure or refusal by the vendee to pay such amount to the vendor, the vendor shall report the facts to the Commissioner, who shall cause collection of such amount to be made from the vendee.

Sec. 611—Final Agreements.

The Commissioner (or any officer or employee of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, including the field service, authorized in writing by the Commissioner) is authorized to enter into an agreement in writing with any person relating to the liability of such person (or of the person for whom he acts) in respect of the tax imposed by this title (including the basis or method upon which such liability shall be determined or computed) for any period (past or future) specified in such agreement. If such agreement is approved by the Secretary or the Undersecretary, within such time as may be stated in such agreement, or later agreed to, such agreement shall be final and conclusive, and, except upon a showing of fraud or malfeasance, or misrepresentation of a material fact, (1) the case shall not be reopened as to the matter agreed upon, or the agreement modified, by any officer, employee, or agent of the United States, and (2) in any suit, action, or proceeding, such agreement or any determination, assessment, collection, payment, abatement, refund, or credit made in accordance therewith, shall not be annulled, modified, set aside, or disregarded; except that in its application to sales made after the date on which it is approved or agreed to, such agreement shall be held to be modified to the extent necessary to conform to any change in the law after such date.

Sec. 612—Effect of Changes in Administrative Decisions.

No amendment or revocation of any regulation, ruling, or decision of the Commissioner or Secretary (or any official authorized in writing by either of them to make rulings or decisions which shall be subject to this section), in force at the time of the sale of an article, shall have the effect of increasing the liability of any person with respect to such sale beyond his liability determined in accordance with such regulation, ruling, or decision in force at the time of such sale.

Sec. 613—Applicability of Administrative Provisions.

All provisions of law (except criminal penalties) applicable in respect of the taxes imposed by section 600 of the Revenue Act of 1926, shall, in so far as applicable and not inconsistent with this Act, be applicable in respect of the tax imposed by this title.

Sec. 614—Penalties.

Any person willfully violating any provision of this title or any provision of law, in respect of the tax imposed by this title, shall (in lieu of any other criminal penalty provided for therein) be fined an amount equal to one-half the amount of tax evaded or not paid or collected and accounted for (or if such amount can not be determined to the satisfaction of the court, or if no tax was evaded or not paid or collected and accounted for, then not more than \$1,000), or imprisoned not more than six months, or both, together with the cost of prosecution.

Sec. 615—Exclusion of Tax from Gross Income.

If a licensed manufacturer or registered dealer includes in his gross income for income tax purposes, any portion of his gross receipts paid to the United States as tax under this title, he shall be allowed such amount as a deduction from gross income for income tax purposes; but no deduction in respect of such tax shall be otherwise allowed under section 23 (c) or (d) of Title I (Income Tax).

Sec. 616—Regulations.

The Commissioner, with the approval of the Secretary, shall prescribe and publish such regulations as he may deem necessary for the enforcement of this title.

Sec. 617—Definitions.

When used in this title—

(a) The term "article" includes commodities of every description, including gases and electricity, and also including any commodity used for producing power, heat, or light; but does not include real property.

(b) The term "licensed manufacturer" means a manufacturer or producer licensed or required to be licensed under this title.

(c) The term "registered dealer" means a dealer or importer registered under this title.

(d) The term "manufacturer" includes a printer, publisher, lithographer, engraver, photographer, and producer of motion picture films.

(e) The term "manufacture or produce" includes fabricate, cure, tan, dress, dye, bleach, blend, can, mix, spin, weave, refine, and process or manipulate in any manner, but does not include repair, nor the cleaning or ginning of cotton nor the cleaning and threshing of grain, nor the preparation of food or beverages for consumption on the premises where prepared.

(f) The term "article for further manufacture" means only an article (1) which is to be used in, wrought into, attached to, or used as a covering or container for, an article to be manufactured or produced for sale which will be subject to tax under this title, or (2) which is consumed in the

process of manufacturing or producing such an article; but does not include plant equipment, machinery, and tools.

(g) The term "United States" when used in a geographical sense includes only the States, the Territories of Alaska and Hawaii, and the District of Columbia.

(h) The terms "imported" and "importation" mean, respectively, brought and bringing into the United States from any port or place outside thereof.

(i) The terms "exported" and "exportation" mean, respectively, shipped and shipment to any place outside of the United States or laden and lading as bunker coal, other fuel supplies, ships' stores, sea stores, or legitimate equipment on vessels of war of any foreign nation, vessels employed in the fisheries or in the whaling business, or actually engaged in foreign trade or trade between the Atlantic and Pacific ports of the United States or between the United States and any of its possessions.

(j) The term "farm products" means agricultural (other than forestry) products in the broadest sense, not processed (otherwise than by cleaning and ginning or cleaning and threshing) by any person other than the original producer thereof, or an association of such producers, organized and operated on a co-operative basis.

(k) The term "farmer" means a producer of farm or garden products.

(l) The term "exempt article" means an article the sale or importation of which is exempt from tax under section 602.

(m) The term "regulations" means regulations prescribed under this title by the Commissioner and approved by the Secretary.

Sec. 618—Personnel.

The Secretary is authorized to appoint, in the office of the Assistant Secretary in Charge of Fiscal Offices, two officers at salaries of \$9,000 per annum, and in the Bureau of Internal Revenue, one Deputy Commissioner at a salary of \$9,000 per annum, and, subject to the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, such other officers and employees as are necessary to administer the provisions of this title.

Sec. 619—Effective Date—Date of Expiration.

This title shall take effect on the thirtieth day after the date of the enactment of this Act, except that sections 606, 611, 616, and 618 shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act. No sale or importation after June 30 1934 shall be taxable under this title.

Secretary of Treasury Mills Finds Improved Sentiment in Banking Circles—Finds Decreased Hoarding—Only One National Bank Failure Reported.

With a record before him on March 10 of another week during which only one National bank failure occurred and hoarding decreased by \$39,000,000 under the pressure of the country-wide "citizens' reconstruction campaign," Ogden L. Mills, Secretary of the Treasury, informally expressed his pleasure, said a Washington dispatch March 10 to the New York "Herald Tribune" from which the following is also taken:

At his press conference the Secretary made clear that he did not want to pose as a prophet of economic recovery, but he pointed out that sentiment in the banking world had improved through the last month.

"With the Reconstruction Finance Corporation getting to work and with the enactment of the Glass-Steagall bill, a distinctly better feeling has been created throughout the country, and those measures have been doing a great deal of good," Mr. Mills commented.

Only Two Bank Failures Since Feb. 17.

At the same time, Charles F. Abbott of New York, Executive Director of the American Institute of Steel Construction, was renewing at the White House the criticisms already brought to President Hoover against restrictive credit policies of banks in the face of Government liberality of which they are the beneficiaries. Mr. Abbott, hailing the President's leadership in the reconstruction program, declared the next problem was to make ample banking provision for home mortgages.

Records made public to-day show that for the 22 days since Feb. 17 there have been only two National bank failures. This compares with a record of 74 National bank failures in January and 23 in February prior to Feb. 17. No figures for all the banks in the country, including State institutions, are available for this month, but the trend toward stability which was noted in the last half of February is reported to be continuing.

\$61,800,000 Lent to 255 Banks.

The one National bank which closed last week was a small Idaho institution which originally failed last year and was reopened, only to be compelled to close again. That the Reconstruction Finance Corporation has contributed materially to the new solidity of the banking system has been indicated by the official announcement two days ago that it has lent \$61,800,000 to 255 banks, many of them in country districts, since it began functioning on Feb. 2.

The \$32,000,000 drop in hoarding, the largest decline for a single week in several months, comes simultaneously with the beginning of the anti-hoarding campaign instituted by President Hoover and Colonel Frank Knox of Chicago, campaign Chairman, last Sunday night. Administration officials now claim that more than \$150,000,000 has come back into use from safe-deposit boxes, mattresses and socks since the high mark for hoarding near the end of January. Total money in circulation, which includes hidden currency, is still \$990,000,000 above the total outstanding a year ago, however. With the issue of "baby bonds" next month further heavy declines in hoarding are expected.

Anti-Hoarding Campaign Opened in New York City by Major-General James G. Harbord, State Chairman of Citizens' Reconstruction Organization—Former Governor Miller, F. J. Kent and Bernard H. Ridder Among Speakers.

Putting dollars back to work is the first step in liberation of credit, Major-General James G. Harbord, State Chairman of the Citizens' Reconstruction Organization, said on Feb. 29 as he mobilized 200 representatives of civic and business organizations at the State Chamber of Commerce, 65 Liberty Street, for service in the anti-hoarding campaign. The meeting was an organization session in the interest of the sale of the "baby bonds," or 2% Treasury certificates. The New

York "Herald Tribune" of March 1, from which we quote, further said:

Stressing that the movement "in no sense is an attempt by the Government to refinance itself," General Harbord pictured the campaign as an attempt to discourage hoarding "which for the first time in our history appears to be alarming or on a scale to do harm." The drive he suggested was in fact directed against unemployment.

"You have heard much of unemployment of men but little of another type of unemployment," General Harbord added. "I mean the unemployment of dollars."

Would Open Employment.

Termining the campaign one virtually "opening an employment agency for lazy dollars," General Harbord noted that withdrawal of cash from banks and the placing it in "safe deposit boxes, mattresses, Dutch ovens" and such places had retarded credit. He called "a dollar bill in a silk stocking about the most unattractive thing that could be put in it," and hoarded funds "as useless as a radio announcer without a microphone." In picturing the certain results that would follow freeing of money he said "every dollar liberated will put in circulation \$5 to \$10."

General Harbord told the workers that application blanks for the bonds of \$50, \$100 and \$500 denomination would be delivered soon and that the preliminary campaign would get under way next Monday "so people will be ready to go to the counter and buy by March 15."

He concluded that it is the hope of the Government that no money now in banks or otherwise invested would be used to buy the 2% "baby bonds" but that they would simply attract sums now hoarded.

Former Governor Nathan L. Miller, Bernard H. Ridder, publisher, and Fred I. Kent, director of the Bankers' Trust Co., spoke at the meeting.

1,607 Cities Start Drive on Money Hoarding—Headquarters in Chicago Reports 152,500 Men and Women Workers Enlisted.

The national drive of the Citizens' Reconstruction Organization to put unemployed money to work started on March 7, said a Chicago dispatch to the New York "Times," from which the following is also taken:

In 1,607 cities and communities, representatives of the organization opened the campaign. In Chicago, James Keeley, who is assisting Frank Knox, General Director, said 82,500 men workers and 70,000 women were making appeals to the public to end hoarding.

Mr. Keeley said reports from the country generally have been satisfactory. He quoted from a number of telegrams received at the general headquarters here.

Walter Ross, in charge of the drive in the Chicago area, told of one woman who went into a Michigan Avenue bank to-day with \$45,000 in twenty, fifty and hundred dollar bills. She bought \$30,000 worth of United States Treasury certificates.

Mr. Ross said Chicago banks and workers of the Citizens' Organization are reporting a constantly increasing number of the old, large-sized bills are making their appearance. Treasury officials estimate there are \$573,000,000 of these bills still in circulation, and it has been estimated that the total of hoarded cash is about \$1,500,000,000.

Five million slips urging people to put their idle money to use have been distributed throughout the Chicago district. They are being inserted in bills and packages so they will reach every home and office.

Members of the Chicago organization will make house-to-house calls during the next 10 days to explain the purpose of the campaign. In cases where holders of hidden money are hesitant about depositing it in banks or in purchasing good securities, they will be advised to invest in United States Treasury baby bonds.

President Hoover Says Anti-Hoarding Campaign Has Already Brought Results.

President Hoover announced yesterday (March 11), according to the Associated Press that the anti-hoarding campaign is now active in 2,395 communities and has shown positive and useful results in bringing money back into circulation, increasing bank deposits and swelling the sales of Government bonds. The President's statement said:

"The campaign of the Citizens Reconstruction Organization under the chairmanship of Col. Frank Knox has now been extended by the organization of 2,395 communities.

"Additional communities are being organized each day under the leadership of eminent men and women. The press of the country has patriotically contributed literally millions of dollars in advertising and reading space, materially aiding the effort.

"The campaign has already produced positive and useful results, as reflected in the increase of currency returned to circulation, the increase of bank deposits and the purchase of Government certificates from money which has hitherto been in hoarding.

"In fact, hoarded money is being returned to circulation in all sections of the country. Our people are realizing the moral responsibility involved and the patriotic service which they may render. The whole effort is definitely contributing to the dissipation of fear and apprehension and to the restoration of confidence.

"The campaign is only beginning. I hope that the committees already set up will continue until the last dollar that has been hoarded in their respective communities is returned to work and that Col. Knox and his organization will be supported by the extension of their work into every community not organized at present where hoarding has taken place.

"Their work has just one final objective—that is, the restoration of employment and aid to agriculture."

President Hoover Opens Anti-Hoarding Campaign To Attract Money Through "Baby Bonds"—Says Safest Risk in World Is Share in Future of American People.

In a nation-wide radio message on Sunday night, March 6, President Hoover opened the anti-hoarding campaign incident to the offering of 2% Treasury Certificates, in denominations of \$50, \$100 and \$500, designed to attract moneys withdrawn "from the active channels of trade during

this past ten months." The President stated that there are evidences that "the hoarding of money has stopped" and that "some of these idle dollars are finding their way back into the channels of trade." "But we must continue," he added, "until we have won all along the line." "To join in this effort, and to respond to the appeal," said the President, "becomes a measure of your faith in your country." "The American people," said the President, "have at this moment one of the greatest opportunities in their history to show an assured confidence and an active faith in their own destiny which is the destiny of the United States—and by that faith we shall win this battle." The President spoke as follows:

It has been the spirit of its people that has made America great. Other regions and other people have enjoyed as great national resources as those that we possess. But it was the spirit of America that made this the richest and most powerful nation on earth. For more than two years our people have paid the penalty of overspeculation, but far greater than that, they have suffered from economic forces from abroad that fundamentally are the reflexes of the Great War, a situation for which our people had no blame. They have stood their ground with grim courage and resolution.

But this is no occasion to discuss the origins or the character of the economic forces that have developed over the past two years. Fighting a great depression is a war with destructive forces in a hundred battles on a hundred fronts. We must needs fight as in a great war: we must meet these destructive forces by mobilizing our resources and our people against them.

A thoroughly non-partisan patriotic program of reconstruction is in progress. The Government has exerted itself to the utmost to give a sound, stable basis to the treasury, to banking, to industry and to agriculture.

The Government alone cannot produce prosperity, but it can liberate the inherent resources and strength of the American people. The people themselves must apply those resources and exert that strength.

Battle Against Hoarding of Money.

The time has now arrived for a new offensive rally in the spirit that has made America great. The battlefield to day is against the hoarding of currency, which began about ten months ago, and with its growing intensity became a national danger during the last four months. It has sprung from fears and apprehensions largely the reflex of foreign and domestic causes which now no longer maintain. But it had grown to enormous dimensions and had contributed greatly to restrict the credit facilities of our country, and thus directly to increase unemployment and depreciate prices to our farmers.

I believe that the individual American has not realized the harm he has done when he hoards even a single dollar away from circulation. He has not realized that his dollar compels the bank to withdraw many times that amount of credit from the use of borrowers. These borrowers are the local merchants, the local manufacturers, the local farmers, and their borrowings are the money they use to buy goods, to pay wages and the cost of keeping their business going.

One hoarded dollar deprives some wage earner of at least some part of his pay. Multiply this simple example by nearly a billion and a half of dollars of idle money now hidden in the country and you may get somewhere near a true picture of the enemy of our national security that we vaguely call "hoarding."

It strangles our daily life, increases unemployment and sorely afflicts our farmers. No one will deny that if the vast sums of money hoarded in the country to-day could be brought into active circulation, there would be a great lift to the whole of our economic progress.

Citizens' Reconstruction Organization.

The Citizens' Reconstruction Organization, which has been formed at my request, under the leadership of Colonel Knox, is seeking the support of every voluntary organization and every individual in the country to bring out of hoarding these great sums of money which have been withdrawn from the active channels of trade during this past ten months. They have summoned the leadership of thousands of public-spirited men and women.

Already we have evidences of the progress of these efforts and that the hoarding of money has stopped. The tide has turned and some of these idle dollars are finding their way back into the channels of trade. But we must continue until we have won all along the line.

This movement affords an opportunity for all our people to participate to do so within the traditions of our country, which are traditions of individual effort, of courage, of energy, idealism and public spirit.

Colonel Knox is this evening sounding a call to the mighty power of the American people, a call to service for the common good of our country, a call to protect the individual home by means of assuring the safety of the nation as a whole.

I gladly add my voice to this call to voluntary duty. I do it with more confidence because I have witnessed the most heartening exhibition of its patriotic power here in the national capital.

I am proud to bear witness to the capacity of the people's representatives in the presence of emergency, to their co-operation, to their loyalty, to their single-minded and effective action in this joint effort to restore economic stability and prosperity.

Appeal to Join In Movement.

To join in this effort and to respond to this appeal becomes a measure of your faith in our country; it will be the touchstone of your loyalty and of your sense of individual responsibility for the welfare of the whole community; it is your opportunity to prove again that the private citizen of the United States in the exercise of his own independent judgment and his own free will, coerced by no authority save his conscience and moved only by his own patriotic pride, can be counted upon to meet every emergency in the nation's economy and to rout every foe of the nation's security.

The word "depression" is an accurate but obnoxious one. It is intensified by fear and apprehension and by the loss of faith and courage. The true basis of wealth and the creator of prosperity are the industry and resourcefulness of the people when inspired by vision and sustained by faith.

Summons a Call to Faith of People.

The summons to-night is a call to the faith of a people. Not to faith in some rosy panacea or pretentious theory but to their intelligent faith in themselves and in their individual resourcefulness and enterprise, and to the sense of responsibility of every man to his neighbor. The safest risk in the world is a share in the future of the American people.

The American people have at this moment one of the greatest opportunities in their history to show an assured confidence and an active faith in their own destiny, which is the destiny of the United States—and by that faith we shall win this battle.

Radio Message of Secretary of Treasury Mills With Opening of Anti-Hoarding Campaign Incident to Issuance of "Baby Bonds."

In the campaign to divert idle dollars from their hiding places to channels through which they can be brought back into circulation, Secretary of the Treasury Mills drew attention, in a radio message, Sunday night, March 6, to the Treasury Department's action in making available a new issue of 2% Treasury certificates. Through these certificates Secretary Mills stated "the holder of currency can substitute for an obligation of the Government which bears no interest an obligation of the Government which pays him 2% interest." The details of this offering of 2% Treasury certificates (issued in denominations of \$50, \$100 and \$500) are given in another item in this issue of our paper. Secretary Mills's radio message of March 6 was made along with one by President Hoover, Brigadier-General Dawes, President of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and Colonel Frank Knox, Chairman of the Citizens' Reconstruction Finance Corporation. The address of Secretary Mills follows:

The Treasury Department wholeheartedly endorses the campaign undertaken by the Citizens' Reconstruction Organization to put our idle dollars to work. Through the co-operative action of the Chief Executive and of the Congress, characterized by a fine spirit of non-partisanship, great progress has been achieved in carrying out the Government's reconstruction program. The mobilizing of available resources has enormously strengthened our credit structure and counteracted the causes that have given rise to all manner of fears and apprehensions. By balancing the budget, the Government is putting its own financial house in order. But after all, the most the Government can do is to aid in the creation of conditions favorable to recovery. The real task of reconstruction must be undertaken by the people themselves.

The time has come when we can appeal to them to take such steps to help themselves as are definitely within their power; and in the conduct of their own affairs constantly to keep in mind the welfare of the community and of the country. A very real responsibility rests on every individual citizen.

The measure of self-help which we are discussing this evening is simple and, if understood, obvious. It consists in restoring to active use the dollars that have been withdrawn from circulation. The need for calling the existing situation to your attention has arisen because many of our citizens have taken the dollars which they command and placed them on the retired list. They have made of them idle dollars, which are of no service to the community and bring no return to their owners. As a result we have suffered a vast credit contraction, which in turn has adversely affected business and employment.

When I talk of dollars being placed on the retired list I do not want anyone to understand that I am referring to savings. What I have in mind is the withdrawal of currency from the ordinary channels of circulation, not the deposit of funds in a savings or checking account in a sound bank or investment in sound securities. These are forms of using currency in a normal way.

Secreting of Money.

What I am referring to is the secreting of money in safe deposit boxes, or in socks, or under mattresses, or in a tin can, where it lies idle and ceases to work for its owner or anybody else. Money saved in the banking institutions or otherwise invested represents purchasing power placed at the disposal of those engaged in business, benefiting both the borrower and the lender. Buried money, on the other hand, is so much paper or metal. It is inactive. It brings in no return. It does not grow.

But these negative evils are not the only one to which such action gives rise. From years of experience banks have learned how much cash they customarily require in their tills to meet the ordinary demands of their depositors. Since under normal circumstances a bank is receiving deposits as well as cash and checks which have been drawn upon it by its depositors, it can operate with a relatively small amount of cash and can employ a large amount of its resources to make loans and investments, which at the same time earn a return for the bank and interest for the depositors, and place funds at the disposal of borrowers who need them to finance industrial or commercial operations.

In our credit systems banks have for years done business on just this basis and have performed a most important service in providing for the credit needs of their communities. When depositors suddenly call for unusual amounts of cash far in excess of ordinary requirements this system receives a severe shock. The banks must obtain additional cash and in order to do that must borrow from their Federal Reserve banks. But debts are apt to worry bankers as they worry individuals. Being in debt to the Reserve banks makes them reluctant to lend to their customers and even inclines them to call in some of their customers' loans or to sell their investments. This is the process of liquidation and it is liable to be cumulative, once it begins.

Banks Hampered by Withdrawal of Cash.

The withdrawal of cash from banks for hoarding has greatly hampered the banks of the country in the performance of their important functions. A responsible banker faced with the lurking possibility that he may be subject to the insistent demand to provide his depositors on a large scale with cash to be locked up in private hoards is reluctant to extend credit freely even for legitimate business uses. Hoarding has undoubtedly been a major factor in the inability of our banking system to function fully in this emergency and has in fact been one of the primary causes of the later phases of the business depression.

The program of financial reconstruction has done much to re-establish confidence, and in recent weeks there has been evidence of a return flow of currency back into the hands of banks. When this occurs the process described above is reversed. The banks receive cash for which they have no immediate need and deposit it with Reserve banks. There it is credited to the depositing bank's account and can be used to pay off the bank's indebtedness, if it is in debt, or to increase its reserves.

On the basis of these reserves the banks can lend several times the amount involved and serve the needs of many customers, who can then proceed with their business plans, increasing employment and helping toward the return of prosperity.

Currency dollars when returned through the banks of the country to the Federal Reserve banks become reserve dollars, and reserve dollars are high-powered dollars which in the right place can accomplish a great deal

toward increasing business activity; but these same dollars buried in the ground can do a great deal of harm to the country's economic life.

As a matter of enlightened self-interest, every one who holds these idle dollars should put them back to work, through the placing of deposits with sound banking institutions or through the purchase of sound investments. I cannot assume to advise as to which method should be selected.

New 2% Treasury Certificates.

But the Treasury Department is making available for purchase by the holder of idle dollars a special obligation of the United States Government. He or she may turn over the currency to the Treasury Department through the Federal Reserve banks and receive in return a promise of the Government to repay the funds on 60 days' notice, with interest at 2%. Thus the holder of currency can substitute for an obligation of the Government which bears no interest an obligation of the Government which pays him 2% interest.

True, he has to wait 60 days should he desire to have the certificate redeemed, but in the meanwhile there should be a ready market should he desire to sell. These obligations are being offered for the special accommodation of those who have withdrawn and are holding currency. It is to them that the Treasury makes this appeal.

These certificates will be dated March 15 1932, will bear interest from that date at the rate of 2% per annum, will mature on March 15 1933, and will be redeemable before maturity at the option of the holder at par, plus accrued interest, upon 60 days' notice. The certificates will be issued in denominations of \$50, \$100 and \$500, will be payable in United States gold coin of the present standard of value, and will be exempt, both as to principal and interest, from all taxes, except estate and inheritance taxes.

Any bank in your community, I am confident, will gladly accept your subscription, or you may forward it directly to the Federal Reserve bank of your district, which is the fiscal agent of the United States Government. The circular describing the certificate may be obtained from your local branch of the Citizens' Reconstruction Organization or from the banks.

This offering should not be confused with the Treasury's regular March program of financing, which will be announced to-morrow morning. The Treasury's obligations offered in that connection are intended to provide for the current needs of the Government, as distinguished from the specified demand which the special 2% certificates are intended to meet. They will bear a higher rate of interest, but will not be subject to redemption on 60 days' notice by the holder.

In closing, may I congratulate Colonel Knox and the Citizens' Reconstruction Organization on the fine public service they are rendering? I urge you all to give them your active support and co-operation. They are fighting your battle and mine on one sector of a very broad front.

We have it within our power to strengthen the whole battle line against the forces of depression. They can and will be overcome if each and every one of us will but recognize a high sense of responsibility to his community and his country and meet his or her own daily problem with characteristic American resourcefulness and courage.

Senator Robinson of Arkansas With Inauguration of Anti-Hoarding Campaign Says If Every Unemployed Dollar Were Put to Work Unemployment Would Diminish and Business Would Begin to Revive.

Speaking at the inauguration of the anti-hoarding campaign, on Sunday March 6, when addresses were broadcast from Washington by President Hoover and others, Senator Robinson of Arkansas stated that "if every unemployed dollar in the United States should be put to work to-morrow . . . unemployment would be diminished, business would commence to revive, and confidence would take the place of fear." "Just as money was necessary to victory in 1918," said Senator Robinson, "so it is essential in the present economic war." "All that is desired" said the Senator, "all that can be asked, is that money now hoarded shall be made useful by its employment for sound and essential purpose." His speech follows:

The mere enactment of new laws, however applicable they may be to the particular conditions sought to be remedied, cannot alone reverse the currents of adversity which flow in the deep waters of disordered public morale.

The notably increased cost of government, both local and national, incident to the expansion of welfare work, public improvements, the regulation of industry, and other less justifiable causes, coupled with shrinkage in private incomes and public revenues attending the decline in property values and commodity prices, which have been manifest from the beginning of the present depression, has contributed to produce timidity and fear in the minds of investors. This fear has nullified in part the decisive efforts to revitalize business and enterprise through the enactment by the Congress of emergency measures broadening and liberalizing the basis of credit.

Quite naturally and unavoidably, marked differences of opinion are asserted as to causes and proper remedies, and it is too much to expect or hope that these differences may be quickly and entirely made to disappear. There is, however, one vital principle concerning which general if not universal concurrence may be had. It is that recovery cannot be accomplished until the enormous volume of money that has been withdrawn from use and hoarded has been restored to circulation.

The purpose of this statement is to emphasize the fact that ample opportunity for the reasonably safe use of every dollar in existence that is lying idle is easily to be found if those who possess such funds will only look about them.

There have been many bank failures. In consequence, depositors have become confused and frightened. Still there are many banks which have successfully withstood the shock and strain of the economic upheaval.

Sound loans on existing values abundant to absorb bank funds in excess of required reserves may be readily obtained once the threat and dread of withdrawals by depositors have been dissipated. Unless and until this fact is recognized full advantage cannot result from advances made by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and frozen assets will continue to obstruct the flow of life blood through the veins and arteries of trade and commerce.

Real estate values now, compared with two years ago, are exceedingly low and in fact constitute a field in which billions may be invested with comparatively trivial risks. When one considers that the total area of land, both urban and rural, available for occupancy is definitely known and can never be greatly increased; that population and demand for land are constantly growing; and that economic loans will tend to cause whole-

some distribution of population, it is readily seen that real estate values are not fairly calculated to continue as at present, and that they are logically calculated to take an upward tendency during any prolonged period.

For some time, ending about two and a half years ago, the prices of stocks advanced with little regard to even prospective earning powers. Speculation became general and was indulged in by many whose means were limited.

Funds were withdrawn from bonds and other securities to acquire shares at unreasonably high prices. The collapse which resulted was inevitable. Granting the return of general prosperity will be slow and that a measure of fluctuation in stock prices may be expected, nevertheless every circumstance indicates that the market now is measurably and permanently stabilized.

Numerous Bonds Available For Those Having Idle Funds.

Numerous bonds are available for purchase on terms that are secure, even though the revival of business activity may prove slow and uncertain.

To finance advances of credit and deficits in the treasury, the United States Government from time to time will offer treasury notes and certificates and bonds. Those who have idle funds which they have feared to use may promote their own interests and the public welfare by purchasing these government securities. Reference already has been made to the shrinkage of Federal revenues due to decline of commodity prices and the consequent falling off in production, transportation and incomes.

The national budget will be balanced and the public credit maintained even though increased taxes are required and additional sources of revenue must be found.

Government bonds, Treasury notes and certificates can be acquired at just and reasonable prices. They rest upon the honor and the wealth of the nation. They will be paid. Why should any one keep his money in lock boxes or in other places where it is worse than useless?

During the World War our people gave to mankind an inspiring example of unity of purpose and of patriotism unparalleled in history. Industries were disarranged. Production was quickened and augmented. Danger was encountered and sorrow endured. Faith triumphed over fear, and courage was exemplified by sacrifices and suffering.

We are now at war with subtle forces more cunning and destructive than foes armed with the deadly instruments of modern war.

Money Essential In Economic War.

Just as money was necessary to victory in 1918, so it is essential in the present economic war. There is perhaps an abundance of money if the funds now out of use and hidden could be restored to circulation.

The responsibility of public officials in times like these is indeed immeasurable. Many mistakes have been made, others will come in spite of every effort to avoid them; but when all has been said in criticism that is it possible, ours is still the best land in all the world. We must do our utmost to keep it so—to maintain those institutions which underly happiness, peace and comfort.

Millions of our citizens are discouraged and impoverished. They are groping in darkness. They are entitled to receive the sympathy and aid which can only be derived from the exercise of good faith and the performance of duty on the part of their more fortunate fellow-countrymen.

If every unemployed dollar in the United States should be put to work to-morrow—made to perform the purpose for which it is intended—unemployment would be diminished, business would commence to revive and confidence would take the place of fear.

No one is asked to perform an imprudent act or to sacrifice his resources in foolish enterprise. All that is desired, all that can be asked, is that money now hoarded shall be made useful by its employment for sound and essential purposes.

Col. Frank Knox, Chairman of Citizens' Reconstruction Organization, on Campaign to Put Hoarded Money to Work.

Col. Frank Knox, Chairman of the Citizens' Reconstruction Organization, created with a view to bringing hoarded money into circulation, said in an address at the Nation-wide radio program inaugurating on March 6 the anti-hoarding campaign, "we have organized a National employment agency to find jobs for idle dollars." We do not care what the job is," said Col. Knox, "so long as the dollar goes back to work." In the previous day (March 6) Col. Knox issued a statement in Chicago bearing on the return of hoarded money to the banks. The following is the address of Col. Knox on March 6:

The Citizens' Reconstruction Organization was born at a conference called by President Hoover at the White House on Saturday, Feb. 6. According to statistics supplied by the Federal Reserve Banks, between Jan. 1 and Feb. 6 there had been withdrawn from the banks and hence from circulation a total of \$305,000,000, all of which had gone into hiding and become non-productive. This huge sum should be added to 1931's hoarding, which totaled a billion dollars.

The necessity of halting this withdrawal of the working capital of the country was obvious. It was equally obvious there was only one influence sufficiently powerful to check this tendency which, if persisted in, would strangle all business, and that influence was the power and might of an aroused public opinion.

The task, therefore, assigned to the Citizens' Reconstruction Organization by the White House conference was to awaken America from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the Lakes to the Gulf, to the necessity of saving itself.

Salvation could not come from the Government, nor from the bankers, nor from any special group. It could only come from the co-operation of all groups which included the total citizenship of the country. Not only was the task continental in scope, but the urge of time was important. It must be swiftly done and the ramifications of the organization must reach out to every community. To-night, after three weeks intensive effort, more than 1,300 communities comprising nearly the entire urban population of the United States await the starting gun. Their quest is to find the hidden dollar and to urge re-employment as part of the working capital of the country.

Most emphatically the drive to be launched to-morrow is not a drive to sell government bonds. It is, however, broadly speaking, a nation-wide campaign to put money back to work. We have organized a National employment agency to find jobs for idle dollars. We do not care what the job is so long as the dollar goes back to work.

On March 5, the eve of the drive to end hoarding, Col. Knox predicted that millions would be drawn into circulation by the offering of the 2% United States Treasury certificates. The sales campaign, with a force of a million or more citizens pledged to aid started on March 6. The statement of Col. Knox, issued at Chicago March 6, said:

"It cannot be emphasized too often that the measure of success of the Citizens' Reconstruction Organization is not the number of reconstruction bonds that are sold but rather the extent to which we will be able to re-establish the confidence of the people, rekindle their faith in the future of the country and restore their normal habits in the conduct of their financial affairs.

"A true measure of the success of the entire campaign will be found in the increase in bank deposits, because every dollar of this increase will represent a dollar taken out of hiding. Therefore it is gratifying to know that, whereas more than \$300,000,000 were withdrawn in January by depositors for hoarding purposes, in the first three weeks in February the tide was completely turned, withdrawals for hoarding purposes ceased and a flow of currency back into the banks was accomplished to the extent of more than \$100,000,000.

"I should not be surprised if, when the report for the final week in February is in, we will by the activity of this organization have brought back into active use fully half of all the money withdrawn for hoarding during January. This remarkable accomplishment was brought about wholly during a period of organization of the campaign with its attendant publicity. The actual organized effort to get hidden money back into circulation does not begin until Monday, March 7.

"I would like to take this opportunity to express on behalf of the executive committee a deep appreciation of the co-operation we have received from all classes of people in almost every community in the United States. The inspiring thing to me about this campaign has been the eagerness of the people to help.

"Apparently every one was just waiting to go, and all that was necessary was to provide a tangible objective, and when the American people are in that mood there is only one answer—victory."

Charles G. Dawes, President Reconstruction Finance Corporation, at Opening of Anti-Hoarding Campaign, Says Those Using Hoarded Money to Buy Government Bonds Are Contributing to Return of Prosperous Conditions.

Among the speakers in the nation-wide radio program which brought under way, on Sunday, March 6, the anti-hoarding campaign, was Brigadier-General Charles G. Dawes, President of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Speaking directly to those "who have withdrawn money from a bank and now hold it in the shape of currency," General Dawes said: "With this one billion dollars hoarded money back in the sound banks of our country as a basis of credit and increased purchasing power the country should be assured of a return to prosperity in a reasonable time." He added that "the man or woman who is in a position to put back a sum of hoarded money in a sound bank or buy a Government bond with it is directly contributing to a return of prosperous conditions." General Dawes spoke as follows:

I am speaking directly to you who have withdrawn money from a bank and now hold it in the shape of currency. So far as this campaign is concerned it is you whose action will count—no one else. The money is yours. You had the right to draw it and you have the right and power to keep it in any form you please. Under ordinary circumstances what you have done would be a matter of your own concern only and the business of nobody else, but, because so many other people at the same time have done the same thing, you now occupy a new relationship to the existing business depression and unemployment in the United States and have incurred a new and individual responsibility.

Now, no matter whether you have in your possession ten dollars or ten thousand dollars in coin or currency, you, and others like you, combined, possess about one billion dollars of hoarded money and belong to a most powerful financial group upon whose actions, in response to the President's call, largely depends the return of prosperity to the United States.

If you decide to keep this money in some other safe form rather than in currency itself, you will render an inestimable service to our country and to the welfare of all our people, including yourself and yours. With this one billion dollars hoarded money back in the sound banks of our country as a basis of credit and increased purchasing power, the country should be assured of a return to prosperity in a reasonable time.

As long as this currency is out of circulation we must remain as a people for an indefinite time under the terrible hardships of an unprecedented business, industrial and commercial stagnation, with all its consequent human misery.

Primary Purpose of Campaign to Sell Government Bonds.

The primary purpose of this campaign is not to sell Government bonds of small denominations to raise money for the Government, but to get hoarded money into circulation in order to revive business and employment and bring back normal conditions of living.

Where the bonds can be sold for currency which has been hoarded the sale puts the money into circulation and at work again. But where money is already in the banks and is therefore circulating and at work, when you pay for the bonds by checks on a bank and not in currency, the money in circulation is not increased and the real purpose of this campaign is not subserved. If, therefore, you buy Government bonds to carry out the purposes of this national effort, pay for them in currency.

Remember that the man or woman who is in a position to put back a sum of hoarded money in a sound bank, or buy a Government bond with it, is directly contributing to a return of prosperous conditions. You are all suffering from this business depression and all will benefit if it can be checked. You are now asked only to do a common sense thing. But it is more than this, it is a duty to your country and your countrymen.

The President of the United States this evening has called upon you for action. He has spoken to you in terms of your duty to the United States, our own country which has given to all of us our opportunities in life and whose protecting flag is the symbol of the pride and reverence of a great people, our own country which we so love and honor and for which in time

of war we have ever been ready to give even life itself. To you as an American citizen in this time of great distress it is your country which now directly appeals. No appeal thus made has ever failed or will ever fail.

Closed Ohio State Banks Permitted to Use Federal Funds—Provided Through Reconstruction Finance Corporation, State Attorney General Holds.

Closed banks in Ohio which are hoping to reorganize and reopen were given substantial help by an opinion rendered March 5 by Attorney-General Gilbert Bettman to the Superintendent of Banks, Ira J. Fulton, in which it is held that, with the approval and assistance of the Superintendent of Banks, the officers of these closed institutions may negotiate and consummate loans upon the assets of the bank from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation contingent upon the reopening of the bank. Columbus (Ohio) advices, March 7, to the "United States Daily," from which we quote, added:

The availability of these funds for reorganization purposes was the object of the inquiry of the Superintendent of Banks, and the Attorney-General points out that, while the Superintendent himself has no authority by Ohio law to negotiate the loan, he may participate in the negotiations for and on behalf of the bank so that, upon reopening, the loan will immediately be extended.

Banks Expected to Reopen.

It is expected that the funds made available by the Federal Government to Ohio for these purposes will afford the opportunity of reopening a great many banks now closed, which banks were perfectly sound, Mr. Fulton said, except that they were unable to realize quickly upon good assets.

Mr. Bettman's opinion follows in full text:

Dear Sir: This will acknowledge receipt of your recent communication, which reads as follows:

"A recent enactment by Congress known as the Reconstruction Bill, to provide emergency financing facilities for financial institutions, to aid in financing agriculture, commerce and industry, and for other purposes, provides, among other things, that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation may make loans for the following purposes set forth in Section 5 of said Act, a part of which reads as follows:

"To aid in financing agriculture, commerce, and industry, including facilitating the exportation of agricultural and other products the Corporation is authorized and empowered to make loans, upon such terms and conditions not inconsistent with this Act as it may determine, to any bank, savings bank, trust company, building and loan association, insurance company, mortgage loan company, credit union, Federal Land Bank, Joint Stock Land Bank, Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, agricultural credit corporation, livestock credit corporation, organized under the laws of any State or of the United States, including loans secured by the assets of any bank that is closed, or in process of liquidation to aid in the reorganization or liquidation of such banks, upon application of the receiver or liquidating agent of such bank and any receiver of any National bank is hereby authorized to contract for such loans and to pledge any assets of the bank for securing the same; Provided, That not more than \$200,000,000 shall be used for the relief of banks that are closed or in the process of liquidation."

Right to Borrow Money.

"Almost daily inquiries have been made of me as to whether or not the Superintendent of Banks, having possession of the business and property of a bank as provided in Section 710-89 of the General Code of Ohio, has power to borrow money and as security pledge a part of the assets of said bank.

"The question arises in instances where, first, it is desired to make available early dividends for depositors, and, second, such loans, if permissible, may enable the closed bank to reopen and resume business.

"I would appreciate your opinion as to whether or not I have power to so borrow for either of the purposes aforementioned."

Your inquiry requires the construction of Section 710-95, General Code, relating to the powers of the Superintendent of Banks in the liquidation of banks. I find no express power therein contained authorizing the borrowing of money for the purposes set forth in your inquiry.

It is provided in Section 710-95, General Code, supra, inter alia, that the Superintendent of Banks may do such acts as are necessary to preserve the assets and business of the defunct bank pending liquidation thereof. It may be here noted that the State official succeeding to the rights of the closed banks is generally held to occupy the position of receiver appointed in equity and to have the same powers and duties, so far as consonant with those powers specifically conferred by statute. 3 Michie on Banks and Banking (Permanent Edition, 1931), Section 30. Accordingly, the Superintendent of Banks is undoubtedly authorized to borrow money to conserve and protect the assets of the closed bank. 53 C. J., 163, Section 205. It is, however, no part of the function of liquidation, express or necessarily implied, that loans be negotiated, secured by a pledge of assets, for the purpose of making a distribution of dividends to the depositors and general creditors of the defunct bank. It might be otherwise if the statutes required the termination of the liquidation within a fixed period. In such case, in order not to sacrifice the value of the assets by forced sale, the incidental and implied power to borrow money to pay dividends might arise. However, I find no such restriction on the powers of the Superintendent of Banks and I have no doubt that in his sound discretion he may extend the period of the liquidation over such reasonable time as will insure the realization of the maximum amount of money on the bank's assets. It follows that the Superintendent of Banks has no power to negotiate a loan of money on the strength of the assets of a defunct bank for the purpose of declaring a dividend to the bank's depositors and creditors.

Powers of Bank Superintendent.

It is fundamental that the Superintendent of Banks, with powers and duties analogous to that of a receiver in chancery, has no power to reorganize a defunct bank. Touching this proposition as to the power of corporate receivers, it was held in Bank Company v. Realty Company, 29 A. O. 447, as disclosed by the first branch of the headnotes:

"It is the duty of the receivers in whose hands a business has been placed to settle and adjust the affairs of the concern, but not to reorganize it for the purpose of carrying it on, and a contract made with the receivers of a real estate company to reorganize the concern is invalid."

I am forced to conclude, however reluctantly, that it is beyond the powers of the Superintendent of Banks, in the exercise of his function analogous to that of a receiver, to negotiate a loan to aid in the reopening of a closed bank.

Although I am impelled to the conclusion, before stated, that the Superintendent of Banks has no power, either by negotiating a loan, pledging as a security part of the assets of the bank, or by a sale by discounting obligations for the payment of money as part of such assets of a defunct bank, to obtain money for the reopening of a closed bank, the officers, directors or persons interested in its reorganization may apply for such loan and obtain the same contingent upon the reopening of the closed bank and the pledging of its assets turned over by the Superintendent of Banks upon its reopening, the entire transaction being subject, of course, to the approval of the Superintendent of Banks, as provided by law.

In reaching my conclusions upon your inquiry, I have felt fortified by the fact that Congress, in the enactment of the Reconstruction Bill, deemed it essential specifically to grant to the receivers of National banks the authority to contract for loans and to pledge assets of the bank as security therefor. This is clear from part of the bill quoted in your communication. It is well known that the powers of a receiver of a National bank and of the Superintendent of Banks in the liquidation of a State bank are closely analogous, and that both have many of the characteristics of a receiver in equity for liquidation purpose. Legislation being deemed essential to authorize a Federal bank receiver to contract indebtedness of this character, it would seem necessary, in order to extend similar authority to the Superintendent of Banks of Ohio, either to find already existing specific statutory authority, which as I have pointed out does not exist, or to enact legislation for that purpose along the lines already adopted by Congress.

In specific answer to your questions, I am accordingly of the opinion:

1. The Superintendent of Banks is without authority to borrow money on the security of assets of a defunct bank in order to pay a dividend to depositors and general creditors of said bank.

2. The Superintendent of Banks has no authority to negotiate a loan pledging the assets of a closed bank to aid in the reorganization or reopening of said bank, but this may be done by the duly authorized directors and officers of the banking corporation, subject to the approval of the Superintendent of Banks, contingent upon the reopening of said bank and the returning of its assets to the banking corporation.

Loans of Reconstruction Finance Corporation Total \$183,800,000—Commitments in First Month Include Loans and Credits.

Total commitments of \$183,800,000 to all interests, including financial institutions and railways, have been made by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation under the act which created it about a month ago, according to information made available at the White House on March 8. From the "United States Daily" of March 9 we quote the following:

The Corporation had actually drawn \$87,246,000 from the Treasury Department up through March 5, according to statistics made available at the Treasury, but Ogden L. Mills Secretary of the Treasury, has explained orally that the Corporation is making many guarantees which do not now and may never call for cash advances. Moreover, businesses or banks which have secured loans from the Corporation do not take all of the money immediately.

Country banks, it was said at the White House, have been particularly aided by the credit operations of the Corporation, these small financial institutions being a majority of the 255 banks which have been aided under the act. Additional information made available follows:

The amount so far undertaken to banks, trust companies, building and loan associations and other financial institutions amounts to \$61,800,000. This includes 255 different institutions, the great majority of them being country banks.

The loans made to railroads amount to \$47,000,000. A considerable part of this \$47,000,000 will be repaid by the Railway Credit Association as fast as its revenues come in. This railway credit pool formed under direction of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, is absorbing the extra freight charges recently permitted by the Commission and will lend the funds to the weaker lines, once sufficient cash has been accumulated.

The money placed at the disposal of agriculture through the Secretary of Agriculture, Arthur M. Hyde and the intermediate credit banks amounts to \$75,000,000, thus bringing the total up to \$183,800,000.

Loans to Railroads by Reconstruction Finance Corporation Placed at \$47,075,257—Pennsylvania RR. Seeks \$55,000,000 Loan—Other Roads Apply for Aid.

Loans by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to railroads, according to press dispatches from Washington, March 8, have been placed at \$47,075,257, of which \$20,679,800 had been previously announced. All loans are made at 6% and without prejudice to the granting of additional loans to the same applicants upon further investigation by the Corporation and the Inter-State Commerce Commission.

The loans previously announced were \$7,173,800 to the Wabash, \$7,500,000 to the Southern, \$3,629,500 to the Chicago & Eastern Illinois, \$2,102,000 to the Western Pacific and \$275,000 to the Alabama, Tennessee & Northern.

Other railroad loans made by the Corporation are:

St. Louis-San Francisco.....	\$2,805,175
New York Chicago & St. Louis.....	9,300,000
Mobile & Ohio.....	475,000
Missouri Pacific.....	4,300,000
Erie.....	4,558,000
Chicago & North Western.....	1,910,500
Central of Georgia.....	1,418,700
Minneapolis St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie.....	1,318,032

With final action by the Corporation on the eight roads last mentioned, it has now before it no applications on which recommendations have been made by the Inter-State Commerce Commission. The Commission has still before it, however, a number of applications on which it has made no formal announcement.

In addition to the applications pending before the Commission as noted in last week's "Chronicle" page 1699, the following roads have applied to the Commission this week for authority to borrow from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation:

Pennsylvania RR.....	\$55,000,000
Kentucky & Indiana.....	800,000
Akron Canton & Youngstown.....	600,000
Texas Southeastern.....	30,000
Mississippi Export RR.....	100,000
Gulf Mobile & Northern.....	770,000

Pennsylvania RR.

The application of the Pennsylvania RR. states that unless the proposed loan should be granted, or promised, in the immediate future, practically all work on the electrification of its New York-to-Washington lines would be discontinued.

"The effect of discontinuing this improvement work," it added, "would be far-reaching among numerous electrical manufacturing, material and supply companies and labor, and would be a serious factor in accentuating the present unsatisfactory business conditions."

Expenditures on the project contemplated for 1932 are given as follows:

New York to Washington electrification.....	\$47,000,000
Newark Improvements.....	2,000,000
Philadelphia Improvements.....	9,822,000
Baltimore.....	1,500,000
Miscellaneous.....	7,854,044
Total.....	\$68,176,044

The application requests that the loan be made available to the company as follows:

May 1....	\$7,000,000	Aug. 1....	\$6,500,000	Dec. 1....	\$16,500,000
June 1....	1,000,000	Oct. 1....	3,000,000		
July 1....	5,000,000	Nov. 1....	16,000,000	Total..	\$55,000,000

The company advises the Commission that it would provide the balance of the funds required for completion, \$13,176,944, as well as for maturing issues of securities and other corporate requirements of its system companies.

As security for the loan the Pennsylvania offered to pledge an estimated value of \$68,270,000 of common stock in two subsidiary companies, comprising 300,000 shares of the Pittsburgh Fort Wayne & Chicago, at \$125 each, totaling \$37,500,000, and 362,000 shares of the Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis, at \$85 each, totaling \$30,770,000. The stock has a par value of \$100 and the full value of the security was estimated as about 124% of the proposed loan.

The application declares that neither the Pennsylvania nor any of its subsidiaries has applied to the Railroad Credit Corporation for loans with which to meet fixed charges.

Speaking for itself, the company says it has no intention of applying to the Credit Corporation for a loan, although it is estimated an increase of \$12,211,000 in its revenues between January 1932 and April 1933 as a result of the recent increase in freight rates authorized by the Inter-State Commerce Commission.

The amounts expected to be collected from the increased rates, by months, in the period covered by the estimate were:

1932.			1933.		
January..	\$570,000	May....	\$893,000	September	\$920,000
February	698,000	June....	878,000	October..	976,000
March....	807,000	July....	925,000	November	809,000
April....	826,000	August..	909,000	December	728,000
				January..	\$691,000
				February	696,000
				March....	760,000
				April....	125,000

The estimated amount for April 1933 is based on one-sixth of March 1933 as lapovers.

If the electrification were discontinued, the application states that losses would apply particularly to cities with which co-operative construction agreements have been made. For example, Newark, with \$8,526,000 outlay up to January, was committed to further expenditures of \$14,653,000, or a total of \$23,179,000.

Besides losses through lapses in contractual commitments, it is said that a discontinuance would result in great economic loss and inability to take advantage of the expenditures already made, with no return on the investment and increased taxes on the people.

Stating that it had attempted as far back as June 1931 to raise funds necessary for the completion of the electrification by issuance and sale of securities, the company adds that the low price of its shares, as well as the legal requirement that they cannot be sold for less than their par value of \$50 per share, "precluded an allotment or issue of stock."

It is set forth that inquiries among bankers confirmed the fact that there was at no time a market, at reasonable prices, for all or a substantial part of \$60,000,000 of bonds or notes.

Similar inquiries among insurance companies, it is stated, brought the reply that they were without funds with which to invest in railroad bonds.

As an illustration, the application states that 29 insurance companies, with security purchases between Jan. 1 1932 and Feb. 20 1932 totaling \$125,856,000, bought rail bonds aggregating only \$2,077,000, or 1.7%, as compared with purchases of public utilities securities totaling \$13,000,000, or 10.5%.

The same attitude has been found among several representative mutual savings banks, which are said to have sold seven times as many railroad securities as they bought.

Inquiries among banks regarding loans disclosed that they were lending only in limited sums and for periods of 60 to 90 days, for use only in current business, and in no case for permanent improvements, and payment on maturity demanded.

"Applicant could not give such assurance," the company states, "but even if such assurance could have been given, such short-term loans from a number of banks would have added materially to the serious difficulties of the banking situation, as deposits are not expanding and funds have been and still are required by the banks for current banking business and necessities."

The company adds that it has been unable to obtain financial assistance from other sources "at prices approaching fair or real values" to complete the improvement program.

While the Pennsylvania sought the full amount of the loan for the maximum statutory period of three years, it said that with a "return of more normal business and the ability to finance its requirements in the customary manner at reasonable cost," it would desire to "anticipate payment of the loan within the three-year period."

It is pointed out that the loan is made necessary by present business conditions bringing a reduction in the railway operating income of the Pennsylvania, which was \$65,166,731 in 1931 as compared with \$107,473,167 in 1930 and \$148,945,017 in 1929.

The company estimates its railway operating income for 1932 at \$73,340,000, reflecting the additional revenues from increased freight rates. A further saving of \$4,618,000 is expected from economies incident to electrification of Eastern lines during the first year of the improved operation.

"With the recovery from the present business depression," says the application, "and a consequent increase in traffic and a restoration of the security market to more normal conditions, applicant will be able to sell its securities, either bonds or stocks, at fair prices, and the proceeds thereof, in addition to net income not used for moderate dividends, will be sufficient to repay the loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and provide for the then current capital and other requirements of the applicant."

The total expenditures involved in improvements planned between

Washington and New York are placed at \$110,443,251, of which \$81,650,351 is for roadway structures and \$28,792,900 for rolling equipment. Amounts already expended are said to total \$26,257,327, all for roadway structures. "Equipment on order" accounted for \$34,478,860, and the balance, "not yet engaged," \$49,707,064.

Estimated carrying charges are put at \$2,845,000 in 1932 and \$3,570,000 for 1933, but if the work were to be discontinued these would be increased to \$3,205,000 for 1932 and \$3,930,000 for 1933.

Kentucky & Indiana RR.

The purposes outlined in the application of the Kentucky & Indiana are: To repay temporary advances by proprietary lines, \$442,358; to pay off short-term notes, \$215,000; to pay audited vouchers for materials and supplies, \$142,642. It offers as security first mortgage 4 1/2% gold bonds.

Texas & Southeastern.

The Texas Southeastern offers a first lien on its corporate property as security. It proposes to use the loan for the following purposes: To pay loans carried by the Lufkin Bank of Lufkin, Tex., \$17,500; the First State Bank & Trust Co. of Lufkin, \$5,000; the Lufkin Hemphill & Gulf Ry. Co. of Hemphill, \$4,500; D. L. Landrum of Diboll, Tex., \$3,000.

Akron Canton & Youngstown.

The Akron Canton & Youngstown Ry. states that it wishes to pay interest on bonds already outstanding and to take care of a note for \$100,000 with the Guardian Trust Co. of Cleveland, the obligation maturing on May 1. Another note, maturing on the same date, for \$125,000, is due the Cleveland Trust Co. The Akron offers as security \$750,000 in general mortgage 6% bonds of the Northern, a line leased by the applicant.

Gulf Mobile & Northern.

The road offers as security \$490,000 of New Orleans Great Northern equipment trust obligations and \$500,000 of Gulf Mobile & Northern RR. of Louisiana first mortgage bonds. The purpose of the loan is to meet interest obligations, complete terminal facilities at New Orleans and for additions and betterments.

Men Returned to Work by Missouri Pacific Railroad.

Sixty-five men have been returned to work by the Missouri Pacific RR. at its North Little Rock (Ark.) shops for this month.

St. Louis Southwestern Ry. Re-employs Workers in Its Shops.

The St. Louis Southwestern Ry. has returned 225 men to its shops in Pine Bluff, Ark. Of these, 60 are employees who were laid off in June 1930. About 175 of the men are employed in the locomotive department and have been working alternate months for some time. The coach shop now has one-third of its normal force with 58 workers. Employees were returned according to seniority.

Pennsylvania Mine to Reopen, Re-employing About 550 Workers.

The reopening of the Harmarville (Pa.) Mine of the Consumers Coal Co., operated by a subsidiary of the Wheeling Steel Co., will be effected March 14, giving work to approximately 550 men. The mine has been idle since December last.

Transamerica Corporation's and Bank of America's Present and Future Policies Announced by A. P. Giannini.

A. P. Giannini, new Chairman of the Boards of Directors of the Transamerica Corp. and Bank of America National Trust & Savings Association, in his first official statement issued since his return to California, announced last week that the future policies of the institutions would be shaped to "anticipate and meet" the rapidly growing demands of California. An official communication in the matter says:

"Our object now and for the future likewise will be to furnish progressive methods and superior financial facilities and services that will open up greater opportunities and attract and stimulate worthy business enterprises and anticipate and meet the substantial demands of this fastest growing State," Giannini declared.

These policies, he added, will advocate in the future, as in the past, the most direct, simple, practical and economical system of running the business of the great Banks of America in California as well as other affiliated institutions, to the end that depositors and clients and the communities in which they live will be properly served, insuring profitable results for all concerned.

"For more than a quarter of a century our institutions have been creative community forces," he asserted. "They have contributed to home-building, agricultural advancement, and the development of every industry and the encouragement of every movement for the betterment of California.

"California is the place, and now is the propitious time to start the wheels of progress and prosperity moving forward again. We worked together to bring the Transamerica institutions back home and secure their control by Californians. Standing and working together, we have good reason to believe that our combined efforts will again place and maintain our institutions in the forefront of profit-making and profit-sharing financial institutions."

Discussing conditions generally, Giannini said that it is not reasonable to expect that the economic depression, through which the world is now passing, will disappear everywhere at once, inasmuch as it did not visit all places simultaneously, or with equal severity. The start of prosperity is slow and it has not yet proceeded far, he stated.

"So far as I can judge," he continued, "we are approaching a new era of prosperity, and California, with its enlightened and enterprising people, made up of splendid citizens of every State of the Union and of every leading country, knows how to lead the way courageously and constructively and utilize unequalled opportunities and develop unrivaled resources.

"As California's material prosperity advances and its population increases and our communities become more highly developed in a productive and economical sense, the opportunities and the returns from our institutions will tend to grow larger and larger.

"From the point of view of the public service, everyone engaged in business in California, whether workman, farmer, executive, capitalist, salesman, professional man, or anything else, is interested and may be benefited by the homecoming of Transamerica."

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, & C.

Arrangements have been made for the sale of a Stock Exchange seat at \$155,000, an increase of \$29,000 over the last preceding sale.

A National Metal Exchange membership was reported sold this week for \$1,000, unchanged from the last preceding sale.

John S. Daly, Trustee of the Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank, New York, died on March 2 at Palm Beach Florida. On last June 1 Mr. Daly completed his 48th year with the Emigrant Bank. He became Comptroller in 1916, Vice-President in 1923 and Trustee in 1929. His resignation and retirement as Vice-President and Comptroller was announced last summer, but he retained his place on the Board of Trustees. At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Bank March 2, a minute was adopted which said in part:

Mr. Daly entered the employ of the Bank in 1883 and had served it for nearly 50 years, a longer time than any one now on its rolls. He had filled almost every office in the gift of the bank. He became Deputy Comptroller in 1905, Comptroller in 1916 and a Vice-President of the bank in 1923. In 1929 he was elected to the Board of Trustees. His entire business life was given to the service of this institution, and its growth and position are largely due to his unremitting zeal and devotion.

A new application dated Feb. 29 was filed by the Hellenic Bank & Trust Co., 51 Maiden Lane, with the New York State Banking Department, for permission to change the location of its place of business to No. 534 Eighth Avenue, New York. This application replaces the one withdrawn on Feb. 19 by the Bank which asked for permission to move to Nos. 497-499 Seventh Avenue. A reference to the filing of this latter application was noted in our issue of Feb. 13, page 1147.

The application filed with the New York State Banking Department by the National Bank of Greece Agency, 51 Maiden Lane, on Jan. 25 for permission to change the location of its business to Nos. 497-499 Seventh Avenue, New York, was withdrawn by the Bank on Feb. 19. The filing of the application was noted in our issue of Feb. 13 page 1147. The institution filed a new application under date of Feb. 29 asking instead for permission to move its offices to No. 534 Eighth Avenue.

The New York State Banking Department on Feb. 27 issued licenses to Thomas Cook & Son (Bankers), Ltd., of London England, to maintain agencies in New York State at 253 Broadway and 587 Fifth Ave., New York.

Permission was granted by the New York State Banking Department on Feb. 19 to the Bank of Manhattan Trust Co., 40 Wall Street, to open a branch office at the southwest corner of Madison Avenue and 64th Street in New York City.

According to the weekly bulletin March 4 of the New York State Banking Department the certified copy of the order granted at a special term, Part I of the Supreme Court, held on Feb. 23, declaring the First Bohemian Slavonic Co-operative Savings and Loan Association dissolved and its corporate existence terminated, was filed with the State Banking Department on Feb. 27.

The Seamen's Bank for Savings of New York City has declared a regular quarterly dividend, payable April 1, at the annual rate of 4%. This bank has paid dividends continuously for more than a hundred years at 4% or more. Rates have varied during the last century, but from 1869 to 1874 the annual rate averaged 9%.

Directors of the Manhattan Company voted on March 10 to have the annual dividend basis on the company's shares, said the New York "Evening Post" from which we take the following:

A quarterly dividend of 50 cents was ordered, equal to \$2 a year, compared with \$1 quarterly, or \$4 annually, heretofore. The dividend is payable April 1 to share owners of record March 15.

Reduction in Manhattan Co.'s dividend is the third to be made by a prominent New York City banking institution in the last fortnight. National City and Chase National have already authorized lower dividend payments for the current quarter.

Following a meeting of the Board of Directors of the New York Title & Mortgage Co. on March 10 it was announced that James P. Warburg, President of the International Acceptance Bank, Inc. had been elected a member of its Board of Directors.

Usher B. Howell, President of the Riverhead Savings Bank of Riverhead, L. I., N. Y., since 1918, died at his home in Riverhead on March 2. Mr. Howell, who was 73 years of age, had been in ill health for a long time, and on Feb. 27 suffered a heart attack at the bank. He was born in Riverhead, and as a young man taught at the Franklinville Academy, at Conklinville, now Laurel, near Riverhead. The deceased banker was a past Master of the Riverhead Lodge of Masons and a former member of the Grand Lodge of Masons of New York State.

The Montour National Bank of Montour Falls, N. Y., capitalized at \$25,000, went into voluntary liquidation on Feb. 9 last. The institution was succeeded by the Montour National Bank in Montour Falls.

Thomas Hillhouse Chew, for nearly 20 years President of the Geneva Trust Co., Geneva, N. Y., died suddenly at the Geneva General Hospital on March 3. Mr. Chew, who was 74 years of age, was an alumnus of Hobart College, of which he was a trustee. He was also a trustee of William Smith College.

Associated Press advices from Concord, N. H., on March 1, stated that on that day Arthur H. Hale, former Treasurer of the closed Merrimack River Savings Bank of Manchester, N. H., convicted of misapplying the bank's funds, lost his appeal to the New Hampshire Supreme Court for a new trial and faced sentence on the 49 counts of which he was found "guilty," involving transactions covering approximately \$3,000,000. The indictment of the former bank official was noted in our issue of Sept. 27 1930, page 2005.

Lieutenant-Colonel Terrell M. Ragan, former President of the closed Boston-Continental National Bank of Boston, Mass., and a member of the military staff of Governor Ely of Massachusetts, was found dead of carbon monoxide poisoning in the garage of his Brookline home on March 1, while a Federal Grand Jury was investigating the affairs of the Boston-Continental National Bank. Acts of President Ragan in the conduct of the bank were included in the investigation of the Grand Jury, and transactions involving \$100,000 were being scrutinized. The Boston "Herald" of March 2, from which the foregoing is learned, went on to say in part:

Medical Examiner Benjamin W. Rudman said that death was "probably accidental," but Assistant United States Attorney John J. Walsh, Jr., in charge of the inquiry into the bank's affairs, said he received the report from Ragan's office that he had committed suicide.

Although only in New England since the war, Mr. Ragan had made rapid strides, and two years ago was named President of the Continental National Bank, the youngest bank President in the city.

He was born at Dawson, Terrell County, Ga., Oct. 20 1894. Mr. Ragan began practicing law in this State in 1922. He was identified with many important cases and associated with prominent Boston lawyers in his legal practice, which he continued in part after his election to the bank Presidency.

H. Everett Crane, President of the Quincy Savings Bank, Quincy, Mass., died suddenly on March 3 in the office of a hay and grain company of Quincy, which he headed. Mr. Crane was born in Quincy in 1870 and received his education at the Kimball Union Academy at Keene, N. H., and Amherst College, graduating in 1892. With his father and brother he founded the firm of F. H. Crane & Sons, which was incorporated after the death of his father.

At the regular meeting of the directors of the Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co., Boston, Mass. on March 1, James Dean was elected Chairman of the Board, filling the vacancy caused by the recent death of Charles E. Rogerson.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Kidder Peabody Trust Co. of Boston held this week the following directors were elected, according to the Boston "Transcript" of March 9: Roger Amory; Chandler Hovey; O. Kelley Anderson; James H. Orr; William Endicott; John C. Rice; Vincent Farnsworth; Roscoe R. Storer; William Holway Hill and Edwin S. Webster. Subsequently the directors appointed William H. Hill, President of the institution, and gave William N. Oedel, the Treasurer, the additional office of Vice-President.

Regarding the affairs of the City Bank & Trust Co. of Hartford, Conn., which on Jan. 2 of this year was closed

by George J. Bassett, State Bank Commissioner for Connecticut at the request of its directors (as noted in our Jan. 9 issue, page 248), a dispatch from Hartford, March 1, printed in the New Haven "Register," contained the following:

Work of completing the appraisal of assets of the City Bank & Trust Co. is nearing an end and present indications are that they will exceed \$20,000,000. This is more than sufficient to cover deposits of the savings and commercial departments. When the City Bank & Trust Co. closed, Jan. 2, deposits were approximately \$20,000,000.

The appraisal has been done by specialists in securities. The stocks and bonds were valued by bankers and the mortgage loans were surveyed by men experienced in realty values.

The figures as to the appraisal and condition of assets are unofficial but were obtained from sources which are believed to be well informed.

Mortgage loans of the bank will total approximately \$9,000,000, and it has been stated that these are of usual bank quality and compare favorably for loans of this class.

Improvement in the bond market in recent weeks has contributed to the worth of the securities held. The advance in bank stock shares has also been a factor.

The reports of the appraisers will be assembled during the present week and submitted to Attorney Thomas Hewes, receiver for the bank. The report will be presented in court as soon as possible.

Ultimate plans are under consideration. Discussions in reference to these are held from time to time.

Since he was placed in charge of the affairs of the City Bank Mr. Hewes has collected more than \$2,000,000, it is said.

William A. Nelson, President of the Ansonia Savings Bank, Ansonia, Conn., and Vice-President of the Ansonia National Bank, died of heart disease on Mar. 8. The deceased banker, who was 62 years of age, was born in Ansonia and received his education in the Derby School and at the Gunner School, Washington, Conn. He was a former President of the Connecticut Savings Bank Association and from 1909 to 1911 was a member of the State Legislature.

Further referring to the affairs of the National Bank of North Hudson and the Union City National Bank, affiliated institutions, both of Union City, N. J., which were closed by the United States Treasury Department on Aug. 6 last, the "Jersey Observer" of March 8 stated that the application for an extension of time in which to sign up depositors of the institutions for a proposed reorganization plan which would have merged the two banks had been rejected by the Comptroller of the Currency and the institutions would be liquidated. The "Observer" continuing said in part:

Word to that effect was received by B. C. Schram and R. L. Jones federal receivers of the North Hudson and Union Hill banks, respectively, this morning, from C. E. Fouts, chief of staff in charge of insolvent national banks.

The committees of depositors of the two banks had secured signatures of 12,000 of the 14,000 depositors in favor of the plan, but it is understood that the number of signatures would have been considered sufficient, but extension of time to carry out the plans was refused because the Comptroller was not satisfied that the sponsors had sufficient moneys to carry out the project.

It is expected that dividends will be paid to the depositors within three weeks, but just how much will be available for distribution could not be obtained from the Federal receivers. It is known, however, that at both banks a staff of clerks are now working on the dividend payments, and the receivers will await word from Washington as to when payment will be made.

The closing of these banks together with the Jackson Trust Co. of Jersey City and the Bergenline Trust Co. (all members of the Henry chain of banks) was noted in our August 8 issue, page 898.

As an aftermath to the closing, last May 9, of the Suburban Title & Trust Co. of Upper Darby (Philadelphia), Pa., three former officials of the institution, George W. Statzell, Jr., President; John M. Hartcastle, Vice-President and Title Officer, and Nicholas A. Dalton, Secretary and Treasurer, were held in \$20,000 bail each by Justice of the Peace Mathnes at a hearing in Media, Pa., on the night of Feb. 29. A warrant was also issued for the arrest of a fourth defendant, George Wilcox, who resigned as President of the bank two months before its doors were closed by the State Banking Department. Mr. Wilcox is said to have disappeared the day after his resignation. The three former officials held Feb. 29 all furnished bail. The Philadelphia "Ledger" of March 1, from which the above information is obtained, after stating that Mr. Statzell has accepted the Presidency of the bank when Mr. Wilcox resigned, and many expressed the belief he had done so in an effort to save the institution, continuing, said, in part:

When the institution turned its affairs over to the State Banking Department on May 9 its deposits totaled \$2,800,000. In addition to the main office, a branch office was maintained at Llanerch. Officials of the Banking Department estimate the alleged fraud will cause a loss of approximately \$350,000 to depositors.

At the hearing last night (Feb. 29) Assistant District Attorney William R. Toal brought out that Earl H. Lewis, Ellsworth Street near 23rd, this city, a Negro carwasher, was used as a "straw man" in some of the alleged fraudulent transactions of the accused officials.

Lewis is employed at a garage about two blocks from the closed bank. Called to the stand by Mr. Toal, he testified that on Jan. 13 1930 his employer, Ernest Schmidt, had asked him to sign an application for a loan of \$4,500 from the Suburban Title & Trust Co., and that a moment later Mr. Schmidt had given him another paper to sign which transferred to him the ownership of a piece of property in Springfield Township.

The loan was granted, Lewis said, and when the check came through he was asked by Schmidt to indorse it and hand it back to him. This he did, he said, and added that Schmidt then had turned the check over to Wilcox.

Lewis declared that he had taken part in half a dozen similar transactions, which, 'it was brought out by the prosecutor, involved property valued at \$18,000. For his part, Lewis said Schmidt had give him "a couple of bucks" each time. He said he hadn't the "slightest idea" what he was signing when he affixed his name to the various papers.

Assistant District Attorney Toal produced a surprise witness when he called Philip C. Herr, Philadelphia attorney and special investigator for the State Banking Department, to the stand.

Mr. Herr testified that he had conducted a thorough investigation of the closed bank's real estate transactions and expressed the belief that most of the money alleged to have been misappropriated "went to George Wilcox, fugitive former President." The witness said Dr. Hardcastle had worked with him and co-operated in every way in the investigation.

Questioned by attorneys for the defendants as to whether the Board of Directors knew of the alleged fraudulent real estate transactions, Mr. Herr produced the minutes of the directors' meeting which, he said, showed that transactions had been approved by them in a blanket resolution.

Mr. Herr brought out that on Oct. 10 1925 Wilcox had transferred his entire personal property holdings to the Suburban Title & Trust Co., and that shortly afterward these holdings were transferred to Lewis & Sadler, who in turn transferred them to the Delaware County Development Co., in which Wilcox was said to have had a controlling interest.

Other witnesses included Gerald H. Ebbing, Special Deputy of the State Banking Department, in charge of the bank's affairs and who swore out the warrants for the arrest of the defendants Saturday night; Ralph E. Cille, of Media, former Assistant Title Officer, and Robert V. Garrett, Jr., Beverly Hills, former loan clerk of the bank, and both of whom are now employed by the State Banking Department, and S. Herman Holl, Treasurer of the Media-Sixty-Ninth Street Title & Trust Co.

Cille and Garrett exhibited checks and papers relating to five mortgage settlements in Upper Darby aggregating \$23,500. They testified that one of these checks for \$20,000 was paid by the Suburban Title & Trust Co. to Hardcastle, deposited in his personal account with the Media Title & Trust Co., and that Hardcastle had issued checks for this money to Stanley E. Sadler and Earl H. Lewis, alleged "straw men" for the Suburban Title & Trust Co.

Mr. Herr testified that Hardcastle had told him during his investigation about these transactions, declaring that he had deposited the money in the Media Title & Trust Co. at the direction of Wilcox, and that it had been checked out also at the direction of Wilcox.

Mr. Holl showed records of Hardcastle's accounts and traced the movements of the checks.

William R. Bricker and A. Raymond Bishop, appraisers for the State Banking Department, said real estate mortgages held by the closed bank had dwindled in value from \$300,000 to \$40,000.

Our last reference to the affairs of the Suburban Title & Trust Co. appeared in our July 18 issue, page 392.

H. S. Zimmerman, Vice-President of the Mellon National Bank of Pittsburgh, Pa., died suddenly on March 10 in a hotel in Los Angeles, Calif. Mr. Zimmerman, who was 64 years of age, had gone to the Coast on business and apparently had been in good health except for occasional difficulties in the last two years due to an enlarged heart. He was born in Stoyestown, Pa. In 1901 he became Cashier for T. Mellon & Sons, predecessor of the Mellon National Bank, and was made a Vice-President of the institution in 1927, the position he held at his death.

Referring to the affairs of the defunct Merion Title & Trust Co. of Ardmore, Pa., which on Oct. 27 last was taken over by the Pennsylvania State Banking Department, the Philadelphia "Ledger" of March 11 stated that a shrinkage of more than \$6,000,000 in the assets of the institution is shown in an inventory filed with the Prothonotary in Norristown, Pa., on March 19 by Aaron S. Swartz, Deputy Attorney-General, representing Dr. William D. Gordon, Secretary of Banking. The paper mentioned said in part:

There were deposits of \$7,286,425.54 in the bank and its two branches when it closed its doors, and the total book value of its assets was listed at \$10,751,843.

The inventory shows these assets to have shrunk to \$4,677,999. Big losses in depreciation, and in some cases total losses in notes and loans are set forth in the report.

Ordinarily this would mean that depositors would receive in excess of 30 cents on the dollar, but there first must be deducted expenses incurred in appraisement and liquidation.

A demand loan of R. J. Hamilton, President of the bank, secured by collateral of \$77,500, is written off as worthless, while another note of M. P. Clancy, Vice-President, for \$12,326.36, is appraised at only \$2,000.

Other big loans on which heavy losses have been sustained include John J. Dougherty, \$115,000, secured by collateral appraised at \$35,000; Henry Silvert, \$65,900, secured by collateral declared to be worthless, and the Suburban Realty Co., \$13,500 security, appraised at \$1,000.

In the list of time loans and discounts unsecured there are listed loans to Winfield W. Crawford of \$60,200, appraised at \$2,550; R. J. Hamilton, \$19,000, appraised at nothing; H. T. Hamilton, \$5,800, worthless; John S. Hemphill Jr., \$36,650 worthless; P. J. Lawler \$41,000, appraised at \$5,000; Wynewood Realty Co. on a note indorsed by Richard A. Kearns Jr., \$62,060, appraised at nothing, and H. S. Stillwagon, \$19,235, appraised at \$121.07.

The report lists preferred claims of \$2,624,171, and the inventory indicates that after allowing for setoffs and the payment of preferred claims, there will remain \$2,053,828 with which to pay liabilities of \$5,902,468. Preferred claims represent loans due to other banks, secured deposits and other liabilities of the closed institution.

Offsets are listed at \$1,158,889, while the preferred liabilities were listed as follows:

Deposits, secured by pledged securities, \$242,087; bills payable, secured by pledged securities, loans, discounts and mortgages, \$1,208,196.

The inventory lists cash on hand at \$17,148. This represents the amount of cash available the day the bank closed. There was due from other banks, \$541,233.

Accounts receivable were given as \$11,595, with an appraised value of \$2,899. The checks and cash items were given as \$20,768 (book value), with an appraised value of \$20,426.

Demand loans secured shows a large loss, the book value being listed at \$1,653,181, with an inventory value of \$729,078.

The administration account of the Ardmore Title & Trust Co. which merged with the Merion Title & Trust on Jan. 1 1931, shows a depreciation of more than \$1,000,000. On the books of the bank this account is listed at \$1,562,675. The appraised value is \$444,385.

Under investments other large shrinkages are shown. Bonds with a book value of \$1,051,141 are now valued at \$683,143, and stocks with a book value of \$492,913 are appraised at \$86,749. Mortgages originally valued at \$1,264,501 are listed as worth \$698,752.

The three offices of the institution, originally, valued at \$504,525, were appraised at \$227,500.

Walter R. Fairies, representing a depositors' committee, issued a statement after the inventory and appraisal was filed in which it was recommended that plans for reorganization of the bank be abandoned and that steps be taken to organize another banking institution to serve the Ardmore district. Mr. Fairies' statement listed public funds on deposit in the Merion institution as follows:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, \$175,000; Lower Merion School District, \$190,000; Lower Merion School Savings Fund, \$67,087; Montgomery County, \$200,000.

Effective March 2 1932, the First National Bank of Mount Pleasant, Pa., and the Peoples National Bank of that place, capitalized at \$100,000 and \$50,000, respectively, were placed in voluntary liquidation. Both these institutions were absorbed by the Citizens Savings & Trust Co. of Mount Pleasant.

As of Feb. 26 1932, the Citizens' National Bank of Boliver, Pa., was placed in voluntary liquidation. The institution, which was capitalized at \$50,000, was absorbed by the Boliver National Bank of the same place.

A shrinkage of more than \$1,000,000 in assets of the closed Glenside Bank & Trust Co., of Glenside, Pa., is shown in the appraisal and inventory, filed March 3 at Norristown, by the Pennsylvania State Banking Department. The Philadelphia "Ledger" of March 4, which we have quoted above, furthermore said:

Assets are fixed at \$1,633,477 compared with book values of \$2,887,409 Oct. 3 1931, when the institution closed. There is available for distribution to depositors and other creditors, after the deduction of preferred claims, \$759,366, to cover claims of \$1,484,214.

Cash assets are listed at \$21,995 and there is due from other banks \$77,395. Loans and discounts are listed at \$1,499,453 on the books of the banks, but the appraised value is placed at \$879,522. Shrinkage in securities is shown by \$212,523 appraised value, compared with \$327,338 book values.

Mortgages were listed at \$405,524, but the appraised value is given as \$291,780. Bank officials valued their building and vault at \$336,391. The appraisal places the figures at \$80,000. Other real estate held by the bank, valued on the books at \$175,496, is appraised at \$57,200.

The closing of the Glenside Bank & Trust Co. was reported in the "Chronicle" of Oct. 10 1931, page 2380.

It is learned from the Richmond "Dispatch" of March 1 that Holt Page, now completely recovered from a severe injury sustained April 1 1929, will reassume his office as Vice-President and Cashier of the Central National Bank of Richmond, Va., according to an announcement on Feb. 29 by William H. Schwarzschild, President. Mr. Page, it was stated, was hurt when a tree, uprooted in a storm, fell across his automobile on the Petersburg Pike, near Dutch Gap. He has been identified with the Central National Bank for a number of years.

Guardian Trust Co. of Cleveland, Ohio, has acquired the Ohio State Bank, also of Cleveland, with deposits of approximately \$350,000, according to Cleveland advices on March 4 to the "Wall Street Journal."

The payment of a dividend of not less than 6% to depositors of the Commercial Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Toledo, Ohio (one of the four Toledo banks which closed Aug. 17 last), by March 28 was ordered by Judge James Martin of the Court of Common Pleas on March 2, subject to the approval of the other judges of that court, who met later and concurred. Judge Martin's action was taken on application of Eugene Rheinfrank, President of the Toledo Depositors' Association, who demanded immediate payment of a dividend. The Toledo "Blade" of March 2, in reporting the above, furthermore said:

Payment of a 6% dividend will amount to approximately \$700,000.

Attorney Harold Fraser, counsel for the proposal Commercial Trust Co., organization of which is under way, protested that payment of a dividend within too short a time might hamper plans for the new bank, which hopes to operate on a plan similar to that of the new Commerce-Guardian Bank.

Mr. Fraser asked a delay in the dividend payment until April 10. After the decision was announced, however, Mr. Fraser said that the reorganization committee would increase its efforts and try to get the bank in operation by March 28.

Sigmund Sanger, representing the State Banking Department, and Major C. W. Miller, Deputy Banking Superintendent, urged that the entry be so worded as to permit the payment of a dividend of 7, 8 or 10% if enough money is on hand by March 28. Legal restrictions would prevent payment in less than 15 days.

The Fayette Bank at Fayette, Brown County, Ohio, a private institution and the only bank in the village, was closed March 4, according to Associated Press advices from Georgetown, Ohio, on that date, which added:

The bank, unincorporated, was founded about 20 years ago. A report issued Jan. 14 1932 showed the closed institution had resources of \$114,169.67 and deposits of \$54,781.67. It was capitalized at \$25,000.

Two Ohio bankers were indicted by the Federal Grand Jury on March 2 and placed under arrest, according to the Toledo "Blade" of March 2, from which we quote as follows:

Henry W. Hane, former Cashier of the Marion, Ohio, National Bank, is indicted on 11 counts of embezzlement and misapplication of funds totaling approximately \$90,000.

Herman Frank, former Cashier of the First National Bank of Upper Sandusky, is charged in four counts with embezzling \$6,500.

The Marion bank was closed within a week after Hane disappeared, Dec. 15. A warrant was issued after his father, Henry B. Hane, President of the bank, accused his son of being responsible.

As of Feb. 27 1932 the Delaware County National Bank of Delaware, Ohio, changed its name to the Delaware County National Bank of Delaware.

Youngstown, Ohio, advices on Mar. 3 to the "Wall Street Journal" stated that a 10% liquidating dividend, amounting to \$400,000, would be distributed early in April to the depositors of the Central Savings & Loan Co. of Youngstown, which was closed in 1930. The dispatch went on to say:

The dividend, the first since the institution was closed, will be paid to 12,000 depositors, a majority of which have filed claims with the receiver in charge of liquidation.

Our last reference to the affairs of the institution appeared in the "Chronicle" of June 20, page 4530.

From its Cleveland bureau the "Wall Street Journal" of yesterday (March 11) reported the following:

With the next dividends on capital stock, four leading Cleveland banks are reducing their annual dividend rates to an 8% basis.

The Central United National Bank has declared a quarterly dividend of 40 cents, payable April 1 to stock of record March 24, placing the stock on a \$1.60 annual basis, against \$2.60 previously.

The Cleveland Trust Co. has declared a quarterly dividend of \$2, payable April 1 to stock of record March 15, placing it on an \$8 annual basis, compared with \$12 previously.

The Guardian Trust Co. has declared a quarterly dividend of \$2 payable April 1 to stock of record March 19, placing the stock on an \$8 basis, against \$12 previously.

The Union Trust Co. has declared a quarterly dividend of 50 cents, payable April 1 to stock of record March 18, placing the stock on a \$2 basis, compared with \$3 previously.

The First National Bank of Jeffersonville, Ind., which has been absorbed by the Clark County State Bank of Jeffersonville, went into voluntary liquidation on March 1 1932. The institution was capitalized at \$150,000.

Effective Feb. 15 last, the First National Bank of Whiting, Ind., capitalized at \$100,000, was placed in voluntary liquidation. The institution was succeeded by the State Bank of Whiting.

Abner T. Bowen, head of the private banking concern of A. T. Bowen & Co. at Delphi, Ind., died of pneumonia on March 4 at the home of his brother in that place at the age of 80 years. Mr. Bowen organized the A. T. Bowen Bank in 1880 and also organized a bank under that name in New York in 1893, which he operated until six years ago. In 1912 he organized the A. T. Bowen Bank of Logansport, Ind., which later became the Farmers' & Merchants' Bank of that city. Subsequently he organized a second bank in Logansport, which later was sold to the Citizens' Loan & Trust Co.

Concerning the affairs of the defunct Farmers' Trust Co. of Indianapolis, Ind., the Indianapolis "News" of March 3 contained the following:

Unliquidated assets of the Farmers' Trust Co. have an appraised value of \$596,300.76 as against the value of \$1,425,184.07 at which they were carried on the company's books when it closed its doors May 4 1931. This announcement was made in the report of Boyd M. Ralston, receiver, to Judge Clarence E. Weir, in Superior Court, Room 4, Thursday (March 3).

Liquidation of the remaining assets, which are nearly all real estate or securities involving real estate, depends on the general condition of the real estate market, the receiver reported, and under present market conditions, conversion of the assets into money must necessarily be slow.

Ralston reported that mortgage loans and real estate owned by the company were widely scattered through Indiana, Illinois and Missouri, and

would require an unusual amount of work and time for liquidation, because of the scattered condition.

The receiver reported that claims for preference in payment have been filed in the total amount of \$407,206.82 and that the court held that \$317,798.39 of these claims were not entitled to preference.

The remainder of the claims for preference will be tried before Judge Weir, March 21, 22 and 23. Attorneys for the receiver are H. Nathan Swaim and Charles W. Richards.

The closing of this bank was noted in our issue of May 16 1931, page 3654, and its affairs referred to in the "Chronicle" of May 30 of that year, page 3993.

With reference to the affairs of the Waukegan State Bank, at Waukegan, Ill., the probable reopening of the institution in a short time was indicated in a dispatch by the Associated Press from Waukegan on Feb. 19 last, which said in part:

The Waukegan State Bank, whose closing was followed by 10 indictments against State Auditor Oscar Nelson and five bankers of Waukegan and Chicago, will be reopened within a month in consolidation with the insolvent Waukegan National Bank, it was announced Friday (Feb. 19).

State's Attorney A. V. Smith of Lake County said he would nolle prosequere the charges against Auditor Nelson and the bankers—conspiracy to defraud depositors of the State bank—if and when the proposed bank opens and it appears able to discharge the obligations to depositors.

Dr. William D. Gordon, Secretary of Banking for Pennsylvania, announced on Mar. 4 that initial dividend payments to depositors of four State banks, aggregating \$796,071 would be paid, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Mar. 5, which continuing said:

The list of institutions to make payments is headed by the Olney Bank & Trust Co. of Philadelphia, on which the first disbursement of 10% will be made Mar. 17 and will total \$367,545. The payment will be made by checks sent through the mails to 26,000 depositors. The checks will be drawn by John A. McCarthy, as a private banker, on the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh. The Olney Bank & Trust Co. closed Oct. 2 1931. It has total deposit liabilities of \$3,675,452.

A 10% dividend, amounting to \$51,137, will be paid to depositors of the Willow Grove Trust Co. Mar. 15. Checks also drawn by John A. McCarthy, private banker, on the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh will be mailed to 3,900 depositors. The Willow Grove Trust Co. closed its doors Oct. 5 1931. It has total deposit liabilities of \$511,369.

Depositors of the Merchants Savings & Trust Co. of Pittsburgh will receive a 20% payment on Mar. 10. It will total \$136,517. The number of accounts is 4,000. The checks will be drawn by Charles L. McCune, private banker, on the Girard Trust Co. of Philadelphia. The institution, which closed Sept. 24 1931, has total deposit liabilities of \$682,626.

An advance payment of 10% totaling \$240,872, will be made to depositors of the McKean County Trust Co. of Bradford, Mar. 14. It will be made to 8,200 depositors. The checks will be drawn by Charles L. McCune, private banker, on the Girard Trust Co. of Philadelphia. The McKean County Trust Co. closed its doors Oct. 23 1931. It has total deposit liabilities of \$2,408,682.

Directors of the Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago, Ill., on March 8 declared a quarterly dividend of \$3 a share on the capital stock of the institution, thereby establishing an annual rate of \$12 a share against \$16 paid annually since the present bank was formed. The Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of March 9, in reporting this, furthermore said:

"The change in rate was made in pursuance of a conservative policy of building up contingent reserves," an official announcement stated.

"Earnings for January and February exceeded those for the same period last year and were in excess of monthly dividend requirements at old rate of \$4 a quarter. The (new) dividend rate will call for payment to stockholders of \$9,000,000 a year.

"Net earnings of the bank last year, after setting aside reserves for taxes and interest, but before charge-offs, were \$14,876,275."

In reference to the dividend reduction, the bank's announcement calls attention to the fact that at the current market price, the issue yields more than 9%.

That the Romulus State Bank at Romulus, Mich., which had been closed since Sept. 18 1931, would re-open on March 5 under a five-year moratorium on old deposits, was indicated in the Detroit "Free Press" of March 3, from which we quote in part as follows:

Re-opening was expedited by a depositors' committee, selected by Charles H. Schutz, receiver, which secured signatures to 97% of the deposits in 10 days.

A 100% assessment had been levied on the stock and had been collected by the receiver. The confidence of the community in the reorganized bank is indicated by the fact that an additional \$5,000 was subscribed to increase the capital stock to \$25,000 on the reopening. Under the plan adopted, this bank will undoubtedly be one of the soundest institutions in the State.

The receivership cost the depositors nothing. It showed an operating profit over and above the expense of administration and payment of all previous labor claims due at time of suspension. The operating profit was \$11,914.27 and the actual fees paid the receiver and his attorney were \$4,900. All of the remaining expenses were paid, leaving a net profit to the depositors of \$3,170.26.

The administration of the receivership was conducted under the Hon. Dewitt H. Merriam, Circuit Judge for the County of Wayne.

Frank R. Mueller Jr., former Assistant Cashier of the defunct Princeton State Bank at Princeton, Wis., convicted of embezzlement of the bank funds, was sentenced by Circuit Judge Byron B. Park at Stevens Point, Wis., on Mar. 1 to serve from three to five years in the State Prison, according to advices by the Associated Press from Stevens Point on the date named. The dispatch continuing said:

Mueller was specifically charged with embezzlement of \$8,000 and falsifications totaling \$15,000. Sentence was imposed on four counts, the terms to run concurrently.

A 10-day stay of execution was granted when Mueller's counsel announced intention to file an appeal. The trial was held in Green Lake County, but Mueller was brought here for sentence on an agreement between State and defense attorneys.

Fred Krueger, former Cashier of the Princeton bank, pleaded "guilty" to charges of misappropriating nearly \$100,000 of bank funds, and is now serving sentence of from five to 15 years in State prison.

Following the closing of the National Bank of De Pere, Wis. (noted in our issue of last week, page 1509), the Milwaukee "Sentinel" of Feb. 19 stated that a Federal warrant charging alleged misapplication of more than \$100,000 of the bank's funds was expected to be served that day on Omer D. Kiley, former Cashier of the institution and Mayor of De Pere. We quote in part from the paper mentioned, as follows:

Authoritative information was that the total of the defalcations may run as high as \$300,000. The bank was closed Tuesday (Feb. 16).

Information as to the shortages has been in the hands of Levi H. Bancroft, Federal District Attorney here, for several days, it was learned, while investigation of the bank's affairs proceeded.

Kiley is said to have admitted defalcations totaling nearly \$200,000, but many of the transactions took place so long ago as to be outlawed for criminal prosecution by the three-year statute of limitations.

The warrant lists in the aggregate more than \$100,000 in defalcations as admitted by Kiley and not outlawed.

Kiley, 42, has been Cashier of the bank for 15 years and Mayor of De Pere for six years; he is a past President of the De Pere Rotary Club and considered a leading citizen.

Fourteen years ago the defalcations began when Kiley made a \$20,000 loan to a new manufacturing concern without knowledge of the bank directors, covering up the loan when the concern went bankrupt.

"I tried to recover after getting into something when I was young and new in the banking business," he said. "Realizing my mistake now, I have no one to blame but myself."

Numerous forgeries of notes were discovered by bank examiners after their suspicion was directed to paper held by the bank.

L. J. Bosworth, Green Bay, was appointed receiver by the Comptroller of the Currency when the mounting shortages became apparent. About \$20,000 in school and city money is on deposit in the bank. Other De Pere banks are not affected, authorities said.

George M. Wyatt, Cashier for the past 20 years, of the First Wisconsin Bank at Fond du Lac, was recently advanced to Vice-President, and T. H. Normile, Assistant for the same period, was promoted to the Cashiership, it is learned from the "Commercial West" of Feb. 20, S. D. Wyatt is President of the institution.

It is learned from the "Commercial West" of Feb. 27 that depositors of the closed People's State Bank of Glencoe, Minn., are being paid an initial dividend of 30%. The closing of this bank on June 26 last year was noted in the "Chronicle" of July 4, page 63.

R. J. Lewis, President, and E. M. Peterson, Cashier of the First National Bank, Moose Lake, Minn., have sold their interests in the bank to V. J. Michaelson, W. I. Karpela, O. A. Schultz, and others according to the "Commercial West" of Feb. 27. New officers of the institution are Mr. Michaelson, President; F. A. Schweiger and W. I. Karpela, Vice-Presidents; and O. A. Schultz, Cashier. The bank has combined capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$42,000, and deposits of more than \$400,000, the paper mentioned said.

Northwest Bancorporation (headquarters Minneapolis) with its 138 affiliates ranks 16th in size in aggregate deposits among financial institutions in the United States, according to the annual report just recently received, while deposits of the Northwest Bancorporation Group make it the seventh in size outside of New York City. For the year ended Dec. 31 1931, the corporation made gross earnings of \$24-, 191,509.39 compared with \$26,306,864.74. Reduction in expenses from \$19,532,857.15 to \$18,177,340.91 left operating earnings \$6,014,168.48 compared with \$6,774,007.59 for the previous year. The operating statement is as follows:

	1931.	1930.
Interest earned	\$19,486,779.05	\$21,752,016.96
Other earnings	4,704,730.34	4,554,847.78
Gross earnings	\$24,191,509.39	\$26,306,864.74
Interest paid	7,218,773.18	8,242,265.25
Salaries	5,993,685.03	6,147,691.98
Other expenses	3,984,949.32	3,671,843.74
Taxes	979,933.38	1,471,053.18
Total expenses	\$18,177,340.91	\$19,532,857.15
Operating earnings	6,014,168.48	6,774,007.59
Amount applicable to Northwest Bancorporation after eliminating earned minority interests in affiliates	5,741,625.70	6,478,039.44

The report goes on to say:

It has been the continued policy of the corporation to maintain the highest standards of banking operation and to face facts as they appear, charging off determined losses and setting up adequate reserves to meet possible contingencies.

In line with this policy the assets other than stocks of affiliated institutions have been written down to market, wherever prices were available, and, in other cases, to estimated realizable values of Dec. 31 1931.

This resulted in setting up reserves of \$3,152,905, which amount has been deducted from the corporation's surplus. In addition, the corporation's investments in stocks of affiliated institutions, which has been carried at cost, has been adjusted by the net reduction in the book value of the net tangible assets of the respective companies between the dates of acquisition and Dec. 31 1931.

The directors have charged off \$6,100,759.90 in the year on loans and investments, substantially in excess of the amount set up by the National and State authorities who examined the banks.

After making these charge-offs and setting up reserves, eliminating non-ledger assets and all good-will value, the Bancorporation and its affiliated institutions have capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$52,465,657.29. Of this amount \$2,611,293.58 represents the interest of minority stockholders, and \$49,854,363.71 represents the corporation's interest in these institutions and its investments in other assets.

It is equal to \$29.81 a share—or 60% more than the current market price of Bancorporation stock.

The corporation had at the close of the year 17,605 stockholders, compared with 12,757 on the corresponding date in 1930, who held 1,679,501 shares, compared with 1,673,912 a year ago. Of these 11,039 were Minnesota stockholders, holding 998,875 shares. Ninety-five per cent of all the stockholders live in the States where Northwest Bancorporation banks are located. Every officer and employee is a stockholder.

Operating earnings applicable to stock, the report said, were \$3.43 a share as compared with \$3.87 a share in 1930. Dividends amounting to \$1.80 a share were paid in the year, amounting to \$3,004,936.20. The earnings were equal to 6.86% on the par value of the capital stock.

The First State Bank of Regent, N. D., closed since last September, reopened for business on Feb. 16. Officers of the bank, as named in the "Commercial West" of Feb. 27, are as follows: S. W. Hill, President; J. P. Jungers, Vice-President; H. C. Bowers, Cashier, and H. R. Holmstrom, Assistant Cashier.

According to the "Commercial West" of Mar. 5, Mrs. Harold Van Patter will succeed B. A. Pettit as Cashier of the State Bank of Buckeye, Iowa, who recently resigned to take a position in the farm loan department of the Valley National Bank of Des Moines, Iowa.

The Comptroller of the Currency on March 4 issued a charter for the First National Bank in Alma, Alma, Kansas, with capital of \$50,000. Otto J. Hess is President of the new bank and A. E. Stuewe, Cashier.

A new bank, the Security Bank, to replace the former Security State Bank of Blackwell, Okla., which closed in January of the present year has been authorized by the Oklahoma State Bank Commissioner, according to advices on Mar. 5 to the "Wall Street Journal", which also said:

It has capital of \$50,000 and surplus of \$25,000, and opened under an agreement to pay all secured claims of the old bank in full at once and to make a payment of 50c. on the dollar to other depositors.

The Round Prairie State Bank of Fillmore, Mo., was closed on Feb. 29, according to Associated Press advices from Fillmore on that date, which went on to say:

E. W. Davis, President, said the action is temporary "for adjustments to be made."

The Parish Trust & Savings Bank of Opelousas, La., newly organized banking institution, opened its doors for business on March 1. It replaces the Parish Bank & Trust Co., which closed Jan. 23. Advices from Opelousas to the New Orleans "Times-Picayune," from which the foregoing is learned went on to say:

Statements by bank officials declared that depositors in the Parish Bank & Trust Co. would receive 100 cents on the dollar as a result of the reorganization effected to-day. The payment plan is extended over a period of five years, in which patrons of the former bank were issued certificates of deposit. Accounts up to \$25 were released.

Officers for the newly organized bank were selected as follows: R. B. Christman, President; S. D. Kurtz, Vice-President; L. M. Laffeur, Cashier; Bryan Littell, Assistant Cashier. The newly organized bank also maintains a branch in Arnaudville, La., as did the former institution, with B. D. Champagne as Manager.

The First National Bank of Stamford, Tex., went into voluntary liquidation as of Feb. 25 last. This bank, which had a capital of \$100,000, was succeeded by the First National Bank in Stamford.

The City National Bank of Colorado, Tex., capitalized at \$60,000, and the Colorado National Bank in Colorado, with capital of \$100,000, were consolidated on Feb. 27 under the title of the City National Bank of Colorado. The new organization is capitalized at \$100,000 with surplus of \$75,000.

Two Oroville, Calif., banks, the First National Bank and the Bank of Oroville, capitalized at \$50,000 and \$100,000, respectively, were consolidated on Feb. 11 under the title of the First National Bank of Oroville. The enlarged institution is capitalized at \$127,500 with surplus of \$72,500.

On Mar. 3 the fifth liquidating payments was made to the stockholders of the Central National Bank of Los Angeles,

Cal., by David C. Moore, liquidating agent, who announced that he had several thousand dollars in reserve for future refunds, which he is withholding at present for contingencies which may arise in protecting properties still held. The Los Angeles "Times" of March 4, from which the above information is obtained, went on to say:

The bank's stockholders, at a meeting Mar. 11 1931, decided to discontinue voluntarily the business of the bank. Depositors had been asked to call for funds deposited with the bank several days before the meeting. All depositors were paid in full and interest on savings deposits was paid up until ten days before, or Mar. 1. Substantial net assets remained in loans and securities to meet deposit liabilities.

All creditors have been paid in full, Moore reported, including a satisfactory settlement of the lease liability for the bank quarters for the unexpired portion of the lease, a liability which had totaled approximately \$276,000.

Moore's report indicated he has several thousand dollars in face value of notes, securities and real estate to be liquidated, and that he plans to take advantage of improving conditions which are expected to yield better returns in the future.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Trading on the New York Stock Exchange has been extremely dull during the present week and with the exception of a brisk upward movement on Tuesday, the market has been reactionary with alternate periods of advance and decline. Some of the more active of the speculative favorites reached new highs, but were unable to hold their advances for any very lengthy period. Railroad stocks had a brief period of buoyancy on Tuesday but soon lost their gains, and early in the week merchandising and chemical stocks had a short burst of strength but failed to maintain their improvement. Motor shares were sluggish due to the uncertainty regarding future production, while steel stocks sold off following the publication of United States Steel Corp.'s statement for February showing a decline of 102,521 tons in unfilled orders, to a new record low of 2,545,629 tons. Among the interesting events of the week were the advance in pound sterling to 3.53½, the highest since last November, the Government offering of \$300,000,000 in 3½% Treasury certificates of seven months' maturity and \$600,000,000 in 3¼% Treasury certificates of 12 months' maturity, which were 3½ times oversubscribed. The Bank of England made a further reduction on Thursday in its discount rate from 5% to 4%, making the second cut within three weeks. Call money renewed at 2½% on Monday, and remained unchanged at that rate during the rest of the week.

The market moved irregularly upward during the brief period of trading on Saturday and while the advances were not particularly large, the forward movement was fairly steady. There were isolated exceptions where a prominent issue failed to move with the market, but these were largely in the minority. The best showing was made in the early trading by the chemical stocks and the merchandising groups, while the public utilities were stronger in the last half-hour. Shortly before the close large blocks of railroad shares were offered at advancing prices and a number of the more popular issues closed with substantial gains. In the specialties groups Air Reduction and Columbian Carbon were the strong stocks, the former reaching a new top for the year. United States Steel was fairly strong and closed above 50 with a gain of 2 points. Amer. Tel. & Tel. moved up 3¾ points to 134¾. Rubber stocks were stronger as a result of the more optimistic outlook for restricting production, and copper shares showed moderate improvement due to the increased demand from foreign buyers. Other gains included Atchison, 4 points to 87; Auburn Auto, 1¼ points to 92¼; International Business Machines, 3¾ points to 113¾; Safeway Stores, 2½ points to 59; Union Carbide & Carbon, 2½ points to 36¼; Union Pacific, 4 points to 87; Eastman Kodak, 1 point to 83½; Interborough Rapid Transit, 1½ points to 14¾, and Drug, Inc., 2½ points to 55½.

Prices were fractionally higher as the market opened on Monday, but turned slightly reactionary as the day progressed. Pivotal shares showed net losses ranging from 1 to 2 or more points and the main body of stocks followed along in the downward drift until late in the day when some of the popular issues rallied for a brief period and closed somewhat higher. Prominent among the shares closing on the side of the decline were many preferred stocks, while the common issues were represented on the side of the decline by such shares as Amer. Tel. & Tel. 3½ points to 131¼, Atchison 2 points to 85, Auburn Auto 2¼ points to 90, Rock Island 2½ points to 17, Reading 2¾ points to 30½, Eastman Kodak 1 point to 82½, Lambert Company 1¾ points to 54, Safeway Stores 3¼ points to 55¾, Canadian Pacific 1¾

points to 18 7/8, Delaware & Hudson 1 1/2 points to 82 1/2 and Union Pacific 2 points to 85. Trading continued quiet and at the close prices were near the lows for the day.

On Tuesday, the trend of prices turned upward and while the transactions were small, numerous advances ranging from 2 to 4 or more points were registered at the close. Oil shares were especially strong and moved briskly ahead for a brief period, but slowed down later in the day and closed only fractionally higher. Industrial shares like United States Steel, American Can, General Electric and Amer. Tel. & Tel. were strong and recorded gains ranging from 1 to 3 or more points at their tops for the day.

Prices advanced during the early trading on Wednesday, but the upward swing was checked after the first hour as selling appeared in some of the popular speculative issues. Reactionary tendencies became more pronounced as the day progressed, though trading was not particularly heavy at any time during the session. Auburn Auto was the feature of the session as it moved upward to 96 1/4 at its peak for the day, and closing at 94 1/8, with a net gain of 4 1/8 points. The final changes on the side of the decline included, among others, Air Reduction, 1 1/2 points to 60; Allied Chemical & Dye, 1 3/8 points to 84 1/2; American Can, 1 1/8 points to 71 3/4; American Water Works, 1 3/8 points to 33; Detroit Edison, 1 3/4 points to 110 1/4; Eastman Kodak, 1 1/4 points to 82 1/4, and Union Carbide & Carbon, 1 3/8 points to 34 1/8. At the close the market was fairly steady, with prices slightly above the bottom for the day.

Irregularity was the chief feature in the dull trading on Thursday and while the market developed a steadier tone after its early sag, the changes for the day were small though there was some liquidation apparent and occasionally a moderate amount of speculative selling. Most of the final changes particularly among such stocks as United States Steel, General Motors, Westinghouse and General Electric moved within a narrow range and closed with fractional losses. The principal changes were on the downside and included among others, Amer. Can, 1 1/8 points to 70 3/4; Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, 1 1/8 points to 20 1/2; Norfolk & Western, 3 points to 123; Hershey Chocolate, 3 points to 80, and International Shoe, 1 1/2 points to 37 1/2.

The market reacted downward on Friday and many of the popular speculative favorites fell off from 2 to 3 or more points. Trading was unusually quiet and the decline extended to all parts of the list. The opening hour was noteworthy for the uprush in Auburn Auto, which surged forward to above 101 and then sank to 99 7/8, with a net gain of 3 3/8 points on the day. Railroad shares were fairly strong in the early trading, but were unable to resist the downward movement and slipped lower with the rest of the list. The changes on the side of the decline included among others, Allied Chemical & Dye, 3 3/4 points to 80 3/4; American Can, 2 points to 68 3/4; American Tobacco, 3 points to 83; Atchison, 2 3/4 points to 80 3/4; Brooklyn Union Gas, 2 points to 86; United States Steel, 2 1/8 points to 46 1/2; Union Pacific, 3 points to 81 1/2; Peoples Gas (Chicago), 2 points to 98; Homestake Mining Co., 2 1/2 points to 124; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph, 2 1/4 points to 99; Norfolk & Western, 3 points to 120, and Eastman Kodak, 2 1/2 points to 79 3/4. The market was fairly steady at the close, but most of the active issues were down to their lowest levels of the day.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Table with columns: Week Ended, Stocks, Railroad and Miscell. Bonds, State, Municipal & For'n Bonds, United States Bonds, Total Bond Sales.

Table with columns: Sales at New York Stock Exchange, Week Ended Mar 11, Jan. 1 to Mar 11.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Table with columns: Week Ended, Boston (Shares, Bond Sales), Philadelphia (Shares, Bond Sales), Baltimore (Shares, Bond Sales).

Prev. week revised 124,041 \$99,272 108,377 \$108,100 3,653 \$5,100

a In addition, sales of warrants were: Saturday, 10; Monday, 10; Tuesday, 10; Wednesday, 10. Also, sales of rights were: Tuesday, 50.

PRICES ON PARIS BOURSE.

Quotations of representative stocks on the Paris Bourse as received by cable each day of the past week have been as follows:

Table with columns: Mar. 5 1932, Mar. 7 1932, Mar. 8 1932, Mar. 9 1932, Mar. 10 1932, Mar. 11 1932. Lists various banks and companies.

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, March 12), bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be 39.6% below those for the corresponding week last year. Our preliminary total stands at \$5,060,749,328, against \$8,382,040,406 for the same week in 1930. At this center there is a loss for the five days ended Friday of 42.7%. Our comparative summary for the week follows:

Table with columns: City, 1932, 1931, Per Cent. Lists cities like New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, etc.

Complete and exact details for the week covered by the foregoing will appear in our issue of next week. We cannot furnish them to-day, inasmuch as the week ends to-day (Saturday) and the Saturday figures will not be available until noon to-day. 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 March 5. For that week there is a decrease of 36.0%, the aggregate

of clearings for the whole country being \$6,336,898,399, against \$9,901,277,049 in the same week of 1931. Outside of this city there is a decrease of 34.4%, the bank clearings at this center recording a loss of 36.8%. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located, and from this it appears that in the New York Reserve District, including this city, there is a loss of 35.5%, in the Boston Reserve District of 41.1% and in the Philadelphia Reserve District 33.7%. In the Cleveland Reserve District the totals have been diminished by 38.9%, in the Richmond Reserve District by 26.8%, and in the Atlanta Reserve District by 28.8%. The Chicago Reserve District suffers a contraction of 41.9%, in the St. Louis Reserve District of 23.0%, and in the Minneapolis Reserve District of 27.7%. In the Kansas City Reserve District the decrease is 34.0%, in the Dallas Reserve District 25.6% and in the San Francisco Reserve District of 29.0%.

In the following we furnish a summary of Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Table with columns: Week Ended Mar. 5 1932., 1932., 1931., Inc. or Dec., 1930., 1929. Rows include Federal Reserve Districts like Boston, New York, Philadelphia, etc.

We now add our detailed statement, showing last week's figures for each city separately, for the four years:

Main table with columns: Clearings at—, Week Ended March 5., 1932., 1931., Inc. or Dec., 1930., 1929. Rows list various cities and their clearing amounts.

Table with columns: Clearings at—, Week Ended March 5., 1932., 1931., Inc. or Dec., 1930., 1929. Rows list various cities and their clearing amounts.

Table with columns: Clearings at—, Week Ended March 3., 1932., 1931., Inc. or Dec., 1930., 1929. Rows list various cities and their clearing amounts.

a No longer reports weekly clearings. b Clearing house not functioning at present. c Clearing house reopened in February. d Figures smaller due to merger of two large banks.

Table with columns: Special Funds—Receipts, Expenditures, Summary of General and Special Funds, Trust Funds—Receipts, Expenditures. Rows include various fund categories and amounts for months of February 1932, 1931, and eight-month periods.

Treasury Money Holdings. The following compilation, made up from the daily Government statements, shows the money holdings of the Treasury at the beginning of business on the first of December, 1931, and January, February and March, 1932:

Table titled 'Holdings in U. S. Treasury' with columns for Dec. 1 1931, Jan. 1 1932, Feb. 1 1932, Mar. 1 1932. Rows include Net gold coin and bullion, Net silver coin and bullion, Net National bank notes, etc.

Treasury Cash and Current Liabilities. The cash holdings of the Government as the items stood Feb. 29 1932 are set out in the following. The figures are taken entirely from the daily statement of the United States Treasury as of Feb. 29 1932.

Table titled 'CURRENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES' with sections for GOLD and SILVER DOLLARS. Rows include Assets and Liabilities with dollar amounts.

Table titled 'GENERAL FUND' with columns for Assets and Liabilities. Rows include Gold (see above), Silver dollars (see above), United States notes, Federal Reserve notes, etc.

Under the Acts of July 14 1890 and Dec. 23 1913, deposits of lawful money for the retirement of outstanding National bank and Federal Reserve bank notes are paid into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts, and these obligations are made, under the Acts mentioned, a part of the public debt. The amount of such obligations to-day was \$69,288,275.50.

Preliminary Debt Statement of the United States February 29 1932.

The preliminary statement of the public debt of the United States Feb. 29 1932 as made upon the basis of the daily Treasury statement is as follows:

Table listing various bonds and certificates: 2% Consols of 1930, 2% Panama's of 1916-36, 2% Panama's of 1918-38, 3% Panama's of 1961, 3% Conversion bonds, 2 1/4% Postal Savings bonds, First Liberty Loan of 1932-47, 3 1/4% bonds, 4% bonds, 4 1/4% bonds, 4 1/4% Fourth Liberty Loan of 1933-38, 4 1/4% Treasury bonds of 1947-52, 4% Treasury bonds of 1944-54, 3 1/4% Treasury bonds of 1946-56, 3 1/2% Treasury bonds of 1943-47, 3 1/2% Treasury bonds of 1940-43, 3 1/2% Treasury bonds of 1941-43, 3 1/4% Treasury bonds of 1946-49, 3% Treasury bonds of 1951-55, Treasury Notes, Treasury Certificates, Treasury Bills (Maturity Value), Total interest-bearing debt.

Table titled 'Matured Debt on Which Interest Has Ceased' listing Old debt matured, Second Liberty Loan bonds of 1927-42, Third Liberty Loan bonds of 1928, 3 1/4% Victory notes of 1922-23, 4 1/4% Victory notes of 1922-23, Treasury notes, Certificates of Indebtedness, Treasury bills, Treasury savings certificates, Debt Bearing No Interest—United States notes, Less gold reserve, Deposits for retirement of national bank and Federal Reserve bank notes, Old demand notes and fractional currency, Thrift and Treasury savings stamps, unclassified sales, &c.

Table titled 'COMPARATIVE PUBLIC DEBT STATEMENT' with sub-header '(On the basis of daily Treasury statements.)' and rows for Aug. 31 1919, When War Debt Was at Its Peak, Feb. 28 1931, A Year Ago, Gross debt, Net balance in general fund, Gross debt less net balance in general fund.

Los Angeles Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Los Angeles Stock Exchange, March 5 to March 11, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1 (Low, High). Lists various stocks like Barnsdall Oil A, Balsa Chica Oil A, etc.

By Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per Sh. Lists securities like 20 Wm. Whitman Co., Inc., pref., 1 Newmarket Mfg. Co., etc.

By R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per Sh. Lists securities like 3 Nat. Grand Bank, Marblehead, 26 Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co., etc.

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per Sh. Lists securities like 20 Phila. Nat. Bank, par \$20., 55 Central-Penn Nat. Bk., par \$10., etc.

By A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per Sh. Lists securities like 10 International Rustless Iron, 1,000 Area Mines, etc.

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends are grouped in two separate tables. In the first we bring together all the dividends announced the current week. Then we follow with a second table, in which we show the dividends previously announced, but which have not yet been paid.

The dividends announced this week are:

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent, When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Lists dividends for various companies like Alabama & Vicksburg, Bell RR. & Stock Yards, etc.

National Banks.—The following information regarding National banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

Table with columns: Date, Bank Name, Capital. Lists banks like The First National Bank at Pontiac, Mich., First National Bank in Alma, Kan., etc.

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS.

Table with columns: Date, Bank Name, Capital. Lists liquidations for banks like The First National Bank of Whiting, Ind., The Citizens National Bank of Boliver, Pa., etc.

Table with columns: Date, Bank Name, Capital. Lists consolidations for banks like The First National Bank of Oroville, Calif., The City National Bank of Colorado, Texas, etc.

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not actually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were sold at auction in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, and Buffalo on Wednesday of this week:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per Sh. Lists auctioned securities like 402 Autoplano Co., par \$75., 376 Kohler & Campbell, Inc., \$800 lot, etc.

Table with 4 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, and Books Closed, Days Inclusive. It lists numerous companies such as Block Bros. Tobacco, Brierley Pipe Line, and others, detailing their financial status and payment schedules.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Included. Two main sections: Miscellaneous (Continued) and Miscellaneous (Continued). Entries include various corporations and their financial details.

Table listing various companies such as U. S. Gypsum, Preferred, U. S. Leather, U. S. Foll. common A & B, etc., with columns for Per Cent, When Payable, and Books Closed.

The New York "Times" publishes regularly each week returns of a number of banks and trust companies which are not members of the New York Clearing House...

INSTITUTIONS NOT IN THE CLEARING HOUSE WITH THE CLOSING OF BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK ENDED FRIDAY, MARCH 4 1932.

Table titled NATIONAL BANKS—AVERAGE FIGURES. Columns include Loans, Disc. and Investments, Gold, Other Cash Including Bank Notes, Res. Dep. N. Y. and Elsewhere, Dep. Other Banks and Trust Cos., and Gross Deposits.

Table titled TRUST COMPANIES—AVERAGE FIGURES. Columns include Loans, Disc. and Investments, Cash, Res. Dep. N. Y. and Elsewhere, Dep. Other Banks and Trust Cos., and Gross Deposits.

* From unofficial sources. † The New York Stock Exchange has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice.

‡ The New York Curb Exchange Association has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice.

§ Transfer books not closed for this dividend. ¶ Correction. * Payable in stock.

† Payable in common stock ‡ Payable in scrip. § On account of accumulated dividends. ¶ Payable in preferred stock.

Boston Clearing House Weekly Returns.—In the following we furnish a summary of all the items in the Boston Clearing House weekly statement for a series of weeks:

BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS.

Table showing weekly returns for Boston Clearing House members with columns for Week Ended, Changes from Previous Week, and Res. in Vault.

Weekly Return of New York City Clearing House.—Beginning with March 31 1928, the New York City Clearing House Association discontinued giving out all statements previously issued...

STATEMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE ASSOCIATION FOR THE WEEK ENDED SATURDAY, MARCH 5 1932.

Table showing financial statements for members of the New York Clearing House Association, including Capital, Surplus and Undivided Profits, Net Demand Deposits, and Time Deposits.

* As per official reports: National, Dec 31 1931; State, Dec. 31 1931. † Trust Companies, Dec. 31 1931. e As of Feb. 9 1932.

Philadelphia Banks.—Beginning with the return for the week ended Oct. 11 1930, the Philadelphia Clearing House Association began issuing its weekly statement in a new form.

Reserve requirements for members of the Federal Reserve System are 10% on demand deposits and 3% on time deposits, all to be kept with the Federal Reserve Bank.

Table showing weekly returns for Philadelphia banks with columns for Week Ended, Changes from Previous Week, and Res. in Vault.

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, March 10, and showing the condition of the twelve Reserve banks at the close of business on Wednesday. In the first table we present the results for the System as a whole in comparison with the figures for the seven preceding weeks and with those of the corresponding week last year. The second table shows the resources and liabilities separately for each of the twelve banks. The Federal Reserve Agents' Accounts (third table following) gives details regarding transactions in Federal Reserve notes between the Comptroller and Reserve Agents and between the latter and Federal Reserve banks. The Reserve Board's comment upon the returns for the latest week appears on page 1859, being the first item in our department of "Current Events and Discussions."

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS MARCH 9 1932

Main table showing combined resources and liabilities of Federal Reserve banks from Mar. 9 1932 to Mar. 9 1931. Includes sub-sections for RESOURCES, LIABILITIES, Maturity Distribution of Bills and Short-Term Securities, and Federal Reserve Notes.

* Revised figures

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS MARCH 9 1932

Table showing weekly statement of resources and liabilities for each of the 12 Federal Reserve banks (Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran.) as of March 9, 1932.

Bankers' Gazette.

Wall Street, Friday Night, March 11 1932.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 1899.

The following are sales made at the Stock Exchange this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

Table with columns: STOCKS, Week Ended Mar. 11., Sales for Week., Range for Week. (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Rows include Railroads, Indus. & Miscell., and various stock categories.

* No par value.

United States Liberty Loan Bonds and Treasury Certificates on the New York Stock Exchange.

Table titled 'Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices' with columns for dates (Mar. 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11) and bond types (First Liberty Loan, Fourth Liberty Loan, Treasury, etc.).

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon transactions in registered bonds were:

Small table showing coupon transactions for 8 4th 4 1/2s, 7 Treasury 4 1/2s, and 1 Treasury 4s.

Quotations for United States Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, &c.

Table with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked, Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked. Lists various Treasury certificates.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—The firm of Talcott, Potter & Co. has been formed, to conduct a general brokerage business... —Rollin C. Bortle, well known in the investment banking field... —Holman, Rapp & Co., Philadelphia, announce the election of Stuart Johnstone as President...

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKET—PER CABLE.

The daily closing quotations for securities, &c., at London, as reported by cable, have been as follows the past week:

Table with columns: Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Mar. 5., Mar. 7., Mar. 8., Mar. 9., Mar. 10., Mar. 11. Lists prices for Silver, Gold, Consols, British, French Renten, etc.

The price of silver in New York on the same days has been:

Table with columns: Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.), 30 1/4, 30 1/4, 30 1/4, 29 1/4, 29 1/4, 29 1/4.

Foreign Exchange.—

To-day's (Friday's) actual rate for sterling exchange were 3.61% @ 3.64% for cables. Commercial on banks, 3.64 for checks and 3.61% @ 3.64% for cables.

Table with columns: Sterling, Actual, Checks, Cables, Paris Bankers' Francs, Germany Bankers' Marks, Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders.

FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE SECOND PAGE PRECEDING.

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday Mar. 5 to Friday Mar. 11), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range for Year 1933 (Lowest, Highest), PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1931 (Lowest, Highest). Rows include various stock listings like Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par, Allied Chemical & Dye, etc.

* 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.

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday Mar. 5 to Friday Mar. 11), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range for Year 1932, PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1931. Includes various stock entries like Indus. & Miscell. (Con.), Brigs & Stratton, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend. w 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 Mar. 6 to Friday Mar. 11) and price ranges for various stocks.

Sales for the Week.

Table listing various stock companies (e.g., Indus. & Miscell., Domes Ltd., Dominion Stores) and their sales figures.

Table showing 'PER SHARE' data for 'Range for Year 1932' with columns for 'Lowest' and 'Highest' prices.

Table showing 'PER SHARE' data for 'Range for Previous Year 1931' with columns for 'Lowest' and 'Highest' prices.

* Bid and asked prices: no sales on this day. # Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights. d Ex-dividends.

FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE FIFTH PAGE PRECEDING.

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday Mar. 5 to Friday Mar. 11), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range for Year 1932, and PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1931. Lists various stocks like Hamilton Watch, Harbison-Walk Refracs, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day x 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 for dates (Saturday Mar. 5 to Friday Mar. 11), 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 Mathieson Alkali Works, May Dept Stores, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. b Ex-dividend and ex-rights. s Ex-dividend. p Ex-rights.

FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE SEVENTH PAGE PRECEDING.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday Mar. 5, Monday Mar. 7, Tuesday Mar. 8, Wednesday Mar. 9, Thursday Mar. 10, Friday Mar. 11), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range for Year 1921 (Lowest, Highest), and PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1921 (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like Pittsburgh Coal, Pittsburg Steel, etc.

* 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 EIGHTH PAGE PRECEDING.

Main table with columns for dates (Saturday Mar. 5 to Friday Mar. 11), Stock names (e.g., Indus. & Miscell., Texas Pacific Land Trust), and prices. Includes sub-sections for 'HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.' and 'NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE'.

* Bid and asked prices no sales on this day. † Ex-dividend ‡ Ex-rights

New York Stock Exchange—Bond Record, Friday, Weekly and Yearly

1923

On Jan. 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now "and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds

BONDS. N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended March 11.										BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended March 11.									
Interest Period.	Price Friday Mar. 11.	Week's Range or Last Sale.		Bonds Sold.	Range Since Jan. 1.														
		Bid	Ask			Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High				
U. S. Government.										Cundinamarca (Dept) Colombia									
First Liberty Loan—										External s f 6 1/2s.....1959									
3 1/2% of 1932-47.....J D										Czechoslovakia (Rep of) 8s.....1951									
Conv 4% of 1932-47.....J D										Sinking fund 8s ser B.....1952									
Conv 4 1/2% of 1932-47.....J D										Denmark 20-year extl 6s.....1942									
2d conv 4 1/2% of 1932-47.....J D										External gold 5 1/2s.....1955									
Fourth Liberty Loan—										External g 4 1/2s—Apr 15 1962									
4 1/2% of 1933-38.....J A										Deutsche BK Am part of 6s. 1932									
Conversion 3s coupon.....J A										Dominican Rep Cust Ad 5 1/2s '42									
Treasury 4 1/2s.....1947-1952										2d series sinking fund 5 1/2s. 1940									
Treasury 4 1/2s.....1944-1954										Dresden (City) external 7s.....1945									
Treasury 4 1/2s.....1946-1956										Dutch East Indies extl 6s.....1941									
Treasury 3 1/2s.....1943-1947										40-year external 6s.....1962									
Treasury 3 1/2s.....Sept 15 1951-1955										30-year ext 5 1/2s—Mar 1953									
Treasury 3 1/2s June 15 1940-1943										30-year ext 5 1/2s—Nov 1953									
Treasury 3 1/2s.....1941-1943										El Salvador (Republic) 8s.....1948									
Treasury 3 1/2s June 15 1946-1949										Estonia (Republic of) 7s.....1967									
Panama Canal 3s.....1901										Finland (Republic) extl 6s.....1945									
										External sinking fund 7s.....1950									
										External sink fund 6 1/2s.....1956									
										External sink fund 5 1/2s.....1958									
										Finland (Republic) Loan 6 1/2s A.....1954									
										External 6 1/2s series B.....1954									
										Frankfort (City) of s f 6 1/2s.....1953									
										French Republic extl 7 1/2s.....1941									
										External 7s of 1924.....1949									
										German Government Interna-									
										tional 35-yr 5 1/2s of 1930.....1965									
										German Republic extl 7s.....1949									
										German Prov & Communal Bks									
										(Cons Agric Loan) 6 1/2s.....1958									
										Graz (Municipality) 8s.....1954									
										Gr Brk & Ice (U K) of 5 1/2s.....1937									
										Registered.....1944, Sept 31									
										*4% fund loan extl opt 1960. 1900									
										*5% War Loan extl opt 1929. 1947									
										Greater Prague (City) 7 1/2s. 1952									
										Greek Government s f ser 7s. 1964									
										Sinking fund sec 6s.....1968									
										Haiti (Republic) s f 6s.....1952									
										Hamburg (State) 6s.....1946									
										Heidelberg (Germany) extl 7 1/2s '50									
										Helsingfors (City) ext 6 1/2s.....1960									
										Hungarian Munic Loan 7 1/2s. 1945									
										External s f 7s.....Sept 1 1946									
										Hungarian Land M Inst 7 1/2s '61									
										Sinking fund 7 1/2s ser B.....1961									
										Hungary (Kingd of) s f 7 1/2s. 1944									
										Irish Free State extl s f 5s.....1960									
										Italy (Kingdom of) extl 7s.....1951									
										Italian Cred Consortium 7s A '37									
										External sec s f 7s ser B.....1947									
										Italian Public Utility extl 7s. 1952									
										Japanese Gov 30-yr s f 6 1/2s. 1954									
										Extl sinking fund 5 1/2s.....1965									
										Jugoslavia (State Mtge Bank)—									
										Secured s f 7s.....1957									
										Lepzig (Germany) s f 7s.....1947									
										Lower Austria (Prov) 7 1/2s.....1950									
										Lyons (City of) 15-year 6s.....1934									
										Marseilles (City of) 15-yr 6s. 1934									
										Medellin (Colombia) 6 1/2s.....1954									
										Mexican Irrig Assnng 4 1/2s.....1943									
										Mexico (US) extl 5s of 1899 £ '45									
										Assenting 5s of 1899.....1945									
										Assenting 5s large.....4 10 5									
										Assenting 4s of 1904.....4 4 3/4									
										Assenting 4s of 1910 large.....4 15 4									
										Assenting 4s of 1910 small.....11 4 4									
										Treas 6s of 13 assent (large) '83									
										Small.....3 Dec 31									
										Milan (City, Italy) extl 6 1/2s. 1952									
										Minas Geras (State) Brazil—									
										External s f 6 1/2s.....1958									
										Extl sec 6 1/2s series A.....1959									
										Montevideo (City of) 7s.....1952									
										External s f 6s series A.....1959									
										Netherlands 6s (lat prices).....1972									
										New So Wales (State) extl 6s. 1957									
										External s f 5s.....Apr 1958									
										20-year external 6s.....1943									
										30-year external 6s.....1952									
										40-year s f 5 1/2s.....1965									
										External s f 5s.....Mar 15 1963									
										Municipal Bank extl s f 5s. 1967									
										Municipal Bank extl s f 5s. 1970									
										Nuremberg (City) extl 6s.....1952									
										Oriental Devel group 6s.....1953									
										Extl deb 5 1/2s.....1958									
										Oslo (City) 30-yr s f 6s.....1955									
										Sinking fund 5 1/2s.....1946									
										Panama (Rep) extl 5 1/2s.....1953									
										Extl s f 5s.....May 15 1953									
										Perambuco (State of) extl 7s '47									
										Peru (Rep of) external 7s.....1959									
										Nat Loan extl s f 6s 2d ser. 1961									
										Poland (Rep of) gold 6s.....1940									
										Stabilization loan s f 7s.....1947									
										External sink fund g 8s.....1950									
										Porto Alegre (City of) 8s.....1961									
										Extl gaur sink fund 7 1/2s.....1966									
										Prussia (Free State) extl 6 1/2s '61									
										External s f 6s.....1952									
										Quensland (State) extl s f 7s. 1941									
										25-year external 6s.....1947									
										Rhine-Main-Danube 7s A.....1950									
										Rio Grande do Sul extl s f 8s. 1946									
										External sinking fund 6s.....1968									
										External s f 7s 9f 1926.....1966									
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										Rio de Janeiro 25-year s f 8s. 1946									
										External s f 6 1/2s.....1953									
										Rome (City) extl 6 1/2s.....1952									
										Rotterdam (City) extl 6s.....1964									
										Roumania (Monopolies) 7s.....1959									
										Saarbruecken (City) 6s.....1953									
										Sao Paulo (City) s f 8s.....Mar 1952									
										External s f 6s of 1927.....1957									
										San Paulo (State) extl s f 8s.....1957									
										External sec s f 8s.....1950									
										External s f 7s Water L'n. 1956									
										External s f 7s.....1968									
										Secured s f 7s.....1940									
										Santa Fe (Prov Arg Rep) 7s. 1942									
										Saxon Pub Wks (Germany) 7s '45									
										Gen ref gaur 6 1/2s.....1951									
										Saxon State Mtge Inst 7s.....1945									
										Sinking fund g 6 1/2s.....Dec 1946									
										Seine Dept of (France) ext 7s '42									
										Serbia Croatia & Slovenia 8s.....1962									
										External sec 7s ser B.....1962									

r Cash sale. * At the exchange rate of \$1.8665 to the £ sterling. a Deferred delivery.

Table with columns for Bond Type, Price, Week's Range, Range Since, and Issuance Date. It lists various bonds such as Erie & Plattsburgh, Florida East Coast, and others, with their respective prices and terms.

r Cash sale. a Deferred delivery.

Table with columns: BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended March 11, Interest Period, Price Friday Mar. 11., Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1., Low, High. Includes entries like North Cent gen & ref 5s A, Gen & ref 4 1/2s ser A, North Ohio 1st guar g 6s, etc.

Table with columns: BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended March 11, Interest Period, Price Friday Mar. 11., Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1., Low, High. Includes entries like Seaboard All Fla 1st gu 6s A, Certificates of deposit, Series B, Seaboard & Roan 1st 5s extd, etc.

INDUSTRIALS

Table with columns: Description, Price, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1., Low, High. Includes entries like Abtith Pow & Pap 1st 5s, Adams Express coll tr g 4s, Adriatic Elec Co extl 7s, etc.

r Cash sale. d Due May. & Due August. a Deferred delivery.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended March 11.', 'Price Friday Mar. 11.', 'Week's Range or Last Sale.', 'Range Since Jan. 1.', and 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended March 11.' with various sub-columns for bid, ask, low, high, and volume.

r Cash sale a Deferred delivery

Table with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended March 11, Price, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold., Range Since Jan. 1, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended March 11, Price, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold., Range Since Jan. 1. Rows list various bonds and their details.

* Cash sales a 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 the Boston Stock Exchange, March 5 to March 11, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes sections for Railroads, Miscellaneous, and Mining.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange, March 5 to March 11, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes sections for Bonds, Miscellaneous, and Chicago Elec Mfg A.

Table with columns: Stocks (Continued) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes sections for Chle Investors Corp, Common, and various other companies.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries for Western Grocer Co, Western Pow Lt & Tel Co, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries for Imperial Oil Ltd, Internat'l Petroleum, etc.

Toronto Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Toronto Stock Exchange, March 5 to March 11, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, March 5 to March 11, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Large table with columns: Stocks— Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries for Abitibi Pr & Paper com, Alberta Pacific Grain A, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks— Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries for American Stores, Bankers Securities pref, etc.

Toronto Curb.—Record of transactions at the Toronto Curb, March 5 to March 11, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, March 5 to March 11, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks— Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries for Can Bud Breweries com, Canada Maiting Co, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks— Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries for Arundel Corporation, Black & Decker com, etc.

Cleveland Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange, March 5 to March 11, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks— Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries for British-Amer Oil, Crown Dominion Oil Co, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks— Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries for Aetna Rubber com, Central United Nat, etc.

Table of stock prices for various companies including Foot-Burt com, Goodyear T & R com, Greif Bros Coop'ge cl A, etc.

Table of stock prices for various companies including Miscellaneous, Amer Credit Indemntly, Brown Shoe common, etc.

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange, March 5 to March 11, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Amer Laund Mach com, Amer Rolling Mill com, Champ Ctd Ist pref, etc.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, March 5 to March 11, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Allegheny Steel, Arkansas Nat Gas Corp., Armstrong Cork Co., etc.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange, March 5 to March 11, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Banks & Trust Cos., First National Bank, Merc-Com B & T Co., etc.

Milwaukee Grain & Stock Exchange.—Following is the record of transactions at the Milwaukee Grain & Stock Exchange, March 5 to March 11, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Briggs & Stratton, Bucyrus-Erie, Firemen's Ins, etc.

New York Produce Exchange Securities Market.—Following is the record of transactions at the New York Produce Exchange Securities Market, March 5 to March 11, both inclusive, compiled from sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Admiralty Alaska Gold, Allied General pref, Amer Oil Gen A, etc.

San Francisco Stock Exchange.—See page 1904. Los Angeles Stock Exchange.—See page 1905.

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 (Mar. 5 1932) and ending the present Friday (Mar. 11 1932). 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 of stock prices for various companies including Indus. & Miscellaneous, Acetol Prod convy A, Arfa Anso Corp com, etc.

Table with columns for Bonds (Continued), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., and Bonds (Continued) with various financial data including interest rates and dates.

Quotations for Unlisted Securities

Public Utility Bonds.

Table of Public Utility Bonds with columns for description, bid, ask, and price. Includes entries like Am Com'th P 5 1/2s '53 M&N, Amer S P S 5 1/2s 1948 M&N, etc.

Investment Trusts (Concluded).

Table of Investment Trusts with columns for description, bid, ask, and price. Includes entries like Public Service Trust Shares, Representative Trust Shares, etc.

Public Utility Stocks.

Table of Public Utility Stocks with columns for description, bid, ask, and price. Includes entries like Alabama Power \$7 pref., Arizona Power 7% pref., etc.

Industrial Stocks.

Table of Industrial Stocks with columns for description, bid, ask, and price. Includes entries like Adams Mills \$7 pref., Acolian Co \$7 pref., etc.

Investment Trusts.

Table of Investment Trusts with columns for description, bid, ask, and price. Includes entries like A B C Trust Shares ser D, Series E, etc.

Telephone and Telegraph Stocks.

Table of Telephone and Telegraph Stocks with columns for description, bid, ask, and price. Includes entries 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 description, bid, ask, and price. Includes entries like Boback (H C) Inc com., Butler (James) common, etc.

* No par value. a Last reported marked. d New stock. z Dividend. y Ex-rights.

Quotations for Unlisted Securities—Concluded—Page 2

Sugar Stocks.

Table with columns: Par, Bid, Ask, Sugar Estates Oriente pf 100, United Porto Rican com., Preferred.

Federal Land Bank Bonds.

Table with columns: 4s 1957 optional 1937 M&N, 4s 1958 optional 1938 M&N, 4 1/2s 1956 opt 1936 J&J, etc.

New York Bank Stocks.

Table with columns: Bank of Yorktown, Chase, Chatham-Ph Nat Bk & Tr 20, City (National), etc.

Trust Companies.

Table with columns: Banca Comm Italiana Tr 100, Bank of Sicily Trust, Bank of New York & Tr 100, etc.

Chicago Bank Stocks.

Table with columns: Central Republic, Chic Bk of Commerce, Continental Bk & Tr 100, etc.

Industrial and Railroad Bonds.

Table with columns: Adams Express 4s '47 J&D, American Meter 6s 1946, Am Tobacco 4s 1951 F&A, etc.

Insurance Companies.

Table with columns: Aetna Casualty & Surety, Aetna Fire, Aetna Life, Agricultural, American Alliance, etc.

Realty, Surety and Mortgage Companies.

Table with columns: Bond & Mortgage Guar, Empire Title & Guar, Franklin Surety, etc.

Aeronautical Stocks.

Table with columns: Alexander Indus 8% pref, American Airports Corp, Aviation Sec of New Engl, etc.

Quotations for Other Over-the-Counter Securities

Short Term Securities.

Table with columns: Allis-Chalm Mfg 5s May 1937, Alum Co of Amer 5s May '32, Amer Metal 5 1/2s 1934 A&O, etc.

Railroad Equipments.

Table with columns: Atlantic Coast Line 6s, Equipment 6 1/2s, Baltimore & Ohio 6s, etc.

Water Bonds.

Table with columns: Alton Water 5s 1956, Ark Wat 1st 5A 1956 A&O, Ashabula W W 5s 1958A&O, etc.

Investment Trust Stocks and Bonds.

Table with columns: American & Continental, Bankers Nat Invest com, Beneficial Indus Loan pref, etc.

* No par value. aAnd dividend. d Last reported market. f Flat price. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Assets—		1931.	1930.	Liabilities—		1931.	1930.
Plants, property & invests.	339,133,137	336,691,030		1st pref. stock.	20,000,000	20,000,000	
Temp. invests. system securs.	1,540,417	1,328,423		Com. stock.	17,508,837	17,508,837	
Cash—				Prof. stocks of subs. with pub.	85,822,700	85,720,500	
Curr. check'g acct. & nonh'd held by trust. for construe. purposes, &c.	3,330,174	7,527,678		Min. stkholders' int. in com. stock & surp. of sub. cos.	12,736	91,021	
Set apart for red. of pref. stk. of subs. companies	102,933	264,128		Collat. trust fs.	12,575,600	12,575,600	
Accounts, notes, &c., receiv.	26,526,391	6,748,562		6% debentures.	8,000,000	8,000,000	
Mat'ls & suppl's due from subs.	2,526,550	2,986,952		5% debentures.	3,000,000	3,000,000	
Disc. on bds. & notes, &c., deferred charges	17,108,003	14,902,703		Fund. debt subs.	159,223,400	156,149,400	
Commts. & exp. on sale of capital stock	1,243,588	1,321,324		Accts. payable.	1,814,536	2,275,791	
				Notes payable.	2,235,319	340,319	
				Pay. by employ. under stock purchase plan	250,705	-----	
Total	421,567,243	421,786,643		Federal taxes.	767,684	1,624,003	
				Other taxes.	2,189,525	2,133,777	
				Mat'd int. pay.	556,968	320,776	
				Acc'r'd int. pay.	2,213,180	2,362,770	
				Divs. accrued on pref. stocks.	345,556	376,758	
				Divs. decl. unpd.	912,637	579,856	
				Div. decl. Dec. 1931.	-----	-----	
				Prof. stk. on sub. co. called for pay. Dec. 31 1929.	-----	-----	
				Funded debt of subs.	-----	5,524,000	
				Consumers dep.	4,194,566	4,550,316	
				Ctr. def. liabls.	157,999	177,992	
				Deferred credits.	388,103	531,052	
				Res. for deprec. damages, &c.	33,511,919	31,975,770	
				General surplus.	64,572,440	64,655,784	
Total	421,567,243	421,786,643		Total	421,567,243	421,786,643	

x After deducting \$483,074 reserve for uncollectibles. y Represented by 1,750,888 shares no par common stock. z Represented by 200,000 shares \$6 cum. 1st pref. stock.—V. 134, p. 1757.

Corn Products Refining Co.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.)

COMPARATIVE INCOME STATEMENT FOR CALENDAR YEARS				
	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Profits for operation	\$10,543,287	\$14,499,005	\$16,919,389	\$13,802,114
Int. on dep., loans, &c.	386,111	487,669	799,110	637,372
Int. & divs. on securs.	1,758,600	2,004,325	1,811,300	1,884,433
Income affiliated cos.	2,294,189	2,294,406	1,948,492	1,667,126
Profit on securs. sold	See x	99,015	661,964	447,435
Total income	\$14,982,186	\$19,384,420	\$22,140,257	\$18,438,482
Int. on bonded debt	88,727	101,727	118,006	118,523
General, State, corp. and Federal taxes	1,322,323	2,093,136	2,552,766	1,967,643
Depreciation	2,717,522	2,916,225	2,940,665	2,942,583
Insurance	143,839	205,643	219,168	216,757
Net income	\$10,709,775	\$14,067,689	\$16,309,652	\$13,192,974
Preferred divs. (7%)	1,750,000	1,750,000	1,750,000	1,750,000
Common dividends	8,855,000	10,120,000	10,120,000	8,855,000
Rate	14%	16%	16%	14%
Surplus	\$104,775	\$2,197,689	\$4,439,652	\$2,587,974
Previous surplus	24,480,894	22,283,205	17,843,553	15,255,578
Profit & loss surplus	\$24,585,669	\$24,480,894	\$22,283,205	\$17,843,553
Shares of common outstanding (par \$25)	2,530,000	2,530,000	2,530,000	2,530,000
Earn. per share on com.	\$3.54	\$4.85	\$5.76	\$4.52
x Net loss on sales of securities to the amount of \$1,033,022 has been charged to the reserve previously accrued.				

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Assets—		1931.	1930.	Liabilities—		1931.	1930.
Real est., bldgs., machinery, &c.	38,346,813	39,500,714		Preferred stock.	25,000,000	25,000,000	
Inv. in affil. cos.	31,615,046	27,925,086		Common stock.	63,250,000	63,250,000	
Cash	675,683	-----		First mgt. fs.	1,766,000	1,775,000	
Mtgs. receiv'le	151,483	151,498		Aud. vouchers.	279,820	505,571	
Cash—	5,634,656	6,633,649		Accts payable.	1,017,052	2,027,849	
Acct's receivable	3,548,838	4,115,003		Accrued interest on bonds	14,717	14,792	
Notes receivable	1,871,956	1,763,276		Divs. payable	2,335,000	3,600,000	
Demand loans	2,851,615	4,579,762		Outstand'g stock of merged cos.	3,193	3,193	
Marketable sec's	26,976,014	33,540,779		Reserves	3,053,428	6,736,540	
Accr. int., &c.	224,115	238,452		Surplus	24,585,669	24,480,894	
Due fr. affil. cos.	3,391,099	4,397,667					
Mdse. & supplies	5,719,190	7,298,868					
Deferred charges	802,369	249,103					
Total	121,304,880	127,393,838		Total	121,304,880	127,393,838	
x Market value Dec. 31 1931, \$14,932,395.—V. 134, p. 1201.							

Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry.

(Preliminary Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.)

Charles Hayden, Chairman, and J. E. Gorman, President, state:

Results.—Net income for the year fell short by \$386,545 of meeting the fixed charges, including taxes. The gross revenues for the year were \$99,069,563, which are the lowest since 1917, and are approximately \$24,000,000 under the gross revenues for 1930. This loss in revenue is attributable principally to the general business depression, which became worse throughout the year, the last two months being the lowest. It is attributable partly to the continually increasing competition of the motor truck and to the loss of passenger traffic to these problems and everything that can be done to minimize their effect is being done.

It was a matter of great regret that the board was forced to discontinue the payment of dividends. We had hoped to avoid this necessity, but the continued decline in revenues made it apparent toward the close of the year that the only sound course was to omit dividends until conditions improved sufficiently to justify their payment.

New Work.—Necessarily, no new work has been undertaken during the year. The property has been operated as economically as possible, and while maintenance of way and maintenance of equipment have been reduced as far as consistent with safe and efficient operation, the property has not been allowed to deteriorate and it is now in excellent condition for the traffic which it is handling. No new equipment was purchased.

Trenton-Kansas City Line.—This line was completed and placed in operation during the year, the total cost of its construction being approximately \$11,300,000. The Chicago Milwaukee St. Paul & Pacific R.R. has also relocated its line into Kansas City, and the two lines are adjacent for 37 miles between Polo and Birmingham. An arrangement has been entered into for the operation of these two lines as one double track railroad, used by both companies. Our new line should produce very substantial returns on the investment, through a reduction in the cost of transportation.

Conversion of Locomotives to Oil Burners.—We have continued the program of converting locomotives to oil burners wherever it is possible to effect a reduction in fuel cost. During 1931 we completed the conversion

of all locomotives on the Southwestern lines, and it is expected that the savings in fuel cost will be well over \$1,000,000 a year.

Rates and Wages.—Notwithstanding the substantial decrease in income, there are several encouraging features in the prospect for the immediate future. The I.-S. C. Commission, while denying the 15% increase in rates sought by the carriers, has permitted increases on certain commodities until Mar. 1 1933, which will greatly benefit the railroads. It is estimated that the Rock Island's share of this increase will be approximately \$2,000,000 per year, based on the 1931 traffic level. In January the Supreme Court reversed an order of the Commission prescribing lower rates on grain and grain products, which had become effective Aug. 1 1931. These rates are being restored by tariffs effective in the immediate future, the revenues involved approximating for the Rock Island \$1,500,000 a year. The Commission's general investigation into live stock rates should produce an additional \$400,000 a year in revenue for us.

Another item of interest is the agreement with all the organized employees to accept a 10% reduction in wages for one year, effective Feb. 1. This was preceded by a similar reduction in the salaries of all the officers and subordinate officials, and is accompanied by a like reduction in the pay of all unorganized employees; the total reductions being approximately \$4,500,000 a year. It is a source of great satisfaction to your management that the employees of this company, suffering like all of us from the depression in which the country finds itself, are willing to do their part toward restoring prosperity, and that this result has been obtained by the most friendly negotiations and the most helpful co-operation of all employees.

It may interest you to know that for the last two winters our employees have had a relief fund of their own, supported by their voluntary contributions, to assist the men who were forced out of work by the reduction of force required by decreased business.

System Unification.—The most constructive matter we now have before us is a unification of the properties comprising the Rock Island System into one property, all to be owned by the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry., the operating company. The purpose of this unification is to provide a foundation for financing in 1934, when the first & refunding and two other mortgages mature. If the plan is consummated, the new mortgage to be executed in 1934 will be a direct lien on all the railway properties of the system, and the railway company's corporate and financial structure will be much simplified. In addition, we hope to eliminate the expense of maintaining separate corporate organizations, and in some instances separate operating organizations. The matter will be submitted to the annual meeting of stockholders May 5 1932.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Operating Revenues—				
Freight revenue	79,518,095	96,211,917	113,597,037	108,758,903
Passenger revenue	10,653,681	15,295,583	19,338,168	20,059,597
Mail revenue	2,839,593	3,047,832	4,319,740	2,808,303
Express revenue	1,974,061	2,781,862	3,597,805	3,543,459
Other transporta. rev.	1,683,320	2,247,082	2,622,334	2,804,178
Miscellaneous revenue	2,400,813	3,495,632	4,196,478	3,258,162
Total ry. oper. rev.	99,069,563	123,079,910	147,721,562	141,232,604
Operating Expenses—				
Maint. of way & struc.	10,987,985	15,319,813	20,250,848	19,173,523
Maintenance of equip.	17,717,462	21,224,498	27,294,256	26,598,095
Traffic	3,022,549	3,240,043	3,469,703	3,146,389
Transportation	37,553,757	45,447,900	52,145,967	50,223,183
Miscellaneous operations	1,316,596	1,663,793	1,949,560	1,125,876
General	4,240,509	4,375,244	4,360,448	4,140,850
Transp. for invest.—Cr.	311,901	719,533	915,387	1,151,577
Total ry. oper. exps.	74,526,868	90,551,758	108,555,385	103,266,340
Net rev. from ry. oper.	24,542,695	32,528,152	39,166,177	37,966,263
Railway tax accruals	6,530,000	7,198,000	8,212,087	8,379,348
Uncollec. ry. revenue	23,815	33,274	32,396	73,711
Total ry. oper. income	17,988,880	25,296,878	30,921,694	29,513,204
Equip. rents, debit bal.	3,871,993	4,462,122	4,867,141	3,921,771
Jt. facil. rents, deb. bal.	1,192,881	1,086,949	1,205,644	1,324,918
Net ry. oper. income	12,924,007	19,747,807	24,848,909	24,266,515
Non-oper. Income—				
Rentals	328,171	442,730	354,739	303,909
Interest and dividends	724,334	769,907	856,834	650,470
Miscellaneous income	15,813	162,622	70,788	7,542
Total income	13,992,325	21,123,065	26,131,269	25,228,436
Deduct: From Income—				
Rent for leased roads	155,289	153,334	155,203	156,301
Miscellaneous rents	9,010	5,089	5,281	5,003
Other income charges	130,469	134,910	173,069	183,899
Int. on bonds & long-term notes	11,998,662	11,114,300	10,400,972	10,442,533
Int. on equip. notes	1,877,000	1,771,366	1,254,397	1,227,125
Int. on bills pay. & accts.	208,440	241,748	135,027	45,878
Net income	def386,544	7,700,228	14,007,321	13,167,696
7% preferred dividends	1,029,774	2,059,547	2,059,547	2,059,547
6% preferred dividends	753,819	1,507,638	1,507,638	1,507,638
Divs. on common stock	1,673,055	5,205,060	5,205,060	4,461,480
Balance, surplus	def3,843,192	def1,072,017	5,235,076	5,139,031
Per cent earned on com- mon stock	Nil	5.56	14.04	12.91

CONDENSED GENERAL BALANCE SHEET (ROCK ISLAND LINES).

Assets—	1931.	1930.
Investment in road and equipment—Road	\$363,824,823	\$358,096,777
Equipment	147,375,047	147,575,373
Improvements on leased railway property	853,763	841,440
Miscellaneous physical property	2,182,422	2,260,914
Investments in affiliated companies	17,018,644	15,317,292
Other investments	615,170	614,535
Cash, time drafts and special deposits	5,895,190	6,704,593
Loans and bills receivable	126,519	13,213
Material and supplies	7,148,314	8,326,172
Other current assets	4,619,092	5,493,405
Other deferred assets	356,994	283,617
Rents and insurance premiums paid in advance.	21,876	126,665
Other unadjusted debits	1,486,264	1,542,691
Total	\$551,524,117	\$549,123,687
Liabilities—		
7% preferred stock	\$29,422,189	\$29,422,189
6% preferred stock	25,127,300	25,127,300
Common stock	74,359,722	74,359,722
Funded debt	317,912,865	321,981,335
Loans and bills payable	8,750,000	-----
Audited accounts and wages payable	5,017,373	6,172,775
Interest and dividends matured—unpaid	1,587,746	1,611,501
Unmatured interest and rents accrued	3,166,902	3,242,905
Miscellaneous accounts payable	1,625,876	2,741,605
Other deferred liabilities	861,263	865,113
Tax liability	4,770,542	5,485,520
Accrued depreciation—Equipment	43,344,652	38,680,439
Other unadjusted credits	2,318,650	2,560,330
Additions to property through income & surplus	1,800,703	1,498,715
Appropriated surplus not specifically invested.	201,636	231,073
Profit and loss—Credit balance	31,256,733	35,510,160
Total	\$551,524,117	\$549,123,687
—V. 134, p. 1573.		

proved to be the worst the automobile industry had experienced in a decade, and we sold only 10,241 vehicles. This resulted in substantial losses in the fourth quarter; in addition, we incurred considerable extraordinary expense incident to the introduction of our complete line of new models, and also losses in our foreign receivables which were adjusted to their current valuation in dollars.

The Studebaker surplus account was charged with the net amount of \$499,034 to cover adjustment of Studebaker investment in Pierce-Arrow stocks to present book value resulting from a revaluation of certain assets. Of old Pierce company taken over by new company for liquidation and from payment of Pierce dividends, less discount from \$100 par value on Pierce pref. stock purchased and held in treasury.

The number of vehicles sold by the corporation was 58,202, compared with 67,269 in the previous year, a decrease of 13.5%. This compares with a decrease of 30% in the total production of the automobile industry.

During the year the corporation amortized, under the provisions of its charter, 4,500 shares of Studebaker pref. stock. It also purchased, in the market, 8,200 shares of Pierce-Arrow pref. stock, which increased its holdings in this stock to 15,100 shares, and 5,400 shares of Pierce-Arrow class A stock, thereby reducing the minority interest in this important subsidiary of the corporation.

In order that the corporation might make greater use of its surplus plant facilities, which have an annual capacity of 250,000 vehicles, better develop and protect its dealer organization, complete its coverage of the markets and provide for the future, the directors decided about a year ago to add a new low priced six-cylinder car to our existing lines. Accordingly, we engineered and developed such a car and recently put it into production. The car is known as the Rockne Six, has a low base price of \$585, and should greatly expand our volume. It is being manufactured and marketed by a new, wholly owned, subsidiary company, the Rockne Motors Corp., with headquarters at Detroit, and is being assembled there in our plant. The engines and bodies are being made at South Bend at present. With this new addition, the corporation, for the first time in its history, now covers the low, medium and high priced fields in passenger cars and trucks.

During 1931 the Studebaker passenger car and truck lines were refined and improved, and the new Pierce-Arrow 12 was placed on the market. Our December sales were the best we had obtained since 1928 and there is no doubt that Studebaker and Pierce-Arrow cars deserve to stand, and do stand, higher in public esteem than ever before. With the return of volume buying we are confident that we shall get an increasing share of the business.

On Feb. 16 1932 Studebaker celebrated its 80th anniversary, and is to-day the oldest vehicle manufacturer in the United States, if not in the world.

Capital Stock and Stockholders.—At the end of the year there was outstanding \$6,300,000 of 7% cum. pref. stock, after purchase and retirement of \$450,000 during the year, and 1,961,413 shares of no par common stock, of which 56,368 were held in the treasury of the corporation.

On Dec. 31 1931 there were 795 preferred and 31,324 (a record) common stockholders of the corporation, as compared with 808 and 29,749 the previous year.

Adjustments in Common Stock Capital and Surplus Accounts.—The Studebaker Corp. was organized as of Jan. 1 1911, and in the 21 years ending Dec. 31 1931 its sales amounted to \$1,948,459,627. The net profits realized from these sales and other net income, after deducting all charges for extraordinary expenses and adjustments in book values of assets to date, amounted to \$159,361,932. These net profits were disposed of as follows, viz.:

\$14,186,620 were paid in 83 consecutive quarterly dividends to the stockholders of the 7% cum. pref. stock of the corporation.

96,148,054 were paid in cash dividends to the stockholders of the common stock of the corporation.

49,027,257 of surplus earnings remained.

In 1920, 1922 and 1929 the corporation declared stock dividends equivalent to 826,288 shares of its present no par stock. These shares were capitalized at \$33,051,520, or \$40 per share. Common stock capital account was accordingly credited with this amount, and surplus earnings (\$49,027,257 as above) were charged the same amount. This action reduced the surplus account in books to \$15,975,737 as of Dec. 31 1931, as shown by this report, including special surplus account of \$8,100,000 which was established under charter requirements in respect to the purchase and retirement of pref. stock.

In the judgment of directors, this \$33,051,520 should be transferred from the common stock capital account and returned to surplus account where it would be available to use for carrying out the desire of the directors to write down the "trade name, good-will and patent rights" account, which was created as a capital asset when the corporation was formed, from \$19,807,277 to \$1 and to write down the book value of its investments in plant facilities and for other purposes. The transfer of \$33,051,520 from capital to surplus would leave the common capital \$23.15 per share, instead of \$40 per share as at present. Directors believe it advisable that at the same time \$3.15 per share additional should be transferred from capital to surplus to make the common capital, after such transfer, a round figure of \$20 per share. No part of this transferred surplus might be used for dividends on the common stock as long as any of the pref. stock remained outstanding.

If the write-down of plant facilities is made, substantial savings would result to the corporation in depreciation and other charges, thereby benefiting the profits of future years. Last year our charges against profits for depreciation alone amounted to \$2,251,586, or \$38.95 per car produced.

The foregoing matters will be considered at a special meeting of the board of directors to be held early in March, and as finally determined, will be included in the matters to be acted upon at the annual meeting of the stockholders to be held on April 26.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
[Includes sub-companies and Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co.]				
Number of vehicles sold.....	58,202	67,269	107,653	142,696
Net sales in the U. S. and abroad.....	\$64,406,858	\$86,083,939	\$145,303,834	\$177,128,879
Net earnings from sales, after deducting cost of mfg., sell. & gen. exp., but before deprec., repairs and replacements to plant & property, and other net income.....	6,646,035	7,391,599	21,258,316	22,979,989
Reserves for depreciation.....	2,251,586	2,329,034	1,992,619	2,258,894
Charges to repairs & replacements.....	3,643,374	3,633,323	6,460,581	6,857,919
Balance of earnings.....	\$751,074	\$1,429,237	\$12,805,117	\$13,863,376
Interest received, less paid.....	81,327	120,943	202,049	223,088
Total income.....	\$832,401	\$1,550,180	\$13,007,166	\$14,086,465
Debt. prem. & exp., Pierce-Arrow			270,535	42,692
Reserves for income taxes.....	7,199	9,973	808,371	1,389,617
Net profits for year.....	\$825,202	\$1,540,203	\$11,928,261	\$12,654,156
Minority Int. in subsidiaries.....	Cr. 34,603	539,986	582,233	Cr. 1,293,026
Divs. paid on Studeb. pref. stock.....	460,250	472,500	499,450	515,462
Balance net profits applicable to Studebaker com. stock.....	\$399,555	\$527,716	\$10,846,578	\$13,431,710
Surplus account Jan. 1.....	18,512,495	30,561,767	36,681,039	38,574,319
Total surplus.....	\$18,912,050	\$31,089,483	\$47,527,618	\$52,006,038
Divs. paid on Studeb. com. stock	2,353,695	7,355,299	9,536,230	9,375,000
Rate.....	\$1.20	\$3.75	\$5	\$5
Approp. for stock div. Studeb.			3,051,520	
Approp. to reduce cost of Studeb. Invest. in Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co. to book value.....	499,034	178,629	4,378,100	
Prem. on Studeb. p. stk. retired	83,583			
Loss & exp. incidental to centralizing factory oper. at So. Bend.....				5,949,993
Adjust. of 56,368 shs. treas. com. stock to basis of capital value.....		2,124,738		
Approp. to further reduce book value of Detroit plants & prop. not presently used in mfg. oper.		2,918,323		
a Surplus account Dec. 31.....	\$15,975,737	\$18,512,494	\$30,561,767	\$36,681,039
Earnings per sh. com. stk. outstanding.....	\$0.20	\$0.27	\$5.53	\$7.16
a Includes special surplus of.....	\$3,100,000	\$7,695,000	\$7,290,000	\$6,885,000

Note.—For statistical purposes the results from operations of the Studebaker Corp. and the Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co. have been combined for the year 1928.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

	1931.	1930.
Assets—		
Cash.....	\$9,931,704	\$7,851,962
Slight drafts and acceptances outstanding, dom. & for'n.....	1,578,060	1,474,299
Investments.....	70,756	80,793
Notes and accounts receivable.....	12,410,207	2,164,193
Inventories.....	16,211,179	17,692,352
Deferred charges.....	730,337	476,492
Branch house real estate & leaseholds & property not presently used in mfg. operations.....	\$10,757,202	\$10,549,813
Studebaker pref. stock held for retirement.....	7,917	\$936,284
Real estate contracts receivable and home sites held for sale to employees.....	839,424	859,520
Investment in and advances to other companies.....	274,403	284,947
Manufacturing plants and property at South Bend, Ind.; Buffalo, N. Y., and Walkerville, Ont.....	\$55,667,800	\$7,726,050
Trade name, good-will and patents rights.....	19,807,278	19,807,278
Total.....	\$118,286,448	\$119,903,897
Liabilities—		
Notes payable.....	\$5,500,000	\$5,000,000
Accounts payable.....	5,836,019	3,244,822
Deposits on sales contracts.....	335,747	497,406
Sundry creditors & reserves, incl. accrued payrolls.....	1,918,584	1,766,205
Reserves for U. S. and Canadian income taxes.....	2,803	78,232
Purchase money obligations, Pierce-Arrow.....	355,875	332,600
Minority stockholders' Int. in Pierce-Arrow M. Car Co.....	5,809,283	7,520,797
7% cumulative preferred stock.....	6,300,000	6,750,000
Common stock.....	\$76,201,800	\$76,201,800
Surplus.....	\$15,975,737	\$18,512,495
Total.....	\$118,286,448	\$119,903,897

a After reserve for doubtful accounts of \$168,498. b After reserve for depreciation of \$2,733,882. c After reserves for depreciation of \$17,974,986. d Represented by 1,905,045 no par shares. e Includes special surplus of \$3,100,000. f Includes 3,012 shares Studebaker preferred and 6,900 shares Pierce-Arrow preferred stocks (at cost).—V. 134, p. 1780.

Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

(27th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.)

Charles M. Schwab, Chairman, and Eugene G. Grace, President, state in part:

Results.—The net income of corporation and its subsidiary companies for the year was \$115,745 as compared with \$23,843,406 for the preceding year, equivalent to \$0.12 per share of preferred stock for 1931 as compared with \$5.26 per share of common stock for 1930.

The value of shipments and deliveries by subsidiary companies of corporation during the year, as represented by gross sales and earnings, was \$186,641,195 as compared with \$258,979,253 for the preceding year.

The value of orders booked during the year, including \$9,552,378 of orders on the books of the corporations whose properties were acquired during the year on the respective dates of acquisition, aggregated \$159,629,477 as compared with \$241,344,965 for the year 1930. The unfilled orders on Dec. 31 1931 amounted to \$41,514,877 as compared with \$68,426,595 on Dec. 31 1930.

Full dividends were paid on the preferred stock during the year, and dividends on the common stock of \$1.50 per share were paid on Feb. 16 and May 15; of \$1 per share on Aug. 15, and \$0.50 per share on Nov 14 1931.

Youngstown-Bethlehem Merger.—Due to changed conditions, it was deemed impracticable to carry out the agreement covering the proposed acquisition of the properties and assets of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co., and corporation in October 1931 exercised its option under the agreement and cancelled it.

Acquisitions.—During 1931 corporation purchased the properties and assets of Levering & Garrigues Co., Hay Foundry & Iron Works, and Hedden Iron Construction Co., which owned structural steel fabricating plants in or near Newark, N. J., and of Kalman Steel Co., fabricators and distributors of concrete bars and building specialties. These purchases involved the issue of an additional \$5,500,000 of the 4½% serial gold bonds and the assumption by Bethlehem Iron & Steel Corp., a subsidiary, of \$240,000 of Kalman Steel Co. 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds.

In June 1931 corporation issued \$16,000,000 consol. mtge. 50-year sinking fund 5% gold bonds, series C, which were pledged in substitution for other collateral securing the McClintic-Marshall Construction Co. collateral trust 5½% serial gold bonds assumed in connection with the McClintic-Marshall purchase.

Corporation acquired for cash during 1931 an additional 153 shares of the capital stock of Johnstown Water Co. 98.29% of the stock of that company is now owned by Johnstown Water Corp., all of the common stock of which, except directors' shares, is held by corporation under the Cambria Iron Co. lease. The two water companies have been considered subsidiary companies of corporation in the 1931 accounts.

Additions and Betterments.—The cash expenditures for additions and improvements to properties during the year amounted to \$12,699,897. The estimated cost of completing the construction authorized as of Dec. 31 1931 is \$6,905,000. Expenditures on this program are now being made only on items needed under present operating conditions.

Operations of Plants.—Operations of the steel plants for the year averaged 38.6% of capacity as compared with 61.7% in 1930. During most of the year the rate of operations in practically all departments steadily declined, reaching its low point for the year in December. Selling prices also tended downward throughout the year.

As the result of low prices combined with the low rate of operations, the year 1931 was the first since 1909 in which corporation failed to earn the full dividends upon its preferred stock from time to time outstanding.

Wage Reductions.—In view of these conditions further reductions in costs of operation were imperative, and it seemed impossible to maintain lower the existing wage scales. Accordingly, on Oct. 1, there was a general reduction in wage rates and salaries.

The plan of distributing available work among employees was in effect throughout the year. Under such plan part time employment was provided for practically all the regular payroll force. The daily average number of employees in the United States working during the year was 45,258 as compared with an average monthly payroll force of 66,353.

Rated Steel Capacity Increased.—The rated steel capacity of corporation was increased to 9,540,000 tons per annum and its pig iron capacity reduced to 6,375,000 tons per annum, effective in both cases on Jan. 1 1932. The increase in steel capacity resulted principally from the additional open hearth departments at the Maryland and Lackawanna plants, which were offset in part by adjustments in the rated capacity of other plants on account of the abandonment of furnaces. The decrease in pig iron capacity resulted from the decision to abandon four old blast furnaces.

Employees as Stockholders.—At the end of the year 12,588 employees were the holders of record of 105,695 shares of the preferred stock purchased and paid for under the "Employees' Savings and Stock Ownership Plan" and 5,954 employees were paying in installments for an additional 14,989 shares. Because of general business conditions directors decided to postpone the ninth offering under the plan, which would normally have been made in February 1932. Cancellation of subscriptions under the plan by the employees were unusually large during 1931 because of low earnings of the subscribers resulting from curtailed employment. At the end of the year corporation held approximately 60,000 more shares of the preferred stock than would be required to fill the uncanceled subscriptions as of that date. Accordingly that number of shares of such stock were transferred to the Treasury as of Dec. 31 1931.

At the end of the year officers and employees of corporation and its subsidiaries were the holders of record of 217,980 shares of its common stock purchased under the Management Stock Ownership Plan, on account of the purchase price of which they had paid in installments \$2,583,819, exclusive of dividend credits. Purchase agreements under the plan for 1,810 shares of stock were cancelled during the year pursuant to the plan, which provides for the automatic cancellation thereof upon the death or termination of the employment of the purchasers and the return with interest of the payments theretofore made by them on account of the purchase price of the shares covered by such agreements.

Bonus System.—The bonus system providing an incentive basis of compensation for officers and employees was modified effective on July 1 1931. The total amount paid for the year 1931 under the system to officers and heads of departments having control of matters affecting corporation and its subsidiary companies as a whole was \$397,364, all of which was paid for the period prior to July 1 1931.

Pensions.—Corporation during 1931 paid \$699,503 in pensions to retired employees as compared with \$591,746 for the previous year. Of the amount paid during 1931 the sum of \$338,476 was paid out of a pension trust fund established in 1928 and the balance was charged to other reserves from income of years prior to 1931. During the year 366 new pensions were granted and 113 were terminated by death or other causes. To provide for the new pensions \$1,248,102 was paid into the pension trust fund during 1931, of which \$1,156,410 was charged against current earnings and \$91,692 was charged to reserves taken over from McClintic-Marshall Corp. in respect of its pensions obligations. At the end of the year there were 1,468 retired employees on the pension list.

During the year \$1,079,472 was paid to sick or disabled employees, or to the dependents of deceased employees under the relief plan out of contributions by the participating employees made in the form of payroll deductions.

Stockholders.—The number of stockholders at the end of the year was 92,077, of whom 3,430 held both preferred and common stock. The number of holders of the preferred stock was 35,286 and of the common stock was 60,221.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Gross sales	186,541,195	258,979,253	342,516,207	294,778,287
Mfg. cost, admin., sell. & gen. exp. & taxes	168,717,350	219,548,168	282,359,283	253,848,844
Net before deprec., &c.	17,823,845	39,431,085	60,156,924	40,929,443
Other income	3,562,849	5,802,579	7,312,321	2,591,693
Total income	21,386,694	45,233,664	67,469,245	43,521,136
Bonds, &c., interest, &c.	7,426,039	7,172,517	11,217,180	11,276,879
Depreciation & depletion	13,844,910	14,217,741	14,009,085	13,658,335
Net income	115,745	23,843,406	42,242,980	18,585,922
Prof. dividends (7%)	6,895,000	7,000,000	7,000,000	6,842,500
Common dividends	6,400,000	19,200,000	15,600,000	1,800,000
Balance, surplus	def13,179,255	def2,356,594	19,642,980	9,943,422
Appropriated and unappropriated surplus	128,471,434	134,565,632	114,922,652	124,319,230
Total	115,292,179	132,209,038	134,565,632	134,262,652
Net adjust. in respect of transf. of bldg. & equip from Coatesville plant to other plants of corp.	447,899			
Prem. on bonds retired		3,737,604		
Adjust. of surp. acquired thru purch of propert's in 1922 and 1923				19,340,000
Total approp. and unapprop. surplus	114,844,280	128,471,434	134,565,632	114,922,652
Shares, com. stock outstanding (no par)	3,200,000	3,200,000	3,200,000	x1,800,000
Earned per share	Nil	\$5.26	y\$11.01	\$6.52
x Par \$100. y Based on average number of shares outstanding; during year the earnings per share was \$15.50.				

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

	1931.	1930.		1931.	1930.
Assets—	\$	\$	Liabilities—	\$	\$
Property acct.	530,813,610	502,154,330	7% cum. pref. stock	x94,000,000	100,000,000
Funds in hands of trustees	141,402	161,762	Com. stock	315,900,000	315,900,000
Fds held for redemp. of bds.		581,973	Cash	586,331	173,428
Sundry secur. & real est. instal. contr. & mtges	4,110,413	3,866,132	Investments	503,243	502,143
Inventories	67,656,267	74,878,966	Accts. notes and accs. receiv.	1,012,181	937,001
Res. fund assets	3,063,435	21,723,701	Inventories	1,832,714	3,333,589
Inv. in adv. to affiliates	9,083,295	9,272,995	Deferred assets	166,467	139,720
Accts and notes receivable	23,938,213	28,073,846	Total	12,676,608	16,007,947
Stock held for employees	17,735,420	22,629,880			
Market. secur.	2,586,650	3,003,909			
U. S. Govt. secs.	24,225,318	30,478,114			
Cash in bks., &c.	23,466,753	22,935,689			
Total	706,820,776	719,760,397			

—V. 134, p. 849.

Simms Petroleum Co.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.)

Edward T. Moore, President, says in part:

Operations of your company for the year 1931 resulted in income of \$472,702, before deduction of charges aggregating \$3,123,924 covering depreciation, depletion, lease abandonments, loss on crude oil inventory, loss on sale of tank cars, and miscellaneous adjustments. The final deficit after all charges was \$2,651,221.

Cash on hand at the end of the year totaled \$686,331 and net quick assets were \$2,913,900, equal to \$4.16 per share on the stock outstanding. Company had no bank loans or funded debt. Operating expenses for the year were \$1,201,014 less than in 1930, a decrease of 32%. New leases acquired and developed in the East Texas field during the year added substantially to underground reserves. Capital stock outstanding was reduced from 808,881 to 700,000 shares.

Production.—A factor of major importance in the industry during the year was the development of the East Texas field. The discovery well completed late in 1930 was a small producer and it was not until early in 1931 that the size and productivity of the area was generally realized. To the present time, approximately 100,000 acres have been proven, 4,000 producing wells have been completed, and over 100,000,000 barrels of oil produced, proving this field as one of the largest ever uncovered.

Company acquired a modest spread of acreage in this area at low cost during the early development, and subsequently purchased a few additional tracts after they had been proven for production. In December last, a part interest in certain of these properties was sold at a substantial profit. The interests which company has retained in the East Texas field are equivalent to full ownership in leases on 750 proven acres. To date 51 producing wells have been completed on these leases. The proven underground reserves of company have been increased considerably through the acquisition and development of these East Texas properties.

Daily net production for the year 1931 averaged 10,472 barrels, of which 1,429 barrels were from the East Texas field and 5,540 barrels from properties in West Texas, which were operated under severe prorating restrictions throughout the year. Production revenue for 1931 totaled \$1,810,796, equal to 48c. per barrel, compared with 91c. per barrel in 1930 and \$1.06 in 1929. Production expenses were reduced to \$653,634 or 17c. per barrel, compared with 28c. per barrel for the previous year.

Refinery and Marketing.—The average percentage of gasoline recovery from the Dallas and Smackover refineries in 1931 was 56%, which was substantially greater than the yield at any previous year. Refinery operating costs were 30c. per barrel of crude through-put, compared to 45.9c. in 1930. Marketing expenses were approximately 25% less than in the previous year, when substantially the same gallonage was distributed. Despite this improved efficiency and materially lower cost of operation, company's refinery and marketing operations failed to show a satisfactory profit, due to the unbalanced relationship that existed between the cost of crude and the selling price of refined products.

Reduction in Outstanding Capital Stock.—During 1931 company purchased 108,881 shares of its own capital stock at a cost of \$645,388. Of this, 100,000 shares were acquired pursuant to a special authorization of the stockholders, who were given the right to sell stock to the company pro-rata. Since Jan. 1 1932, an additional 100,000 shares have been similarly acquired, thereby reducing the outstanding shares to 600,000. At the time of the annual meeting on April 6 1932, the stockholders will be asked

to authorize the cancellation and retirement of these 200,000 shares, which are now held in the treasury.

Application of Incoming Resources.—Net quick assets decreased \$929,495 during the year, of which \$717,879 represented loss on inventory crude oil. The net decrease, excluding this item, amounted to \$211,616. The profit for the year before crude inventory loss, depreciation, depletion, lease abandonments, loss on sale of tank cars and miscellaneous adjustments amounted to \$472,703. The sum of this profit and the net decrease in net quick assets is \$684,319, which was applied in the following manner:

Additions to property:				
Lease and royalty purchases (net)			\$308,678	
Wells, lease facilities and miscellaneous equipment (net)			108,406	
			\$417,085	
Less—proceeds sale of tank cars			406,000	
			\$11,085	
Cost of 108,881 shares of company's stock purchased			645,388	
Increase in prepaid expenses			26,746	
Increase in investment in other companies			1,098	
			\$684,319	

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Gross oper. revenue	\$2,786,094	\$5,187,949	\$8,957,708	\$6,999,321
Other income	287,512	97,675	610,371	128,162
Gross income	\$3,073,606	\$5,285,624	\$9,568,079	\$7,127,483
Operating expenses	2,568,255	3,769,269	4,260,571	3,945,265
Tax., int., lease rent, &c.	534,724	542,999	504,397	699,705
Productive, drill, deplet., deprec. & abandon.	2,621,849	2,448,874	2,474,309	2,148,449
Net income	def\$2,651,222	df\$1,475,518	\$2,328,202	\$334,064
Dividends paid		1,002,451	1,327,838	322,415
Balance, surplus	def\$2,651,222	df\$2,477,969	\$1,000,964	\$11,649
Shs. of cap. stock outstanding (par \$10)	700,000	808,881	835,362	806,038
Earnings per share	x\$3.79	x\$1.82	\$2.79	\$0.41
x Loss per share.				

ANALYSIS OF CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL SURPLUS YEAR ENDED DEC. 31 1931.

Capital surplus, Jan. 1 1931	\$3,560,025
Par value of 108,881 shs. of company's stock acquired during 1931	1,088,810
Cost thereof	645,386
Capital surplus, Dec. 31 1931	\$4,003,449

ANALYSIS OF CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS SURPLUS YEAR ENDED DEC. 31 1931.

Profit and loss surplus, Jan. 1 1931	\$3,048,339
Net loss for the year ended Dec. 31 1931	2,651,221
Adjust. of depletion, drill, exps., &c., applic. to prior years (net)	99,549
Profit and loss surplus, Dec. 31 1931	\$297,568

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Assets—	1931.	1930.	Liabilities—	1931.	1930.
	\$	\$		\$	\$
Property, tanks, pipe lines, &c.	x8,475,669	10,922,065	Capital stock (par \$10)	7,000,000	8,088,810
Cash	586,331	173,428	Accounts payable	479,334	473,410
Investments	503,243	502,143	Accrued taxes, interest, &c.	137,995	127,211
Accts. notes and accs. receiv.	1,012,181	937,001	Reserve for contingencies, &c.	598,266	710,151
Inventories	1,832,714	3,333,589	Deferred liability	160,000	
Deferred assets	166,467	139,720	Surplus	4,301,014	6,608,364
Total	12,676,608	16,007,947	Total	12,676,608	16,007,947

x After depreciation and depletion amounting to \$15,008,122. y After deducting \$99,192 reserve for doubtful notes and accounts.

Note.—The companies had contingent liabilities for \$315,226 at Dec. 31 1931 on account of deferred payments for sundry leases to be made if, when and as oil is produced and sold.—V. 134, p. 690.

International Business Machines Corp. (& Subs.).

(19th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.)

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Net profit	\$11,388,518	\$10,966,318	\$10,028,293	\$8,264,798
Bonds &c., interest	171,526	182,609	222,992	317,658
Depreciation	1,928,842	(1,790,888)	1,557,308	1,268,158
Develo. & patent exp.	752,544	835,004	802,025	740,215
Federal tax (estimated)	800,000	800,000	740,000	575,000
Amortiz. of patents	71,236	71,237	71,237	71,236
For exchange loss	38,318			
Res. for add. loss on for. exchange	274,900			
Net income	\$7,351,150	\$7,286,580	\$6,634,730	\$5,292,529
y Dividends	4,016,526	3,825,855	3,188,732	2,927,666
Rate	(\$6)	(\$6)	(\$5.25)	(\$4.25)
Balance, surplus	\$3,334,624	\$3,460,725	\$3,445,998	\$2,364,863
Prev. capital and surplus	37,178,214	33,717,489	30,271,492	27,906,629

Declared cap. & surp. \$40,512,838 \$37,178,214 \$33,717,490 \$30,271,492

Shares of capital stock outstanding (no par) 669,852 637,954 607,576 607,576
Earns. per sh. on cap.stk \$11.08 \$11.53 \$11.03 \$8.83
x Net profit of subsid. cos. including foreign, after writing down inventories of raw materials to cost or market, which ever was lower, and deducting maintenance repairs provision for doubtful accounts, the proportion of net profit applicable to unacquired shares, and expenses of International Business Machines Corp. y In addition to cash dividends here shown, company paid a 5% stock dividend in Dec. 1928, Jan. 1930, Jan. 1931 and Nov. 1931.

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Assets—	1931.	1930.	Liabilities—	1931.	1930.
	\$	\$		\$	\$
a Plants, &c.	13,207,972	12,048,141	Capital & surplus	40,512,838	37,178,214
b Pats. & good-will	14,014,021	13,905,129	Sub. cos. stocks		96,703
Cash	2,885,145	3,367,504	Funded debt	2,717,000	2,987,000
U. S. Treas. accts.	2,000,000	1,000,000	Accts. payable, &c.	950,540	1,125,990
Notes & accts. rec.	3,206,745	3,278,033	Contingency res'v	756,092	449,952
Sinking fund	773,377	353	For exch. loss res.	274,900	
Inventories	2,760,346	3,112,233	Fed. tax (est.)	821,910	810,982
Investments	7,615,107	6,361,616	Divs. payable	1,004,208	956,531
Deferred assets	574,775	532,361	Total	47,037,488	43,605,371
Total	47,037,488	43,605,371	Total	47,037,488	43,605,371

a After depreciation. b After amortization. c After deducting reserve for doubtful accounts. d Represented by 669,852 shares of no par value.—V. 134, p. 858.

The Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.)

A. R. Erskine, Chairman and President, says in part:

Net sales amounted to \$11,925,657, as compared with \$19,016,971 last year, a decrease of 37.3%. Net losses for the year amounted to \$476,943, as compared with net profits of \$1,317,070 last year. Up to Sept. 30 \$226,435 of net profits were earned, but the heavy losses of the fourth quarter more than absorbed these profits and involved the company in a loss for the year as a whole. The automobile industry generally, had the

poorest business of many years in the fourth quarter of 1931. The paucity of consumer buying made profit making practically impossible for your company.

During the year of 1931 the directors maintained the 6% dividend on the preferred stock, and in the first quarter paid a 5% dividend and in the second quarter a 2% dividend on the class A stock. Total dividends were charged to the earned surplus of the years of 1929 and 1930, which showed a balance of \$2,052,712 remaining at the end of the year.

During the year the company sold 4,324 vehicles as against 6,922 the previous year. The increased costs and expenses incidental to the launching of new models were sustained by the company in the fourth quarter of 1931, when the new 1932 Pierce-Arrow models, including the new 12-cylinder job, were first produced. These new cars have been most favorably received by our dealer organization, and the public as well. Whenever the buying of high-priced cars is resumed in reasonably substantial volume, Pierce-Arrow will undoubtedly obtain a large share of the existing business.

During the year the company amortized 400 shares of its preferred stock, thereby reducing the outstanding to 71,100 shares of its preferred stock and increased its total holdings to 15,100 shares preferred stock and 149,814 shares of class A stock, through purchases in the open market, and thereby reduced the outstanding minority interest in the company.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDED DEC. 31.

	1931.	1930.	1929.
Number of vehicles sold	4,324	6,922	10,347
Net sales	\$11,925,657	\$19,016,972	\$27,962,857
Cost of sales, incl. selling, advertising and adminis. exps., and all cost of manufacturing, except deprec., re-pairs & replace. to plant & property	11,323,263	17,087,819	24,495,312
Depreciation	295,959	239,398	244,335
Repairs and replacements	844,092	513,274	927,338
Net profits on sales	loss \$537,657	\$1,176,481	\$2,295,873
Interest, discount on purchases, &c.	124,378	189,528	315,459
Income from investments			440,043
Total profits	loss \$413,279	\$1,366,009	\$3,051,376
Int. on debentures, notes payable, &c	63,664	48,938	214,729
Debiture bond prem. & expenses			270,535
Net profits for period	loss \$476,943	\$1,317,071	\$2,566,112
Preferred stock dividends	428,400	450,000	352,500
Class A stock dividends	147,938	98,625	---
Bal. transferred to surplus acct. def	1,053,281	\$768,446	\$2,213,612
Discount on preferred stock retired	11,955	111,981	(incl. above)
Surplus account Jan. 1	4,186,939	3,306,513	1,092,901
Adjustment of book value of certain assets of old company	672,208		
Surplus account Dec. 31	\$2,473,405	\$4,186,939	\$3,306,513
Earnings per share on 197,250 shares class A stock (no par)	Nil	\$4.45	\$11.22

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Assets				
Cash	674,433	1,296,031		
Slight drafts outstg	292,265	434,328		
Investments	63,021	63,021		
Notes & accts. rec.	a603,161	466,593		
Inventories	4,444,203	4,672,184		
Deferred charges	150,931	152,997		
Branch house property not used in mfg. operations	819,809	877,898		
Land, bldgs., machinery, eq., &c.	b6,942,620	7,047,446		
Good-will, patents & trade marks	1	1		
Total	13,990,446	15,060,499		
Liabilities				
Notes payable		\$50,000		
Accounts payable		1,197,284		1,200,252
Dep. on sales contr.		58,515		89,029
Sundry cred. & res.				
Incl. accr. pay'ls		227,773		331,669
Amt. pay. to pref. stockholders of old co. on surrender of shs. not yet exchanged		1,420		2,130
Due to Studebaker Corp.		1,638,797		1,340,604
Purch. money oblig.		355,875		332,500
6% cum. pt. stk.		7,110,000		7,150,000
Class "A" stock		c197,250		c197,250
Class "B" stock		d230,125		d230,125
Surplus		2,473,405		4,186,939
Total		13,990,446		15,060,499

a After reserve for doubtful accounts of \$88,690. b After reserve for depreciation of \$4,377,413. c Represented by 197,250 no par shares. d Represented by 230,125 no par shares.—V. 133, p. 4171.

Phillips Petroleum Co.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.)

The report signed by Frank Phillips, President, says in part:

The difficulties of the year 1931, with its drastic deflation of commodity prices and security values, are the somber background against which the operating results of every business must be reviewed. Bearing in mind the exceptional conditions prevailing, it is believed that the results shown in this report indicate an earning power which may be expected to yield gratifying returns under average conditions.

Total income in 1931 was \$57,331,313, a reduction of 4% from the 1930 figure of \$59,713,934. This showing reflects the company's increased efficiency and economy, since wholesale prices of crude oil and gasoline during 1931 were almost 50% lower than in the year previous, reaching a low for all time.

Net income, or excess of cash income above cash outlay, resulting from the operations of the Phillips Petroleum Co. and subsidiaries, was \$14,832,124 for 1931, as compared with \$20,089,908 for 1930. The 1931 figures include the profit from the sale of certain gas rights in the Panhandle of Texas. The earnings of the Phillips Pipe Line Co. and the Phillips Natural Gas Co. are not included.

Reserves for depreciation, depletion and retirements—after charging all repairs and replacements to expense—amounted to \$19,029,583 in 1931. This figure is an increase over that of the previous year chiefly because it was taken on an enlarged plant investment made necessary by an increased volume of business. Setting up these reserves, and reducing the value of inventories to \$1,378,950, produced a net charge to surplus of \$5,576,409 in 1931, compared with a net profit of \$3,040,629 in 1930.

Current assets at the end of the year amounted to \$24,678,756; current liabilities, \$18,768,209. Current assets do not include advances to affiliated and other companies amounting to \$15,133,618.

The company ratio is 1,982,000 5 1/4% debenture bonds and \$588,000 of Independent Oil & Gas 6% bonds in 1931, and now has sufficient bonds to meet all retirement provisions of its indentures until next December.

Early in 1931 arrangements were made with a banking group for loans amounting to \$20,000,000 in connection with the building of the Phillips Pipe Line from Borger, Texas, to East St. Louis, Ill., and other facilities. Only \$18,000,000 of this credit was used, and at the end of the year these loans had been paid down to \$12,686,403. They have since been reduced to \$10,500,000, and satisfactory arrangements have been made for their extension. Company budget indicates constant reduction of bank loans.

During the year expenditures of \$12,351,768 were made to capital assets, bringing them after capital extinguishments to a total of \$255,799,215, before reserves. These additions were reflected in the improvement of the properties of every major department and were necessary to secure maximum profits and economies while protecting large investments already made.

During 1931 the company sold 522,576,899 gallons of finished products. In this period the marketing department (sales to consumers) not only increased its sales but also reduced its operating cost 24%.

To meet the increasing demand for its refined products, the company's three refineries have been improved. This development is in line with the company's program to refine the major portion of its raw products and to balance this operation with sufficient pipe lines and marketing facilities to enable the company, at minimum cost, to transport and distribute to its own service stations and dealers. This goal has been largely accomplished, although the increasing demand for Phillips products may require the gradual enlargement of plant.

During 1930 and 1931 the company developed valuable oil production in several districts, especially in the Oklahoma City oil field, where our oil reserves are among the most valuable ever discovered. We now own or

are interested in 85 producing wells in this field, which, by State Empire gauge, have a potential production in excess of 2,000,000 barrels daily. In addition, we own very valuable but undeveloped proven properties in this district.

The Phillips Pipe Line Co. has completed its gasoline line from Borger, Texas, to East St. Louis, Ill., and is delivering to its terminals at Wichita, Paola and Kansas City, Kan.; Jefferson City, Mo., and East St. Louis, Ill. Actual earnings exceed the original estimates. The Phillips Natural Gas Co. also has an interest in the Great Lakes Pipe Line Co. Substantial earnings in the future should result from the operation of these pipe lines.

The prices of the securities of the company have reached very low levels. It is readily seen that these prices utterly fail to represent the real value of the properties and facilities underlying these securities. But it is gratifying to note that in 12 months the number of stockholders has increased from approximately 33,000 to 39,000.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Gross income	\$54,674,007	\$58,851,730	\$51,108,897	\$42,721,858
Operating & gen. exps.	38,216,605	37,402,666	25,319,922	18,811,764
Taxes	1,167,123		1,666,080	1,473,620
Intangible devel. cost	2,487,233	1,338,544	1,463,292	4,058,915
Depletion & deprecia'n.	16,542,350	13,066,003	7,947,997	11,323,536
Inventory adjustment	1,378,951	2,644,730		
Net for surp. & divs. def	\$5,118,255	\$4,399,786	\$14,709,875	\$7,054,023
Other income	2,707,307	862,204	543,906	918,114
Total income	def \$2,410,948	\$5,261,990	\$15,253,781	\$7,972,138
Interest	3,165,461	2,221,360	2,041,190	2,011,967
Net income	def \$5,576,409	\$3,040,630	\$13,212,591	\$5,960,171
Dividends paid		6,444,400	\$3,983,390	4,786,433
Earned surplus	def \$5,576,409	def \$3,403,770	\$9,229,201	\$1,173,738
Shares capital stock outstanding (no par)	4,165,129	4,279,982	2,543,306	2,402,354
Earned per share	Nil	\$0.71	\$5.19	\$2.48
x In addition a 5% stock dividend was paid. This dividend called for 127,216 shares and was capitalized at \$4,579,425.				

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Assets				
Property, plant & equipment	x159,785,585	167,182,342		
Cash	5,274,249	10,657,028		
Acct. int. receiv.	19,546	67,713		
Marketable sec.	21,362	195,573		
Notes and accts. receivable, &c.	5,069,056	6,685,376		
Crude & refined oils	11,204,972	13,394,754		
Materials & sup.	3,089,570	3,789,382		
Advances, &c.	15,133,619	8,228,491		
Employees' stock account	326,489	2,908,929		
Deferred charges	1,439,091	1,463,574		
Total	201,363,540	214,423,162		
Liabilities				
Capital stock	y120,374,541	124,069,563		
Unpaid debt		36,433,835		38,418,591
Accts. payable		3,059,174		4,685,733
Notes & acceptances payable		13,025,402		11,765,000
Accrued items & tax reserve		2,149,699		1,990,775
Insurance res'vs		594,215		519,761
Divs. payable				2,139,991
Deferred credits		113,404		178,004
Def. purch. obligations due				533,934
Earned surplus		25,079,334		30,655,743
Total	201,363,540	214,423,162		
x After depreciation and depletion of \$96,013,631. y Represented by 4,165,129 no par shares.—V. 134, p. 1387.				

Boston Elevated Railway.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.)

The report of the board of public trustees, dated Feb. 1, says in part:

Throughout the year just ended, the efforts of the management have been concentrated on operating the railway upon the most economical basis possible consistent with the utmost degree of safety to the riding public and with the requirements of the service. Operating expenses over those the trustees have control were reduced \$1,277,226 during the year. These operating expenses were lower for 1931 than for any year since 1922 and were \$3,825,520 less than in 1926, which was the year of greatest passenger revenue for the railway.

Despite this reduction in operating expenses, the results of operation for the year show an excess of cost of service over receipts of \$1,904,945 due to the decline in riding. This decline resulted in a decrease in gross revenue of \$2,655,614, as compared to the previous year. This year's revenue represents a loss of \$5,626,206 from the high point in annual revenue, namely, \$35,481,313 in 1926, and is lower than for any year since 1919.

New York was the only city where the decline in riding was less than that in Boston.

Development of Bus Operation.—The use of the bus as a part of the local transportation system continued to increase during 1931. The bus is a particularly valuable vehicle as a feeder to rapid transit lines. Moreover, the bus may be used to advantage in serving a district where the riding is light, either in new territory or where the riding has decreased to a point where reconstruction of track would be uneconomical. During 1931 there was added a net of more than 67 round trip bus route miles. The bus equipment of the railway ranks high. Of the 378 buses owned by the railway at the end of this year, 180 were of the modern metropolitan type, of which 44 were purchased during 1931.

Extension of Public Operation.—The legislature by Chapter 333 of the acts of 1931 extended the definite terms of public management and operation of the railway for a period of 28 years. The act required the retirement of all the preferred stocks of the company at certain fixed prices and provided funds for this purpose by the purchase by the Metropolitan Transit District of 6% bonds of the company. It reduced the dividend on the common stock from 6% to 5% from the date the act took effect.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS—YEAR ENDED DEC. 31.

	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Round trips operated	7,102,373	7,453,801	7,361,738	7,316,027
Passenger revenue	\$28,811,914	\$31,415,746	\$32,835,587	\$33,616,877
Pass. rev. per mile (cts.)	53.80	56.04	58.86	55.49
Pass. rev. per hour	\$5.43	\$5.66	\$5.86	\$5.92
x Pass. rev. mileage	53,553,817	56,060,874	56,684,985	57,475,124
Passenger revenue hours	5,303,580	5,548,253	5,613,300	5,674,941
Rev. passengers carried	324,788,577	342,694,905	354,214,990	362,005,033
Rev. passengers carried:				
Per mile	6.065	6.113	6.249	6.298
Per hour	61.24	61.77	63.10	63.79
x Incl. mot. bus mileage	8,771,384	7,813,467	7,138,386	5,999,879

COMPARATIVE DIVISION OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Calendar Years				
Total receipts	\$29,855,107	\$32,510,721	\$34,096,623	\$34,843,147
Operating Expenses				
Wages	15,039,762	15,865,649	16,093,871	16,646,421
Material & other items	2,739,629	2,778,099	2,770,563	3,008,222
Injuries and damages	875,303	917,355	1,010,379	1,306,883
Depreciation	2,628,969	2,839,342	2,878,055	2,671,142
Fuel (inc. gasoline for buses)	967,085	1,127,529	1,271,917	1,267,522
Total oper. expenses	\$22,250,748	\$23,527,975	\$24,024,747	\$24,900,189
Rent of leased roads (including dividend rental under Chap. 159, Acts of 1918)	2,181,338	3,130,025	3,139,001	3,145,726
Taxes	1,504,785	1,686,951	1,619,963	1,721,678
Subway, tunnel & rapid transit line rents	2,780,188	2,775,244	2,650,371	2,889,354
Int. on bonds and notes	2,973,595	2,455,375	2,495,850	2,557,566
Miscellaneous items	69,398	69,790	72,618	88,583
Total cost of service	\$31,760,053	\$33,645,360	\$34,002,550	\$34,803,096
Loss for year	\$1,904,945	\$1,134,639	\$394,073	\$40,051
Note.—Profit and loss adjustments not included in above.				
x Grain.				

INCOME STATEMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table showing income statements for calendar years 1931, 1930, 1929, and 1928. Categories include Operating Income, Passenger revenue, Mails, rentals, ad., &c., Total, Operating Expenses, Way and structure, Equipment, Power, Transportation expenses, Traffic, General & miscellaneous, and Transportation for invest.

Purchase of Companies.

As of May 1, the entire outstanding securities of the Gary Heat, Light & Water Co. were purchased from the United States Steel Corp. by the Midland Utilities Co., a subsidiary of the company.

On June 29 the Gary Electric & Gas Co. was organized as a subsidiary of the Midland Utilities Co. to acquire and hold the securities of the Gary Heat, Light & Water Co. All of the bonds and common capital stock, except directors' qualifying shares, of the Gary Heat, Light & Water Co. were purchased by the Gary Electric & Gas Corp.

The common stock of the Terre Haute Traction & Light Co. had been deposited as collateral under the mortgage of the Terre Haute, Indianapolis & Eastern Traction Co. and was available along with physical properties of the latter company to meet the claims of mortgage bondholders.

Properties conveyed to the Public Service Co. of Indiana as a result of the foreclosure sale included several electric transmission lines extending into territory served by that company.

The leased properties include electric light and power facilities in Terre Haute, West Terre Haute, Brazil, local electric railway and motor coach equipment and other facilities in Terre Haute and the interurban line between Terre Haute and Brazil.

The Indiana RR. acquired the electric interurban railway lines between Indianapolis and Brazil and between Indianapolis and Richmond.

The Northern Indiana Public Service Co. during the year purchased the stock of the Ambia Light & Power Co. which serves Ambia, Ind., and two other communities with electricity.

The Indiana Service Corp. purchased the properties of the Churubusco Water & Light Co. which supplies Churubusco, Ind., with electric light and power and water service.

Company Financing.

Company on July 3 sold \$11,000,000 non-callable 1-year serial gold notes, which were secured by contracts with the Commonwealth Edison Co., Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co., Public Service Co. of Northern Illinois and Middle West Utilities Co. for the purchase by these companies of common stock of the company for a total consideration of \$11,007,500.

During the year 774,873 145-200 shares of common stock and 220 100-200 shares of conv. pref. stock, series A, of the company were issued.

The company in May changed the basis under which its conv. pref. stock, series A, may be converted into common stock and also extended the time within which the conversion may be made.

Under the revised schedule, the preferred stock is convertible to Dec. 31 1933, at the rate of 2 shares of common stock for each share of preferred stock held; to Dec. 31 1934, at the rate of 1 1/2 shares of common stock for each share of preferred stock held; to Dec. 31 1935, at the rate of 1 1/2 shares of common stock for each share of preferred stock held; and to Dec. 31 1936, at the rate of one share of common stock for each share of preferred stock held.

Conversion privileges under the old plan would have expired Dec. 31 1935. Effective on Jan. 1 1931 the preferred stock, series 2, was converted in accordance with provisions of the certificate of incorporation, into preferred stock, series 1, share for share.

Regrouping of Companies.

Important steps were taken during the year by the company in its program to simplify the corporate structure of subsidiary companies and to regroup physical properties of operating subsidiaries into more efficient operating units.

On April 21 a petition was filed with the Public Service Commission of Indiana asking approval of an agreement to merge the Wabash Valley Electric Co. and the Attica Electric Co. into the Northern Indiana Power Co. The Commission approved the merger on Dec. 24.

All three companies are subsidiaries of the Central Indiana Power Co. To consummate the merger, all of the preferred and common stocks of the Wabash Valley Electric Co. and the Attica Electric Co. will be exchanged for preferred and common stocks of the Northern Indiana Pow. Co.

The physical properties of The Delphos Gas Co., serving Delphos, O., with gas were acquired by purchase in November by the West Ohio Gas Co., which supplies communities in western Ohio with gas.

The two hydro-electric generating plants of the Indiana Hydro-Electric Power Co. on the Tippecanoe River near Monticello were leased during the year to the Northern Indiana Public Service Co. These plants are in the territory served by the Northern Indiana Public Service Co. and are interconnected with the transmission system of that company.

The Northern Indiana Public Service Co. in June purchased the properties of the Indiana By-Product Gas Co. at East Chicago. These properties consist of a gas holder with a capacity of 10,000,000 cubic feet and facilities for mixing and purifying gas.

The Public Service Co. of Indiana in August acquired the physical properties of the Cambridge Light & Power Co., which supplied Cambridge and surrounding rural territory in eastern Indiana with electric service.

Facilities Sold.

On Oct. 1 the physical properties and operating rights of the Calumet Railways, Inc., Shore Line Motor Coach Co., and Midwest Motor Coach Co., all controlled by the company, were sold to outside interests.

The properties of these companies consisted of an electric street railway system supplying local transportation service in Hammond, East Chicago and Whiting, and a motor coach system which was operated in the same and adjacent communities, and between Gary and Chicago and Hammond and Chicago.

Sale of these properties marked the withdrawal of companies of the Midland United group from the local transportation business in Hammond, East Chicago and Whiting, except such as is carried on over the street railway lines of the Gary Railways.

Discontinue Railway Operation.

Indiana RR. during the year discontinued as unprofitable, operation of electric interurban railway service between Alexandria and Tipton. Passenger service was discontinued in June and freight service in October.

The Indiana Service Corp. in August discontinued as unprofitable, operation of its electric interurban railway line between Bluffton and Marion. This company in August also discontinued local street railway service in Wabash and substituted motor coach service.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table showing general balance sheet for December 31 for years 1931 and 1930. Categories include Assets (Road & equip., Misc. phys. prop., Other investm'ts, Cash, Deposit for int., divs., &c., Spec' deposit of reserve fund, Loans and notes receivable, Misc. assets rec., Mat'ls & suppl., Int., div., & rents receivable, Oth. curr. assets, Ins. & oth. funds, Prepd. rents, &c, Disc. on fd. debt, Oth. unadj. deb., Cost of serv. def. for 12 mos. end June 30 1919.) and Liabilities (1st pref. stock, 2d pref. stock, Preferred stock, Common stock, Prem. on cap.stk., Funded debt, Mortgage notes, L'n's & notes pay, Vouch. & wages payable, Mat.int.,div.,&c, Accr.int.,div.,&c, Det. liabilities, Prem. on fd. dt., Oper. reserve, Acpr. deprec'n., Misc.unadj. cred, Adv.by comm. of Mass.acct.def., Unred. pref. stk., Prof. & loss sur.def.)

Midland United Company.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.)

Robert M. Feustel, President, says in part:

Business of Subsidiary Companies—Subsidiaries in 1931 derived 56.18% of their consolidated gross operating revenue from the sale of electricity, 20.93% from the sale of gas, 17.59% from providing electric interurban and street railway services and 5.30% from furnishing motor coach, water, heat and other services.

Business of subsidiary companies was affected by the general business situation during 1931. While the consolidated operating revenue of subsidiaries for the year was practically the same as in 1930, this was due to the acquisition of two important companies during the year.

During the year 901,745,609 kwh. of electricity were sold by subsidiary companies compared with 919,613,197 kwh. sold in 1930, a decrease of 1.94%. In addition, 76,897,922 kwh. were sold to electric railways operated by subsidiary companies.

In 1931, sales of gas aggregated 8,910,753,600 cubic feet compared with 10,120,362,774 cubic feet sold in 1930. Because two large operating subsidiaries during the year extended the sale of gas of high heat content to a number of communities, a direct comparison of the volume of gas sold in 1931 and 1930 is not indicative of the extent of the gas business, as a smaller volume of gas of high heat content is required to do a given job.

Street and interurban railways of subsidiary companies in 1931 carried 43,556,684 revenue passengers compared with 48,834,801 in 1930, a decrease of 10.81%.

At the close of 1931, a total of 327,638 customers were being supplied with electricity compared with 273,880 as of Dec. 31 1930, an increase of 19.63%.

The number of customers supplied with gas service was 222,377 compared with 203,161, an increase of 9.46%. Subsidiaries were supplying 40,672 customers with water service and 859 customers with heat service.

As of Dec. 31 1931, subsidiaries of the company were supplying electric light and power, gas or transportation service to 871 communities in Indiana and in bordering territory in Ohio and Michigan with an aggregate estimated population of 1,768,280.

Aditions and Extensions—Subsidiary companies expended \$11,069,414 during the year for improvements and betterments in plant and equipment.

The Public Service Co. of Indiana during the year entered into a contract for the purchase of natural gas from another company owning and operating a gas transmission system in central Indiana and built a pipe line approximately 18 miles in length from New Castle to Muncie where it interconnects with this system. Natural gas is piped through this line to New Castle.

The Northern Indiana Public Service Co. installed additional equipment in its new electric generating station at Michigan City. This plant was placed in regular operation in March.

Late in the year, construction of two 33,000-volt electric transmission lines, interconnecting the transmission system of the Northern Indiana Public Service Co. with the local distribution system of the Hobart Light & Water Co. was begun. A modern substation was built at Hobart to improve distribution facilities.

EARNINGS FOR YEARS ENDED DEC. 31 (COMPANY ONLY).

Table with 4 columns: Year (1931, 1930, 1929), and rows for Interest received, Total income, Net income, etc.

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 (COMPANY ONLY).

Table with 4 columns: Year (1931, 1930, 1929), and rows for Assets (Cash, Notes, etc.) and Liabilities (Notes payable, etc.).

CONSOL. INCOME ACCOUNT YEARS ENDED DEC. 31 (CO. & SUBS.).

Table with 4 columns: Year (1931, 1930, 1929), and rows for Operating revenue, Net operating revenue, Total income, etc.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 (COMPANY & SUBS.).

Table with 4 columns: Year (1931, 1930, 1929), and rows for Assets (Cash, Notes, etc.) and Liabilities (Notes payable, etc.).

General Corporate and Investment News.

STEAM RAILROADS.

Matters Covered in the Chronicle of March 5.—(a) Railroad bond interest defaults protected, p. 1636; (b) Railroads apply for \$228,220,691 in Federal loans to Reconstruction Finance Corp.—I.-S. C. Commission has approved extension of \$53,647,175 to 13 roads—other requests pending, p. 1696; (c) Reconstruction Finance Corp. grants \$13,505,550 additional loans to railroads—total to date \$20,678,550, p. 1697.

Arkansas & Memphis Ry., Bridge & Terminal Co.—Value.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a so-called final valuation of \$4,768,000 on the common carrier property owned and used by this company as of June 30 1918. The road's properties not used for common carrier service or purposes were valued at \$227,963 and its leased properties at \$234,107.—V. 125, p. 510.

Baltimore & Ohio RR.—Commercial Value of Kansas & Sidell and Casey & Kansas Put at \$100,000.—

The I.-S. C. Commission examiners have recommended that the Commission require the B. & O. to include the Kansas & Sidell RR. and the Casey & Kansas RR. in its system at a commercial valuation of \$100,000. The properties constitute 58 miles of line in eastern Illinois. The recommendation is in line with the Commission's order authorizing the B. & O. to take over the properties of the Chicago & Alton RR. through a new company, the Alton RR. The short lines ask to be taken over by the B. & O. at their commercial value.

Adds to Holdings.—

The company is reported to have increased its Reading Co. holdings from \$27,435,000 common to \$29,880,000 during 1931. First preferred holdings were increased from \$11,563,250 to \$11,683,250 and second preferred holdings from \$1,640,000 to \$16,955,000.—V. 134, p. 1315.

Cane Belt RR.—Control.—

See Gulf Colorado & Santa Fe Ry.—V. 132, p. 1216.

Central of Georgia Ry.—Receives Loan from Reconstruction Finance Corporation.—See under "Current Events" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 1755.

Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.—Adds to Rail Holdings.—

The company and the Virginia Transportation Corp., its wholly owned securities affiliate, added to their holdings of Erie and Pere Marquette stocks in 1931. At the close of the year the two companies owned 267,700 shares of Pere Marquette common, against 266,200 at the end of 1930; 15,900 shares of Pere Marquette preferred and preferred stocks, combined, against 12,600; 769,800 shares of Erie common, against 760,300; 151,400 shares of Erie first preferred, against 148,905, and 60,190 shares of Erie second preferred, against 58,895.

Since Jan. 1 last the C. & O. has purchased 46,200 shares of Pere Marquette common, and has acquired an option on 215,000 shares of Erie common from the Allegheny Corp. The known holdings of the C. & O. and its securities affiliate in Pere Marquette at the present time, amount to 313,900 of the 450,460 common shares outstanding, of 69.6% of the stock.

The holdings of the two companies in Erie common, actual or potential, total 984,800 shares, or 65.1% of the 1,511,167 common shares outstanding. Of the total combined Erie preferred and common stocks outstanding, C. & O. and Virginia Transportation together have control, actual or potential, of 1,196,390 shares, or roughly 66%.

In addition, data recently supplied to the Commission in connection with consideration of the four-party consolidation plan indicates that the Virginia Transportation Corp. at the end of 1931 held outright, or had under option 25,100 shares of New York Chicago & St. Louis common. The C. & O. recently obtained an option from the Allegheny Corp. on 167,300 shares of Nickel Plate common. The combined total gives the C. & O. and its securities affiliate control, actual or potential, of roughly 57% of the 377,104 Nickel Plate common shares outstanding.

The C. & O. also had at the end of 1931 an option to purchase 131,268 common and 64,904 preferred Chicago & Eastern Illinois shares. Exercise of this option would give the C. & O. Control of 42% of the combined outstanding 458,914 Chicago & Eastern Illinois common and preferred shares.—V. 134, p. 1365.

Chicago Great Western Ry.—Withdraws Application to Purchase Kansas City Southern Stock.—

The company has withdrawn its application to the Missouri P. S. Commission for permission to purchase 104,500 shares of Kansas City Southern common stock and the application has been dismissed. The withdrawal of the application to the Commission for authority to purchase the Allegheny Corporation's holdings of Kansas City Southern common stock is merely a technical development, it was stated in quarters close to the Allegheny Corp. The sale was consummated last year. ("Wall Street Journal.")—V. 134, p. 1366.

Chicago & North Western Ry.—Receives Loan from Reconstruction Finance Corporation.—See under "Current Events" on a preceding page.

February Operations Improve.—

Fred W. Sargent, President, is quoted as follows: "Our February net operating income shows an increase of about \$250,000 over January. Last month we also showed an increase in gross over the preceding month. According to present indications March will also show an improvement in both gross and net over February."

"Moisture conditions in our territory were never better, there being an abundance of rain and snow. Outlook for the spring crops is excellent. The improvement in earnings is partly due to an upturn in the manufacturing cities in our territory, mainly Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha and Waukegan, Ill. "Loadings of logs, grain and miscellaneous freight are at present showing the greatest decline below a year ago."—V. 134, p. 1755.

Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry.—Plans to Absorb 11 Subsidiary Lines—Unification Desired to Provide Broader Mortgage for 1934.—At the annual meeting to be held May 5, the stockholders will consider the following questions:

(1) The acquisition by this company, subject to the approval and authorization of the I.-S. C. Commission, by purchase, merger, or consolidation of all the railway and other property, corporate rights, franchises and privileges of each of the railway companies enumerated below, the entire capital stock of which is now owned by this company; said acquisition to

be upon such terms and conditions in each case, respectively, as shall be agreed upon by the respective boards of directors, assented to, approved and ratified by the stockholders and authorized by the I.-S. C. Commission:

D) The following lines of railway now operated by this company under lease:

- (1) The lines of railway now owned by St. Paul & Kansas City Short Line RR.:
- (a) From Mason City, Cerro Gordo County, to Des Moines, Polk County; from Carlisle, Warren County, to Allerton, Wayne County; from Des Moines, Polk County, to Keokuk, Lee County, all in the State of Iowa.
- (b) From Coburn, Grundy County, Mo., to Birmingham, Clay County, Mo.; together with all its rights under the agreements of Nov. 4 1929 and Aug. 1 1931, with Chicago Milwaukee St. Paul & Pacific RR., for joint operation of said line and the line of said Chicago Milwaukee St. Paul & Pacific RR. between said points.
- (2) The lines of railway now owned by Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf RR.:
- (a) A main line from a point on the west bank of the Mississippi River, near Hopefield, Crittenden County, Ark., to a point on the Oklahoma-Texas boundary in Beckham County, Okla.; with branches from Benton, Texas County, to Hot Springs, Garland County, and from Malvern, Hot Spring County, to Butterfield, Hot Spring County, Ark., and from Haileyville, Pittsburg County, to Ardmore, Carter County; from Tecumseh Jct., Pottawatomie County, to Asher, Pottawatomie County; from Ingersoll, Alfalfa County, to Alva, Woods County, and from Geary, Blaine County, to Watonga, Blaine County, Okla., and from Homestead, Blaine County, Okla., to Anthony, Harper County, Kan.
- (b) Its leasehold interest in the railway of the White & Black River Valley RR. from Brinkley, Monroe County, to Newport, Jackson County, and from Wiville, Woodruff County, to Gregory, Woodruff County, Ark.
- (c) Terminal tracks and property in Memphis, Shelby County, Tenn.
- (3) The lines of railway now owned by Rock Island Arkansas & Louisiana RR.:
- (a) A main line from Hot Springs Jct., near Little Rock, Pulaski County, Ark., to Benton, Saline County, in said State, and from Haskell, Saline County, Ark., to Eunice, St. Landry Parish, La.; with branches from Tinsman, Calhoun County, to Crossett, Ashley County, and from Malvern, Hot Spring County, to Camden, Ouachita County, all in the State of Arkansas.
- (4) The line of railway now owned by Morris Terminal Ry. Co.:
- (a) A line of railway and terminal facilities located in and near Morris, Grundy County, Ill.
- (5) The line of railway now owned by Rock Island & Dardanelle Ry. From Dardanelle, Yell County, Ark., to Ola, Yell County, Ark.
- (6) The line of railway now owned by Rock Island, Stuttgart & Southern Ry. From Mesa, Prairie County, Ark., to Stuttgart, Arkansas County, Ark.
- (7) The line of railway now owned by Rock Island Memphis Terminal Ry.:
- (a) A line of railway and terminal facilities at Memphis, Shelby County, Tenn.
- (8) The line of railway now owned by Rock Island Omaha Terminal Ry.:
- (a) A line of railway and terminal facilities at Omaha, Douglas County, Neb.
- (9) The following lines of railway now operated independently:
- (1) Lines of railway now owned by the Chicago Rock Island & Gulf Ry., all located in the State of Texas, as follows:
- (a) Main lines extending from a point on the Texas-Oklahoma boundary at the Red River, near Terral, Jefferson County, Okla., to Dallas, Dallas County; from a point on the Texas-Oklahoma boundary in Wheeler County, to a point on the Texas-New Mexico boundary, in Deaf Smith County; from a point on the Texas-Oklahoma boundary in Sherman County at or near Texhoma, to a point on the Texas-New Mexico boundary at or near Bravo, Hartley County.
- (b) Branch lines from Bridgeport, Wise County, to Graham, Young County; from Carrollton, Dallas County, to Irving, Dallas County; from Amarillo, Potter County, to a point on the Texas-Oklahoma boundary near Hitchland, Deaf Smith County; from Dalhart, Dallam County, to a point near Morse, Hutchinson County.
- (c) Branch lines now under construction at or near Shamrock, Wheeler County, and Vega, Oldham County.
- (2) The line of railway now owned by Peoria Terminal Co.:
- (a) A line of railway from Peoria, Peoria County, to Pekin, Tazewell County, Ill.
- (3) The line of railway now owned by Peoria Hanna City & Western Ry.:
- (a) A line of railway from Hollis Junction, Peoria County, Ill., to Crescent Coal Co. properties, Peoria County, Ill.; together with all appurtenances, equipment, rolling stock, materials and supplies, tools, implements and machinery, all furniture and fixtures, and all other physical property, and with all and singular all privileges, franchises, leases, trackage contracts, joint facility agreements, stocks, bonds or other securities of every kind, or interest therein, owned by each of said companies or pertaining to its railroad, and all the asset, right, title and interest which each of the said railway companies now or at the date of the proposed conveyance shall have in or to any of the said properties, or in the property, railroad, or securities of any other railroad or terminal or other company or companies.

Charles Hayden, Chairman of the board, and J. E. Gorman, President, in their remarks to stockholders state:

The most constructive matter we now have before us is a unification of the properties comprising the Rock Island System into one property, all to be owned by the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry., the operating company. The purpose of this unification is to provide a foundation for financing in 1934, when the first and refunding and two other mortgages mature. If the plan is consummated, the new mortgage to be executed in 1934 will be a direct lien on all the railway properties of the system, and the railway company's corporate and financial structure will be much simplified. In addition, we hope to eliminate the expense of maintaining separate corporate organizations, and, in some instances, separate operating organizations.

All the transactions set forth in the above notice are purely intercorporate and involve no new outlet by the Pacific company, but merely a unification and consolidation of properties which it already owns.—V. 134, p. 1573.

Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio Ry.—Valuation.

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a so-called final valuation of \$160,265,063 as of June 30 1918 on the properties of the Galveston Harrisburg & San Antonio Ry. and 10 other affiliated lines which constitute the Atlantic System of the Southern Pacific Co. The valuation includes \$9,681,075 for working capital.

Aside from the Galveston Harrisburg & San Antonio, the report embraces the Iberia & Vermilion RR., Houston & Shreveport RR., Lake Charles & Northern RR., Directnavigation Co., Texas & New Orleans RR., Louisiana Western RR., Houston & Texas Central RR., Houston East & West Texas Ry., Morgan's Louisiana & Texas RR. & Steamship Co., and the Southern Pacific Terminal Co.—V. 133, p. 3627.

Gulf Colorado & Santa Fe Ry.—Control of Cane Belt RR. Authorized.

The I.-S. C. Commission on Feb. 24 approved the acquisition by the company of control, by lease, of the railroad and property of the Cane Belt RR. Both roads are controlled by the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. through stock ownership.—V. 134, p. 1191.

Kansas City Southern Ry.—To Lease Line.

The company has asked the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to lease 81 miles of railroad comprising the Texas mileage of the Texarkana & Fort Smith RR. The applicant already leases most of the Texarkana line outside of Texas. The move, it is estimated, will result in operating economies of \$80,000 annually.—V. 133, p. 2600.

Mahoning Coal RR.—Earnings.

For income statement for 3 and 12 months ended Dec. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 3461.

Minneapolis St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Ry.—Receives Loan from Reconstruction Finance Corporation.—See under "Current Events" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 1756.

Missouri Pacific RR.—Receives Loan from Reconstruction Finance Corporation.—See under "Current Events" on a preceding page.

Adds Bus Line.

An inter-State motor bus line has been established by the Missouri Pacific Transportation Co., a subsidiary, between Dallas, Tex., and points in Louisiana and Arkansas. The new line parallels the Texas & Pacific Ry., between Dallas and Marshall, Tex., and divides at Marshall into two routes, one running to Shreveport, La., and the other to Texarkana, Ark. The line traverses the East Texas oil field.—V. 134, p. 1756.

Mobile & Ohio RR.—Receives Loan from Reconstruction Finance Corporation.—See under "Current Events" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 1756.

New York Central RR.—Adds to Holdings.

The New York Central RR. has filed with the I.-S. C. Commission supplemental information in its consolidation application which discloses that it has increased its holdings in the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western RR. and the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie RR. The statistics filed with the Commission show that in 1931 the New York Central increased its holdings of Lackawanna stock from \$6,566,250 to \$7,791,250, or 9.23%. It is reported that Lackawanna holdings in quarters friendly to the New York Central might bring this percentage to between 15 and 20.

The figures showed that the New York Central had increased its P. & L. E. stock from \$21,591,700 to \$21,699,700, or 50.25%.—V. 134, p. 1756.

New York Chicago & St. Louis RR.—Receives Loan from Reconstruction Finance Corporation.—See under "Current Events" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 1756.

Norfolk & Southern RR.—Subsid. Acquires Bus Lines.

The Federal Court at Richmond, Va., has authorized Norfolk Southern Bus Corp., a subsidiary, to take over the Virginia Beach Bus Line and the Coastal Coach Lines, now in receivership. The order was made on recommendation of the receiver of the Virginia Beach and Coastal Coach Lines. The court authorized the issuance of \$12,000 receivers' certificates to take care of certain liens against the property of the two companies.—V. 134, p. 1575.

Norfolk & Western Ry.—Would Abandon 54 Miles.

The company has asked the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to abandon 54 miles of line from Lenore, Mingo County, to Wayne in Wayne County, West Virginia. The road told the Commission the line to be abandoned costs \$100,000 a year to operate and produces only \$50,000 in revenues. The territory will be served by other lines.—V. 134, p. 1756.

North Pennsylvania RR.—New President, &c.

A. G. B. Steel, formerly Vice-President, was recently elected President, succeeding Charles E. Ingersoll, resigned. S. Pemberton Hutchinson Jr., resigned as director and John W. Drayton and Radcliffe Cheston Jr., were elected directors.—V. 127, p. 2813.

Pennroad Corp.—New Director.

William M. Elkins of Philadelphia has been elected a director, succeeding Philip Stockton, resigned.—V. 132, p. 4755.

Pennsylvania RR.—Applies for Permission to Get Loan of \$55,000 from Reconstruction Finance Corporation.—See under "Current Events" on a preceding page.

Adds to Holdings.

The road is reported as having increased its preferred share holdings in the Norfolk & Western Ry. from \$12,520,000 to \$13,595,000 during 1931.

New Director.

John E. Zimmerman, President of the United Gas Improvement Co., has been elected a director of the Pennsylvania RR., to succeed Charles E. Ingersoll, resigned.—V. 134, p. 1756.

Pittsburgh & West Virginia Ry.—Obtains Loan.

The company, it is stated, obtained a loan of between \$200,000 and \$300,000 from the Railroad Credit Corporation to meet payments due March 1. The company has applied to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for a loan of roughly \$7,541,032.—V. 134, p. 1756.

St. Louis-San Francisco Ry.—Receives Loan from Reconstruction Finance Corporation.—See under "Current Events" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 1756.

Southern Pacific Co.—Notifies Commission of Acceptance of Conditions Imposed on Proposed Transaction for Stock Control of Cotton Belt Line.

The company has notified the I.-S. C. Commission of its acceptance of conditions imposed by the Commission to the proposed acquisition by the Southern Pacific of the St. Louis Southwestern Ry., upon the condition that sufficient shares of "Cotton Belt" stock be deposited with the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York to insure at least an 85% stock control for the Southern Pacific.

In its report and order of Jan. 12 the Commission approved the Southern Pacific's application to acquire control of the Cotton Belt, and its motion to amend the Commission's consolidation plan of Dec. 9 1929 so as to allocate the Cotton Belt to the Southern Pacific instead of the Illinois Central System.

The approval, however, was based on the following three conditions:

- (1) That the applicant (Southern Pacific) shall maintain and keep open all routes and channels of trade via existing gateways unless and until otherwise authorized by the I.-S. C. Commission.
- (2) That the applicant shall agree and undertake that if hereafter in this or in ancillary proceedings the Commission shall find that the applicant should acquire the lines of the Waco, Beaumont, Trinity & Sabine Ry. and/or the line of the Paris & Mt. Pleasant RR. at the commercial value thereof, or assume the operation thereof, or both, the applicant will abide by such findings.
- (3) That the applicant shall agree to accept any additional minority stock of St. Louis Southwestern Ry. tendered to it for exchange prior to Jan. 1 1933 on the basis of one share of Southern Pacific stock for three shares of St. Louis Southwestern Ry. common stock, and three shares of Southern Pacific stock for five shares of St. Louis Southwestern Ry. preferred stock.

The Southern Pacific, in its reply just filed with the Commission, declared that it had made an offer June 16 1931 to exchange its stock for Cotton Belt stock contingent upon deposit with the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York of sufficient shares of Cotton Belt Stock to enable Southern Pacific to become the owner of 85% of all the issued and outstanding shares of the Cotton Belt, or such lesser percentage as may be acceptable to the Southern Pacific.

If this condition is adhered to by Cotton Belt stockholders, the Commission was advised, the Southern Pacific accepts the conditions imposed by the Commission to its approval of the acquisition.

As soon as the road acquires the amount of Cotton Belt stock sought, it advised the Commission, it will immediately notify the Commission thereof in writing and the agreement will become final.—V. 134, p. 1756

Toledo Terminal RR.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Operating revenue.....	\$982,927	\$1,170,671	\$1,606,937	\$1,517,681
Operating expenses.....	799,561	954,044	1,096,967	930,547
Railway tax accruals.....	165,413	155,185	195,343	211,015
Uncollectible ry. revenue.....	6	14	137	-----
Railway oper. income.....	\$17,947	\$61,428	\$314,489	\$376,119
Non-operating income..	360,764	293,299	344,949	385,846
Gross income.....	\$378,711	\$354,727	\$659,438	\$761,966
Interest.....	261,092	254,165	247,500	237,788
Rentals.....	2,409	2,713	2,670	2,526
Hire of equip. (dr. bal.)..	5,122	18,243	45,234	43,612
Misc. tax accruals.....	102	56	177	74
Misc. income charges.....	2,762	2,777	2,770	2,239
Net income.....	\$107,223	\$76,772	\$361,086	\$475,728

General Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, Liabilities, 1931, 1930. Rows include Assets (Cost of road franchise & equip., Additions & betterments, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Long term debt, etc.).

V. 132, p. 2578.

Southern Railway.—New Comptroller.—

T. H. Seay has been appointed comptroller of the Southern Railway System and Mobile & Ohio RR., succeeding E. H. Kemper, deceased. W. H. Luckett has been appointed general auditor, succeeding Mr. Seay. —V. 134, p. 1757.

Wabash Ry.—To Pay \$5,000,000 of Debts.—

The receivers have been authorized by Federal Court at St. Louis to pay out approximately \$5,000,000 in settlement of debts, including \$3,835,240 for materials and supplies and \$1,164,821 to the Canadian National Ry. for trackage rentals. The receivers stated that funds for payment of these accounts have been obtained from receivers' certificates which the court recently authorized them to issue. —V. 134, p. 1757.

Western Pacific RR. Co.—Securities.—

The I-S-C. Commission on Feb. 27 authorized the company to issue not exceeding \$15,000,000 gen. & ref. mtge. gold bonds, series A, and a promissory note or notes for not exceeding \$5,000,000, said bonds or such part thereof as may be required, to be pledged as collateral security for a loan or loans and for the notes, and the notes to be exchanged at not less than par for an equal amount of outstanding 5% debentures.

The Report of the Commission says in part:—

Our order of Nov. 20 1930, authorized the applicant to issue not exceeding \$5,000,000 5% gold debentures in connection with the financing of its Northern California extension. By the indenture dated July 1 1930, to the Chase National Bank, New York, under which the debentures were issued, the applicant covenanted that, so long as any of the debentures were outstanding, neither it nor any of its subsidiaries would mortgage or, except as required by the applicant's first mortgage dated June 26 1916, pledge any property now owned or hereafter acquired, without calling for redemption all outstanding debentures and making suitable provision for their payment. The debentures were sold to the A. C. James Co. Under the terms of the sale it appears that that company has from time to time taken delivery of various amounts of the debentures so that as of Feb. 8 1932, the amount outstanding was \$4,504,000, but is obligated to take the entire issue.

The applicant proposes to make a new mortgage on its properties and to do this must comply with the covenant mentioned. Therefore, it has arranged with the holder of the debentures to pay them by issuing to it a 5% note or notes of an equal amount, to mature not less than three years nor more than four years and 11 months from the date thereof, and to be secured by the pledge of bonds to be issued under the proposed mortgage. The note or notes will contain a provision for the acceleration of the maturity of the principal, thereof in case of default under the first mortgage, or the proposed new mortgage, or any of the loans made to the applicant by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation or the Railroad Credit Corporation, such provision for acceleration of principal to be in the form agreed upon by the applicant and the A. C. James Co. The applicant seeks authority to issue a note or notes in the maximum amount necessary to pay all the debentures which may be issued and outstanding under the authority heretofore granted.

The proposed new mortgage will be known as the applicant's general and refunding mortgage, will be dated as of Jan. 1 1932, and will be made to the Chase National Bank, New York, as trustee. The mortgage will limit the amount of bonds that may be outstanding thereunder at any one time to \$100,000,000, and will provide for the issue of bonds to refund the applicant's first-mortgage bonds issued under its first mortgage dated June 26 1916, and the \$5,000,000 of debentures issued under the indenture of July 1 1930. The mortgage will also provide that bonds may be issued in series as determined by the board of directors, and under Section 1 of article two \$15,000,000 of general and refunding mortgage bonds of any series, one or more, may be authenticated and delivered without further action on the part of the applicant, except the filing with the trustee of (1) resolutions of the board of directors, requesting authentication and delivery of the bonds, and (2) an opinion of counsel. Pursuant to these provisions, the board of directors has determined that the initial series of general and refunding mortgage gold bonds in the total amount of \$15,000,000 is to be designated series A.

The applicant has applied for a loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to aid in temporarily financing its requirements and has also applied for a loan from the Railroad Credit Corporation to enable it to meet its fixed interest charges on these applications it has been advised that the states that since the filing of the application is without funds and that arrangements have been made between the two corporations whereby it is expected the Reconstruction Finance Corporation will loan to the applicant the amount applied for from the Railroad Credit Corporation, or so much thereof as may be approved.

In applying for the loans mentioned, the applicant offered to pledge as security for each of the loans such principal amount of the proposed general and refunding mortgage gold bonds, series A, as the corporation making the loan should require and we should approve. As part of its agreement to accept in payment for the outstanding debentures a 5% note or notes of a like face amount, the holder of the note or notes general and refunding mortgage bonds, such security to be of the same maturity, to bear the same rate of interest, and to be comparable in all respects with the security for the loan or loans. Accordingly, the applicant requests authority to pledge series A bonds as collateral for the note or notes on the same basis as which they are pledged for the loans. —V. 134, p. 1757.

PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Matters Covered in the Chronicle of March 5.—(a) Electric power production for public use in the United States declined 7% in January 1932, p. 1650; (b) Electric output showed a decline of 7.4% during the week ended Feb. 27 1932, as compared with the corresponding period in 1931, p. 1650.

Alton Ry.—New Control.—

The company, which owned the street railway system of Alton, which formerly was valued at about \$800,000 on a basis of its earnings, March 1 passed into the hands of the Illinois Terminal Transportation Co. for a consideration of \$10,000.

The Illinois Commerce Commission authorized the purchase of the company from the Union Electric Light & Power Co. The Illinois Terminal Transportation Co. is affiliated with the Illinois Terminal RR. System. It took over operation of the property March 1.

American Community Power Corp.—Receiver Resigns.—

David A. Belden of St. Louis, one of the three receivers, has been permitted by Chancellor J. O. Wolcott in Chancery Court at Wilmington, Del., to resign after he filed a petition stating he and his co-receivers deemed it to the advantage of the corporation that he continue as an officer rather than a receiver. —V. 134, p. 674.

American & Foreign Power Co., Inc.—Divs. Deferred.—

The directors on Mar. 9 decided to defer the regular quarterly dividends due April 1 next of \$1.75 per share on the \$7 cum. pref. stock, no par value, and of \$1.50 per share on the \$6 cum. pref. stock, no par value. The last quarterly distributions at the above rates were made on Jan. 2 1932.

The principal reason given for the omission of the usual payments, according to interests close to the company, was the "unusual disturbed economic and financial conditions throughout the world and the difficulties being encountered in converting into United States dollars the moneys of several of the countries in which principal operations are being carried on by subsidiaries. —V. 134, p. 1576.

American Gas & Power Co.—Earnings.—

Table showing earnings for American Gas & Power Co. for 1931 and 1930, with sub-totals for Calendar Years and Balance available to American Commonwealths Power Corp. and reserves.

V. 134, p. 844.

American Power & Light Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Table showing earnings for American Power & Light Co. for 1931, 1930, 1929, and 1928, including Subsidiary Companies and Total Income.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Large table showing balance sheet for Dec. 31, 1931 and 1930, detailing Assets (Investments, Cash, U.S. Treas. bills, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Gold deb. bonds, etc.).

Table showing stock information including \$6 pref. stock, \$5 pref. stock, Pref. stock (\$6) scrip equivalent, Common stock, and Common stock scrip equivalent.

V. 132, p. 4328.

Associated Electric Co.—Exchange Offer.—

It has been decided to extend to the bondholders of Associated Electric Co. the privilege of subscribing to Associated Gas & Electric Co. guaranteed 8% 8-year gold bonds on the same basis as security holders of the Associated Gas & Electric Co., namely, at the rate of \$20 for each \$100 of bonds which you hold.

The entire proceeds of subscriptions by bondholders of the Associated Electric Co. on subscription warrants issued to them will be applied to the retirement of the \$8,895,000 one-year notes of Pennsylvania Electric Co., which mature during the current year.

Furthermore, such proceeds will be advanced to the Pennsylvania Electric Co. under such arrangements that any claim for repayment will be subordinate to the Pennsylvania bonds and will ultimately be represented by common stock of Associated Electric Co. or by a voluntary contribution to its capital.

Subscription checks may be forwarded immediately to Associated Gas & Electric Securities Co., 61 Broadway, N. Y. City, upon which 7% interest will be paid from date of receipt to the first interest date following full payment, after which interest on the bonds will commence at the rate of 8 1/2%.

[See also Associated Gas & Electric Co. in V. 134, p. 1576.]—V. 133, p. 4328.

Associated Gas & Electric Co.—Bond Sales.—

More than \$1,000,000 of the new issue of 8% 8-year bonds was sold during the first week of a system-wide customer ownership campaign, it is announced. That figure is exclusive of sales made by securities dealers and subscriptions received through the mail. See V. 134, p. 1576, 1757.

February Electric Output Shows Improvement.—

For the month of February the Associated system reports electric output, excluding sales to other utilities, of 212,994,362 units (kwh.), a decrease of 1.9% under February of last year. This relatively good showing was due

in part to the fact that there was an extra day in February of this year as compared with 1931. For the 12 months ended Feb. 29, electric output was 2.8% under the previous 12 months.

Gas output for this month was 1,494,207,900 cu. ft., or 7.4% under February of last year. For the 12 months, gas output was 5.6% under the previous 12 months.—V. 134, p. 1757.

Associated Telephone Utilities Co.—Defers Dividends on \$6, \$7 and \$6 Preferred A Stocks.

The company has voted to defer the payment of the quarterly dividends of \$1.50 on the \$6 cum. prior pref., \$1.50 on the series A \$6 conv. pref. and \$1.75 on the \$7 cum. prior pref. stocks due at this time. A letter to pref. stockholders states: "Although earnings accruing to the company after paying prior charges and expenses are more than sufficient to cover dividends on the prior pref. stock and the conv. pref. stock and although the company owns a substantial amount of mortgage bonds and pref. stocks of certain of its subsidiary companies, the directors feel that in view of the difficulty of marketing such securities under present conditions it is in the best interests of stockholders to conserve cash resources and to defer the payment of dividends."

Regular quarterly dividends were declared about three months which were paid as follows: 2% in common stock on the common stock, payable Jan. 15; \$1.75 on the \$7 cum. prior pref. stock payable Dec. 15; \$1.50 on the \$6 cum. prior pref. stock payable Dec. 15 and \$1.50 on the \$6 conv. pref. stock, series A, payable Jan. 2.—V. 134, p. 674.

Blackstone Valley Gas & Electric Co.—Bonds Sold.—Estabrook & Co. and Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc., announce the sale at 91 $\frac{3}{4}$ and int., to yield 5.69%, of \$2,000,000 mtge. & coll. trust gold bonds, series B, 5%.

To be dated April 1 1932; to be due April 1 1952. Principal payable in gold at the office of the trustee, State Street Trust Co., Boston, Mass. Interest (A. & O.) payable in gold in Boston, New York and Chicago. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Red. as a whole at any time or in part on any interest date on 30 days' notice at 104 up to and incl. Oct. 1 1935; thereafter at 103 to and incl. Oct. 1 1939; thereafter at 102 to and incl. Oct. 1 1943; thereafter at 101 to and incl. Oct. 1 1947; thereafter at 101 less $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% for each year or part thereof to and including Oct. 1 1950; and at 100 thereafter to maturity, and with accrued interest in all cases. Company agrees to pay the interest without deduction for any normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2% of such interest which it may be required to pay. Penn. personal property tax up to 4 mills. Conn. personal property tax up to 4 mills and Mass. taxes (based on or measured by income) up to 6% of interest, refundable on proper application.

Consolidated Capitalization (Outstanding upon completion of present financing).

Divisional closed mortgage bonds	\$293,000
1st & gen. mtge. 5% gold bonds due Jan. 1 1939 (closed)	4,319,000
Mtge. and coll. trust gold bonds:	
Series A 5%, due April 1 1951	3,975,000
Series B 5%, due April 1 1952 (this issue)	2,000,000
Pawtucket Gas Co. of New Jersey 5% pref. stock	990,000
6% preferred stock	1,294,200
Common stock (par \$50)	8,661,700

Business.—Company, a constituent company of Eastern Utilities Associates, directly or through its subsidiary, Pawtucket Gas Co., does the entire electric lighting, power and gas business in the Blackstone Valley District of Rhode Island, one of the most thickly settled parts of New England. The territory served includes the cities of Pawtucket, Woonsocket and Central Falls and the towns of Cumberland, Lincoln and others adjacent, having a total population estimated at over 183,000.

Comparative consolidated earnings and expenses for the 12 months ended Jan. 31:

	1931.	1932.
Gross earnings	\$6,355,443	\$6,254,420
Operation	3,012,400	2,881,557
Maintenance	241,671	255,587
Taxes (incl. Federal income taxes)	442,355	471,562
Balance before provision for retirements, &c.	\$2,659,017	\$2,645,714
Total annual requirements for interest on bonds and for subsidiary pref. stock divs. of Pawtucket Gas Co. of New Jersey	\$849,500	
Blackstone Valley Gas & Electric Co. (incl. this issue)	528,765	
x Dividends on outstanding 5% preferred stock.		

The above balance before provision for retirements, &c., for the 12 months ended Jan. 31 1932 was over 4.5 times the amount required annually for interest on the entire funded debt of the company to be outstanding, including this issue, and for dividends on preferred stock of Pawtucket Gas Co. of New Jersey.

Seventy-three per cent of the combined gross earnings are derived from the light and power department; 26% from the gas department and 1% from miscellaneous sources.

Management.—Company is controlled, through ownership of over 95% of its common stock, by Eastern Utilities Associates. The properties have been under Stone & Webster executive management for 24 years.

Property.—The generating plants of the company have a combined capacity of 47,250 hp. of which 2,350 hp. is hydro-electric. The gas plants of the system have a combined daily capacity of 11,150,000 cubic feet. Gas is delivered to Woonsocket from the central plant in Pawtucket through a 14-mile high pressure line.

This company, the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Brockton (also a constituent company of Eastern Utilities Associates) and Fall River Electric Light Co., operate through an affiliated company, the Montaup Electric Co., a modern steam generating station located on tidewater at Somerset, Mass., having a total installed capacity of 97,500 hp. This plant is connected with the three systems and is controlled by stock ownership in such a manner as to give each company substantially an equal voice in the management. The Blackstone Valley Gas & Electric system is connected with that of the New England Power Association, which, together with the Montaup Electric Co.'s facilities, enable the system to meet its power requirements with greater economies than would be possible with separate generating units.

Security.—Direct obligation of the company, secured by a mortgage on all of the operating properties owned directly by the company and further secured by the deposit of collateral having a book value of more than \$9,400,000; subject to the first and general mtge. 5% bonds due 1939 and the divisional bonds aggregating \$4,612,000.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be applied to the retirement of \$1,400,000 of Pawtucket Gas Co. of New Jersey 4s which mature on May 1 1932 and for other corporate purposes.

Sinking Fund.—The provisions of the sinking fund will require the company to pay in each year to the trustee cash to the amount of 1% of series B bonds certified. Such sinking fund shall be applied to the purchase of bonds at a price not in excess of a maximum price to be fixed each year by the board of directors of the company, provided, however, that such maximum price shall not be less than 100. If the trustee is unable to purchase bonds with the money deposited in the sinking fund at the maximum price or less, any balance may be paid to the company against additional property (to the extent of its cost or value, whichever is less) not previously used for bond issue or release purposes under its mortgages.—V. 134, p. 135.

Canada Northern Power Corp., Ltd. (& Subs.).

Calendar Years—	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings	\$3,341,964	\$3,181,504	\$3,116,597	\$3,088,529
Oper. and maintenance	1,061,860	1,021,027	641,826	608,215
Taxes			296,351	281,576
Net earnings	\$2,280,104	\$2,160,477	\$2,178,420	\$2,198,737
Bad debts	9,031	7,940	12,143	1,485
Interest	902,302	810,769	\$20,018	787,034
Net income	\$1,368,771	\$1,341,768	\$1,346,259	\$1,410,217
Previous surplus adj.]	1,355,021	1,331,900	1,200,719	817,614
Total surplus	\$2,723,792	\$2,673,668	\$2,546,978	\$2,227,832
Preferred dividends	474,581	475,750	468,577	456,827
Common dividends	311,589	236,914	124,610	21,774
Minority int. in surplus	Cr1,973	646	115	
Transferred to dep. res.	600,000	600,000	600,000	558,767
Profit & loss surplus	\$1,339,595	\$1,360,358	\$1,353,676	\$1,190,460

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

	1931.	1930.		1931.	1930.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Plant investment	\$33,864,097	\$33,687,921	Funded debt	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000
Cash	26,576	36,495	Notes payable	—	27,165
Call loans	65,287	—	Accounts payable	—	—
Accts. receivable	348,003	362,430	& accrued liabli.	284,207	438,945
Materials & suppl.	284,106	243,915	Dividends of subs.	24,888	25,625
Mtges. receivable	1,500	5,100	Pref. dividend	96,250	96,250
Deferred charges	135,809	107,835	Common dividend	75,000	56,250
			Cust. deposits with		
			Int. accrued	109,884	103,651
			Bond int. accrued	141,667	141,667
Total	\$34,725,389	\$34,443,697	Total	\$17,731,896	\$17,889,550
	-V. 133, p. 3252.				

Central Public Service Corp.—Dividends Deferred.

The directors have decided to defer the usual quarterly dividends due April 1 on the \$7 cum. pref. stock, \$6 cum. pref. stock and \$4 cum. pref. stock, all of no par value. Regular quarterly distributions of \$1.75, \$1.50 and \$1 per share, respectively, were paid on Jan. 1 1932.

Sale of Subsidiary.—See Wisconsin Gas & Electric Co. below.—V. 134, p. 1758.

Chicago District Electric Generating Corp.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1931.	1930.
Operating revenues	\$6,445,300	\$6,593,014
Operating expenses	\$3,837,522	\$4,146,360
Taxes	517,420	445,896
Operating income	\$2,090,358	\$2,000,758
Non-operating income	127,657	43,822
Gross income	\$2,218,015	\$2,044,580
Interest on funded debt	1,129,872	1,197,889
Miscellaneous interest deductions	15,786	214,923
Amortization of debt discount & expense	137,845	432,081
Miscellaneous deductions from gross income	49,013	17,730
Interest during construction—Cr	144,245	—
Miscellaneous appropriations	24,189	—
Net income for the year	\$1,005,556	\$181,958
Dividends	\$741,187	118,404

Balance to surplus—\$264,369 \$63,554
 x Including retirement appropriations of \$658,989. y Includes dividends paid and declared on common stock and dividends paid and accrued on preferred stock.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

	1931.	1930.		1931.	1930.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Fixed capital	\$30,181,233	\$26,573,503	Preferred stock	\$3,071,696	—
Cash	2,778,949	859,685	Common stock	\$7,176,000	\$7,176,000
Notes receivable	701,832	124,750	Funded debt	\$25,250,000	\$23,000,000
Accts. receivable	729,607	604,502	Notes payable	—	305,000
Interest receiv.	16,255	37,892	Accounts payable	194,280	335,300
Matl. & supplies	383,699	440,547	Dividends declared	143,520	118,404
Prepayments	20,203	38,132	Miscell. liabilities	23,545	5,309
Miscell. assets	1,980,061	2,314,048	Taxes accrued	548,557	449,466
Unamort. debt disc.	—	—	Interest accrued	356,750	335,297
Expense	1,870,754	1,692,575	Dividends accrued	25,041	—
Jobbing accounts	—	1,138	Retirement res'v'e	1,628,635	952,726
Misc. def. debits	121,486	92,894	Misc. unadjusted credits	1,773	250
			Surplus	366,282	101,913
Total	\$38,784,079	\$32,779,665	Total	\$38,784,079	\$32,779,662

x Represented by 33,388 shares of \$6 cumulative preferred stock. y Represented by 717,600 shares of (no par) common stock.—V. 133, p. 4328.

Chicago North Shore & Milwaukee RR.—New Director.

The stockholders at the annual meeting re-elected John R. Thompson, Jr., as a director for a three-year term, and elected George R. Jones as a director for two years, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of H. S. Osler.—V. 133, p. 4157.

Cincinnati Street Ry.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Operating revenue	\$7,454,332	\$8,123,961	\$8,819,944	\$8,819,116
Operating expenses	4,943,437	5,652,059	6,021,349	6,320,173
Net operating revenue	\$2,510,895	\$2,571,902	\$2,798,594	\$2,498,943
Taxes	664,831	690,877	693,268	747,318
Operating income	\$1,846,064	\$1,881,025	\$2,105,326	\$1,751,625
Non-operating income	422,174	133,477	24,789	27,549
Gross income	\$2,268,238	\$2,014,502	\$2,130,114	\$1,779,174
Rental, int., sinking fund & return on capital	2,280,623	2,250,164	2,126,610	1,764,381
Added to fare control fund	—	—	\$3,505	\$14,793
Withdrawn from fare control fund	12,385	235,661	—	—
Fare control fund—previous balance, including initial \$400,000	x223,814	459,476	455,971	441,177
Total in fare control fund	\$211,429	\$223,814	\$459,476	\$455,971
x Previous balance, including initial \$400,000.—V. 133, p. 3965.				

Consolidated Water Co. of Utica.—Defers Dividend.

The quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about March 1 on the \$1.50 cum. and partic. class A common stock, no par value, has been deferred. A quarterly distribution of 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents per share was made on this issue on Dec. 1 1931 as against 50 cents per share on Sept. 1 and June 1 last.—V. 133, p. 3253.

Cuban Telephone Co.—Postpones Dividend Action on Common Stock.

Action on the quarterly dividend on the common stock, par \$100, usually payable about March 31, has been deferred until the next directors' meeting which is to be held in June. From 1924 to and including Dec. 31 1931, regular quarterly distributions of \$2 per share had been made on this issue. The regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share has been declared on the 7% cum. pref. stock, payable March 31 to holders of record March 15.—V. 132, p. 4053.

Dallas Gas Co.—To Redeem \$14,918 of Bonds.

The Bank of Manhattan Trust Co., as successor trustee, announces that the above company will on or before March 25 1932 receive proposals for the retirement on April 1 1932 of \$14,918 of its outstanding 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds, due 1941. The bonds will be redeemed at not to exceed 105% of par. Proposals must be submitted to the trustee.—V. 125, p. 1459.

Dallas (Tex.) Power & Light Co.—Offers Stock.

The company on Feb. 27 announced a new issue of \$6 cum. pref. stock, (no par value) to be sold Dallas investors by company employees at \$102 and accrued dividend per share to yield slightly less than 6% per annum.—V. 130, p. 4417.

Dayton & Troy Electric Ry.—Receivership.

O. E. Howland, Secretary and Treasurer of the Dayton Power & Light Co., March 1 was appointed receiver for the company by Judge Edgar T. Snediker, upon the petition of Harris P. Clegg, President of the company.—V. 115, p. 2477.

Eastern Massachusetts Street Ry.—Earnings.—			
Calendar Years—	1931.	1930.	1929.
Total rev. from transp.	\$6,980,990	\$7,401,556	\$8,150,218
Total rev. from other ry. operation	402,386	427,852	429,237
	\$7,383,376	\$7,829,407	\$8,579,454
Deductions—			
Ways and structures	821,582	866,799	957,829
Equipment	1,252,327	1,062,333	1,045,708
Power	1,097,043	1,065,855	1,115,226
Conducting transporta.	2,257,017	2,309,681	2,301,818
Traffic	21,466	34,491	8,795
General & misc. expts.	588,054	901,970	929,279
Taxes assign. to ry. op.	289,653	300,405	351,183
	\$786,261	\$1,287,871	\$1,869,617
Operating revenue	124,045	124,788	229,744
Non-oper. income			
Gross income	\$910,307	\$1,412,659	\$2,099,361
Rent for leased roads	57,995	59,162	59,298
Miscellaneous rents	1,167	2,049	2,621
Int. on funded debt	884,514	903,848	1,026,834
Int. on unfunded debt	735	885	1,035
Miscellaneous debits	7,066	9,843	8,821
Other charges	5,392	—	—
Net income	def\$46,562	\$436,872	\$1,000,703
Dividends—1st pref.	—	248,238	310,110
Sinking fund stock	—	840	1,350
Preferred B stock	—	134,901	224,835
Adjustment stock	—	108,890	544,450
Common stock	—	—	91,354
Balance, surplus	def\$46,562	def\$55,997	def\$171,396

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1931.	1930.	Liabilities—	1931.	1930.
Road and equip.	39,892,246	40,537,970	Capital stock:		
Deposits in lieu of mtge. prop. sold	47,870	73,943	1st preferred	4,139,900	4,139,900
Misc. phys. prop.	1,659,077	1,718,941	Sinking fund	13,000	13,000
Other inv. (at cost)	851,294	872,387	Preferred B	2,997,800	2,997,800
Cash	960,147	1,088,710	Adjustment	8,711,200	8,711,200
Deposits unpaid	404,319	432,927	Common	8,488,014	8,488,014
Notes & accts. rec.	177,731	168,294	Capital adj. leased lines	965,598	965,598
Materials & suppl.	356,108	394,738	Funded debt—unmatured	19,936,450	19,936,450
Interest, divs. and rents receivable	17,552	16,532	Accounts & wages payable	138,583	146,287
Deferred assets	7,117	13,248	Matured int., divs. and rents pay.	399,565	427,873
Rents & ins. prem. paid in advance	74,052	55,997	Matured funded debt unpaid	4,343	4,643
Other unad. debits	57,811	26,730	Aocr. int., divs. & rents payable	39,788	44,008
Issued securities	2,135,497	1,054,847	Other current liab.	439	1,200
Difference between par value of securities issued for property & value at which prop'ty is carried	6,565,357	6,565,357	Deferred liabilities	1,364	4,354
			Tax liability	189,947	95,253
			Ins. & cas. res'ves.	133,449	133,449
			Miscell. oper. res.	239,613	216,310
			Accrued dep're.	3,119,444	2,026,194
			Other unad. cred.	92,937	50,821
			Investment reserve	947,439	272,046
			Capital surplus	2,103,517	3,458,296
			Profit and loss	540,787	587,326
			Total	53,203,178	52,720,521

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—V. 134, p. 675.

Eastern Shore Public Service Co.—Earnings.—			
Calendar Years—	1931.	1930.	1929.
Operating revenues	\$2,488,161	\$1,898,327	\$1,745,740
Operating expenses	x1,431,311	1,092,392	982,063
Uncollectible bills	15,153	8,973	10,353
Taxes—general	82,980	53,901	58,303
Net operating income	\$960,717	\$743,055	\$694,961
Non-operating income	30,704	14,198	6,918
Gross income	\$991,415	\$757,253	\$701,879
Bond & other int. chgs. paid or accrued	420,483	268,209	278,626
Amortiz. of debt disct. & expense	48,639	34,087	37,491
Miscell. amortiz. charge-able to income	1,000	1,000	1,000
Miscell. deduct. from gross income	11,361	—	428
Retire. appropriation	—	80,158	71,521
Prov. for Fed. inc. tax	—	24,141	13,741
Net income	\$510,201	\$349,660	\$299,070
Previous surplus	259,058	225,304	204,212
Unbill. inc. at Dec. 31 '30	61,205	—	—
Total surplus	\$830,465	\$574,964	\$503,282
Proportion of abandon. property written off	101,722	—	—
Misc. surplus charges	20,832	—	—
Preferred dividends	159,735	139,507	128,692
Common dividends	255,150	176,400	136,900
Miscellaneous charges	—	—	12,387
Earned surpl. Dec. 31	\$293,027	\$259,057	\$225,304
x Including retirement provision of \$119,326.	—	—	—

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1931.	1930.	Liabilities—	1931.	1930.
Fixed assets	x13,731,336	9,545,204	8% preferred stock	14,925	14,925
Cash	254,775	116,511	Cum. pref. stock	3,165,241	2,037,679
Notes receivable	20,182	270	Common stock	2,275,000	1,675,000
Accts. receivable	403,620	221,318	Cap. stock subscr.	89,769	74,547
Mat'ls & supplies	132,504	142,139	Funded debt	8,299,000	5,800,000
Prepayments	12,550	7,043	Notes payable	110,343	80,000
Subs. to cap. stock	59,066	61,359	Accounts payable	92,990	45,062
Miscell. assets	328,499	57,538	Disc. contr. pay	55,278	53,869
Deferred debits	1,242,718	728,017	Consumers' dep.	37,363	30,201
Required secur.	11,029	—	Misc. acer. liabil.	384	1,117
Cost of pref. stk. sales	93,545	88,930	Accrued liabilities	213,390	170,892
			Due to affil. cos.	875	820
			Reserves	565,275	378,045
			Misc. unad. cred.	19,918	16,721
			Capital surplus	1,057,043	1,120,373
			Earned surplus	293,027	259,058
Total	16,289,822	11,658,309	Total	16,289,822	11,658,309
x Includes excess of price paid by Holding Co. for subsidiary companies over book value thereof at date of acquisition of \$519,178.—V. 133, p. 3463					

Electrical Development Co. of Ontario, Ltd.—Tenders.
The National Trust Co., Ltd., trustee, 2 King St. East, Toronto, Canada, will until March 23, receive bids for the sale to it of 5% 1st mtge. 30-year gold bonds, dated March 1 1903, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$90,000.—V. 132, p. 1989.

Electric Public Service Co.—Receivership.
Former Federal Judge Hugh M. Morris of Wilmington, Del., and Herbert W. Briggs of New York, were appointed receivers for the company by Chancellor J. O. Wolcott at Wilmington, Del., March 7. A bill of complaint alleging the corporation is insolvent was filed by the Southwest Production Co., the voting stock of which is controlled by the defendant company. The corporation filed an answer admitting insolvency and consented to appointment of receivers.

Debtentureholders' Protective Committee.
A protective committee for the holders of the 10-year 6% sinking fund gold debentures due Dec. 1 1936 and April 1 1937, respectively, has been formed. An announcement by the committee says:
Company has outstanding current indebtedness in the amount of \$650,000, a large part of which is due and payable on March 19. Advances have been received from reliable sources that the company will not have sufficient cash available to meet its maturing obligations and that there is no definite assurance that the interest payable April 1 on the 10-year 6% sinking fund gold debentures due April 1 1937 of the company will be paid. Furthermore, Electric Public Utilities Co., the parent corporation owning and controlling the common stock of Electric Public Service Co., is in receivership and it is extremely doubtful that any financial assistance can be obtained from this source. At the request of certain of the larger debentureholders we have consented to act as a committee for the purpose of protecting the interests of the holder of debentures of both series due Dec. 1 1936 and April 1 1937, respectively.
Debentures with coupons maturing April 1 1932 or June 1 1932, as the case may be, and subsequent attached thereto should be deposited immediately with the Chase National Bank of New York, the depository.
Committee.—T. A. O'Hara, Chairman; Harold E. Aul, E. E. Patterson, Charles W. Yant and H. O. Yeager with Ezra Cornell, Sec., 14 Wall St., New York and White & Case, counsel, 14 Wall St., New York.—V. 133, p. 2433.

Empire Gas & Electric Co.—Exchange Offer.
It has been decided to extend to the preferred stockholders the privilege of subscribing to Associated Gas & Electric Co. guaranteed 8% eight-year gold bonds on the same basis as security holders of the Associated company, namely, at the rate of \$20 for each share of preferred stock held.
To the extent of the entire proceeds of subscriptions by preferred stockholders of the Empire company on subscription warrants issued to them, the current debt of this latter company will be subordinated to your pref. stock and will ultimately be converted into common stock or voluntarily contributed to its capital.
The Empire company owes the Associated company, directly or indirectly, a substantial amount of current debt, incurred to obtain funds for new construction, extensions and improvements. This ranks ahead of the preferred stock.
Subscription checks may be forwarded immediately to the Associated Gas & Electric Securities Co., 61 Broadway, N. Y. City, upon which 7% interest will be paid from date of receipt to the first interest date following full payment, after which interest on the bonds will commence at the rate of 8½%.—V. 134, p. 136.

Gas & Electric Securities Co.—Stock Dividend.
The company announced a monthly dividend of 58 1-3c. a share on the preferred, 50c. a month on the common, with a special of ¼ of 1% payable in common stock on the common stock, all amounts being due April 1 to holders of record Mar. 15. Like amounts were paid on Mar. 1.—V. 134, p. 1577.

Gas Securities Co., New York.—Extra Dividend.
The directors have declared the regular monthly distribution of 50c. per share in cash and an extra dividend of ¼ of 1% in non-interest-bearing scrip on the preferred stock, both payable April 1 to holders of record Mar. 15. Like amounts were also paid on Mar. 1 last.—V. 134, p. 1578.

Houston Gas & Fuel Co.—Exchange of Bonds.
See Houston Gas Securities Co. below.—V. 132, p. 655.

Houston Gas Securities Co.—Organized—Offers to Acquire 5% Gold Bonds of Houston Gas & Fuel Co.

The Houston Gas Securities Co. has been organized in Delaware for the purpose of carrying out a proposed plan to acquire the \$4,587,000 refunding & improve. mtge. 20-year 5% gold bonds, due Sept. 1 1932, of Houston Gas & Fuel Co. now outstanding. Under the plan, the new company will issue in exchange an equal principal amount of its 5% coll. trust gold bonds secured by the bonds so acquired and also by an equal principal amount of 20-year 6% gold debentures of United Gas Public Service Co. All capital stock of the new company will be issued to United Gas Corp. which will furnish the United Gas Public Service Co. debentures to be pledged and cash equal to the amount of interest due March 1 1932, upon all ref. & improve. mtge. 20-year 5% gold bonds of Houston Gas & Fuel Co. acquired by Houston Gas Securities Co.
[A description of United Gas Public Service Co. and its 20-year 6% gold debentures, due March 1 1932, is given under that company below.]
The Houston Gas & Fuel Co. owns and operates a natural gas distribution system in Houston, Tex.

Capitalization of Houston Gas Securities Co.

[After giving effect to acquisition of all outstanding ref. & improv. mtge. 20-year 5% gold bonds of Houston Gas & Fuel Co.]

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Capital stock (no par value)	50,000 shs.	x45,870 shs.
5% coll. trust gold b. nds, due March 1 1932	—	\$4,587,000
\$4,587,000		\$4,587,000
x All outstanding capital stock to be owned by United Gas Corp.		

Income.—Assuming all of the outstanding gold bonds of Houston Gas & Fuel Co. are acquired, the company will be entitled to receive as income \$275,220 per annum on the \$4,587,000 of 20-year 6% gold debentures, due March 1 1932, of United Gas Public Service Co. and, in addition, such interest as may be paid from time to time on the ref. & improve. mtge. 20-year 5% gold bonds of the Houston Gas & Fuel Co. Annual interest requirements on the maximum amount of 5% coll. trust gold bonds of Houston Gas Securities Co. to be outstanding upon the consummation of the plan will amount to \$229,350.

Description of Issue.—The 5% coll. trust gold bonds are to be dated March 1 1932, and to mature March 1 1952. Interest will be payable on Sept. 1 and March 1 at the office or agency of the company in New York. The company at its option may at any time on 30 days' published notice redeem in whole or in part the outstanding bonds at 100 and int. Denom. \$1,000*. The Chase National Bank of the City of New York will be the trustee.
Supervision.—The Electric Bond & Share Co. supervises (under the direction and control of the respective boards of directors) the operations of United Gas Corp. and subsidiaries, including Houston Gas Securities Co.
Capitalization of United Gas Public Service Co.
[As of Jan. 31 1932, and after giving effect to the issuance of \$4,587,000 20-year 6% gold debentures, due March 1 1932, to retire an equal amount of 20-year 6% debentures, due Jan. 1 1951, and the conversion of \$1,753,000 20-year 6% debentures, due Jan. 1 1951, and practically all of the company's floating debt to United Gas Corp. into additional \$6 2nd pref. stock.]

	Authorized	Outstanding with Public.
20-year 6% debentures, due Jan. 1 1951	—	\$60,000,000
20-year 6% gold debentures, due Mar. 1 1932	x\$4,587,000	4,587,000
The Moran Gas Corp. 1st lien gold bonds ser. A. 6½% due annually to Oct. 1 1939	x	84,000
The Palmer Corp. of Louisiana 1st mtge. 6% s. f. gold bonds, due June 1 1938	x	2,894,000
Dixie Gulf Gas Co. 1st mtge. 6½% s. f. gold bonds, ser. A. due Sept. 1 1937	x	2,905,500
\$6 preferred stock, no par value	y770,000 shs.	(200,000 shs.)
\$6 2nd preferred stock, no par value	—	(570,000 shs.)
Common stock, no par value	2,500,000 shs.	2,500,000 shs.

x Mortgage closed. y Of the authorized amount 200,000 shares have been designated as \$6 pref. stock and 570,000 shares will be designated as \$6 2nd pref. stock. Any of the \$6 2nd pref. stock may be converted, share for share, under certain conditions at the option of holders into \$6 pref. stock when earnings for 12 consecutive calendar months within the immediately preceding 15 calendar months are not less than 2½ times annual dividends on all pref. stock outstanding and upon the particular shares of \$6 2nd pref. stock to be converted. z The debentures are to be the direct obligations of United Gas Public Service Co. and are to be limited to \$4,587,000 in aggregate principal amount. Such debentures are to be issued in accordance with the terms of a trust agreement to be dated March 1 1932, between United Gas Public Service Co. and Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, as trustee. Interest will be payable on Sept. 1 and March 1 and both interest and principal will be payable at the office or agency of the company in New York. These debentures will be redeemable in whole or in part at the option of the company at any time at 100 and int. upon not less than 30 days' notice.
Note.—All of the company's outstanding 20-year 6% debentures, due 1951, and all of its outstanding capital stock, except directors' shares and

about 14,000 shares of \$6 pref. stock, are owned by United Gas Corp. The 20-year 6% gold debentures, due March 1 1952, when issued, are to be acquired initially by United Gas Corp. and will be available for delivery to Houston Gas Securities Co. pursuant to the plan.

Certain of the subsidiaries (mentioned above) operating in Texas also have bonds and (or) debentures outstanding, with varying maturities, the bonds being secured by liens against their properties or securities, respectively. The bonds and debentures of these companies outstanding in the hands of the public on Jan. 31 1932 (excluding those held by United Gas Public Service Co.), aggregated \$17,465,600, including the \$4,587,000 ref. & improve. mtge. 20-year 5% gold bonds of Houston Gas & Fuel Co.

Consolidated Statement of Income of United Gas Public Service Co. and Subs. for 12 Months Ended Dec. 31 1931 (Intercompany Items Eliminated.)

Combined income of \$11,888,119 for the 12 months ended Dec. 31 1931, as shown above, after retirement (depreciation) and depletion reserve appropriations was equal to more than 2 1/2 times annual interest requirements of \$4,254,308 on the total amount of indebtedness of the company at Jan. 31 1932, after giving effect to issuance of securities, as shown above, including the \$4,587,000 principal amount of 20-year 6% gold debentures, due March 1 1952.

Gross corporate income of \$15,324,983, as above, before deducting retirement (depreciation) and depletion reserve appropriations was equal to more than 2 1/2 times, and after deducting such appropriations, was equal to more than 2 1/4 times, the total of (a) annual interest requirements of \$4,254,308 on the company's indebtedness as shown above and (b) the aggregate of prior charges (\$1,449,864) of subsidiaries shown above.

Of the total operating revenues amounting to \$24,838,244 as shown above, approximately 87% was derived from natural gas and about 13% from gasoline and oil.

Property of United Gas Public Service Co.—This company and its subsidiaries occupy an important position in the natural gas industry. They are large owners, producers and purchasers of natural gas in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi fields. More than 1,360,000 acres are owned in fee, held under gas leases or covered by gas purchase contracts, of which more than 210,000 acres are in recognized proven areas. Gas is supplied from 1,224 wells of which 774 are owned by the company and subsidiaries. The pipeline systems operated as of Dec. 31 1931, comprise 4,947 miles of main pipeline, 789 miles of field lines, and 2,799 miles of distribution lines.

Indiana Bell Telephone Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years— 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Telephone oper. rev., Telephone oper. exp., Uncollectible oper. rev., Taxes assign. to oper., Net non-oper. inc.—Cr., Rent and miscellaneous, Interest, Net income, Dividends, Other appr. fr. net inc., Balance, surplus.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets— Land & buildings, Tel. plant & equip., General equipment, Invest. securities, Miscell. invest's, Cash and deposits, Marketable secur., Bills receivable, Acc'ts receivable, Mat'ls & supplies, Acer. inc. not due, Prepayments, Other def. debits. Liabilities— Capital stock, Bonds, Adv. from system corporations, Notes payable, Acc'ts payable, Bills payable, Acer. liab. not due, Def. credit items, Res. for acer. depr., Res. for amort. of intang. capital, Corporate surplus.

Total assets—\$6,776,491 48,808,466 —V. 132, p. 2192.

International Telephone & Telegraph Corp.—Suspended Dividend Action.—The board of directors at its meeting held on March 10 took no action on the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about April 15 on the capital stock, no par value, "in view of the continued low level of business still prevailing generally throughout the world and exchange restrictions in several foreign countries which affect the transfer of funds." The company on Jan. 15 last paid a quarterly dividend of 15 cents per share as against 25 cents per share on Oct. 15 1931 and distributions of 50 cents per share each quarter from July 15 1929 to and incl. July 15 1931. An official announcement follows:

The corporation announced that the consolidated net income for the year ended Dec. 31 1931 amounted to \$7,654,001 as compared with \$13,750,133 for the year 1930, which was equivalent to \$1.20 per share on 6,400,206 shares of capital stock (without par value) outstanding in the hands of the public at Dec. 31 1931. The income for the year is after deducting losses in excess of \$2,000,000 due to general decline in foreign exchange rates during the year 1931. In arriving at the consolidated net income, earnings of associated companies operating in foreign countries have been converted at average monthly rates of exchange and current assets and liabilities have been converted at rates of exchange prevailing at Dec. 31 1931. A charge of \$2,505,584 has been made to earned surplus to cover conversion losses on net current assets, the major part of which is applicable to those countries which suspended the gold standard during 1931.

The earnings were also adversely affected during the year by the continued reduction of gross revenues resulting from the generally lower level of business activity throughout the world. It was stated that in order to offset, insofar as possible, reduction in gross revenues, every measure of economy has been and is being employed. Salaries of officers and employees of the corporation and of its associated companies in the United States have been reduced from top to bottom. In all other countries where the corporation operates, in which such practices have been at all general, similar economy has been effected through reductions either in working hours or in salaries. Since such economies have been realized progressively throughout the year their full effect is not reflected in the 1931 statements, so that the corporation has begun the year 1932 with expenses running at an annual rate substantially lower than for the full year 1931.

It was further announced that preliminary reports indicate that consolidated net income since the first of the year has been running at a higher rate than in either of the last two quarters of 1931.

Earnings.—For income statement for 12 months ended Dec. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 675.

Jersey Central Power & Light Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.

Calendar Years— 1931, 1930. Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Uncollectible accounts, Taxes, Net operating income, Non-operating income, Dividend from insurance fund, Gross income, Bond and other interest charges, Amortization of debt discount and expense, Interest charged to construction, Retirement appropriation, Provision for Federal income tax, Net income for the year, Surplus, Jan. 1 1931, Prior year adjustments, Res. to prov. for est. losses due to bank failures, Total surplus, 7% preferred stock dividends, 6% preferred stock dividends, 5 1/2% preferred stock dividends, Common stock dividends, Surplus, Dec. 31 1931, x Including retirement appropriation of \$487,154.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets— Fixed capital, Cash, Notes receivable, Accts. receivable, Interest receivable, Materials & suppl., Prepayments, Subscribers to cap. stock, Miscellaneous current assets, Miscell. assets, Deferred debits, Capital stock exp., Recquired capital stock. Liabilities— 7% preferred stock, 6% preferred stock, 5 1/2% pref. stock, Common stock, Cap. stock subser., Funded debt, Notes payable, Accounts payable, Consumers' dep., Discounted contr. payable, Divs. declared, Accrued liabilities, Adv. from affil. cos., Reserves, Miscell. unad. cr., Capital surplus, Earned surplus.

Total—\$8,053,573 54,564,914 x Represented by 1,053,770 shares common stock (no par)—V. 133, p. 1767.

Kings County Lighting Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years— 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Gross earnings, Operating expenses, ordinary taxes, &c., Net operating income, Other income, Total income, Interest, &c., Federal income tax, Other deductions, Balance for dividends, Dividends paid, Surplus after dividends.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets— Fixed capital, Treasury securities, Material and supplies, Cash and special deposits, Bills receivable, Accts. receivable, Deferred charges. Liabilities— Funded debt, Real estate mtge., Bills payable, Accounts payable, Accrued taxes, Accrued interest, Other curr. liabil. & unfunded debt, Customers' depos. its and interest, Deferred credits, Contrib. for exten., Susp. accts. credits, Reserves, Common stock, 7% pref. stock, 6% pref. stock, 5% pref. stock, Prem. on cap stock, Corp. surplus.

Total—\$18,635,789 16,841,394 x After deducting reserve for depreciation of \$37,956.—V. 133, p. 1926.

Louisville Ry.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years— 1931, 1930, 1929. Revenue from transportation (cars), Revenue from transportation (buses), Other operating revenues, Total operating revenues, Operating expenses (cars), Operating expenses (buses), Net revenue from operations, Taxes, Net operating income, Non-operating income, Gross income, Interest on bonds & notes, Miscellaneous debits, Balance available for divs. on stock.

Condensed General Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets— Road & equipment, Invest. in affil. cos., Louisville & Interturban RR., Ky. Carriers, Inc., Peoples Tr. Co., Other investments, Current assets, Deferred assets, Unadjusted debits. Liabilities— Pref. stk., 5% cum, Common stock, Fund. debt, bonds, Fund. debt, equip. trust notes, Current liabilities, Deferred liabilities, Unadjusted credits, Corporate surplus.

Total—\$24,710,454 24,753,947 —V. 132, p. 4240.

Lone Star Gas Corp.—Proposes to Pay Dividends on Common Stock in New 6% Preference Stock.—

The corporation proposes to pay dividends on the common stock beginning with June 30, at the quarterly rate of 16 cents a share, payable in a new 6% conv. cum. pref. stock of \$100 par. The issue will be junior to the existing 6½% pref. stock as to dividends and assets, but will be convertible into common until June 30 1937, at the option of the holder, at the rate of seven shares of common for each pref. share.

The stockholders at the annual meeting April 5 will be asked to approve the creation of 100,000 shares of the new conv. pref. stock, which will be callable at \$100 a share and accrued dividends upon 30 days' notice. The directors deem it advisable temporarily to suspend the payment of cash dividends in order to conserve cash and liquidate the corporation's unfunded debt and maintain a good cash position. A quarterly cash payment of 15 cents per share will be made on March 31 next. Previously quarterly cash distributions of 22 cents per share were made on the common stock. President L. B. Denning says that since the first of the year there are indications of increases in business which indicate material increased earnings for 1932.

Retiring Bonds.—

The Union Trust Co., trustee, Pittsburgh, Pa., will receive tenders on or before Mar. 18 for the sale to it of 15-year 5% s. f. debenture bonds dated May 1 1927 to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate \$700,904, at prices not in excess of 102½ and int.—V. 133, p. 1768; V. 134, p. 1760.

Metropolitan Edison Co.—Offer to Common Stockholders.
It has been decided to extend to the common stockholders the privilege of subscribing to Associated Gas & Electric Co. guaranteed 3% 8-year gold bonds on the same basis as security holders of the Associated company, namely, at the rate of \$20 for each share of common stock held.

An amount equal to the entire proceeds of subscriptions by common stockholders on subscription warrants issued to them will be donated to Metropolitan Edison Co. by the Associated company or other subsidiaries during the current year and made available for extensions and improvements on the property of the Metropolitan company, without any obligation to repay the amount either in stock or securities or in any other manner.

Subscription checks may be forwarded immediately to Associated Gas & Electric Securities Co., 61 Broadway, N. Y. City, upon which 7% interest will be paid from date of receipt to the first interest date following full payment, after which interest on the bonds will commence at the rate of 8½%.

For offer to preferred stockholders, see last week's "Chronicle," page 1761.—V. 134, p. 1761; V. 133, p. 3630.

Metropolitan Edison Corp.—Exchange Offer.—

It has been decided to extend to the holders of secured consol. ref. gold bonds the privilege of subscribing to Associated Gas & Electric Co. guaranteed 3% 8-year gold bonds on the same basis as security holders of the Associated company, namely, at the rate of \$20 for each \$100 of bonds held. The entire proceeds of subscriptions by bondholders of the Metropolitan Edison Corp. on subscription warrants issued to them will be applied to the retirement of the \$7,424,000 one-year notes of Staten Island Edison Corp., which mature during the current year.

Furthermore, such proceeds will be advanced to the Metropolitan Edison Corp. under such arrangements that any claim for repayment will be subordinated to the Metropolitan bonds and will ultimately be represented by common stock or by a voluntary contribution to capital.

Subscription checks may be forwarded immediately to the Associated Gas & Electric Securities Co., 61 Broadway, N. Y. City, upon which 7% interest will be paid from date of receipt to the first interest date following full payment, after which interest on the bonds will commence at the rate of 8½%.

[See also Associated Gas & Electric Co. in the "Chronicle" of Feb. 27, page 1576.]—V. 133, p. 1926.

Middle West Utilities Co.—To Modify Subscription Rights.—

At the annual meeting of the stockholders to be held on March 29, there will be submitted for adoption a proposed amendment to the certificate of incorporation, which would modify in certain particulars the preemptive or subscription rights of stockholders.—V. 134, p. 676, 136.

Mohawk Valley Co.—Exchange Offer.—

It has been decided to extend to the holders of the 6% consol. ref. gold bonds, due 1931, and 6% gold debentures, due 2031, the privilege of subscribing to Associated Gas & Electric Co. guaranteed 3% 8-year gold bonds on the same basis as security holders of the Associated Gas & Electric Co., namely, at the rate of \$20 for each \$100 principal amount of bonds or debentures held.

The entire proceeds of subscriptions by debenture and bondholders of the Mohawk Valley Co. on subscription warrants issued to them, will be applied to the retirement of the \$9,844,000 one-year notes of Rochester Gas & Electric Corp., which mature during the current year.

Furthermore, such proceeds will be advanced to the Mohawk Valley Co. under such arrangements that any claim for repayment will be subordinated to the Mohawk debentures and bonds and will ultimately be represented by common stock or by a voluntary contribution to capital.

Subscription checks may be forwarded immediately to Associated Gas & Electric Securities Co., 61 Broadway, N. Y. City, upon which 7% interest will be paid from date of receipt to the first interest date following full payment, after which interest on the bonds will commence at the rate of 8½%.

[See also Associated Gas & Electric Co. in V. 134, p. 1576.]—V. 134, p. 506.

Midland Utilities Co.—Annual Report.—

Earnings for Calendar Years (Midland Utilities Co.)				
	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Total income	\$4,033,999	\$5,812,450	\$5,867,311	\$5,405,085
Total exp., incl. admin., &c., charges	263,727	476,569	489,479	817,538
Int. on loans and serial gold notes	1,230,806	644,773	667,063	450,042
Approp. as res. for cont'g	-----	75,000	150,000	150,000
Net inc. for the year	\$2,539,466	\$4,616,108	\$4,560,769	\$3,987,505
Divs. on prior lien stock	1,277,319	1,277,319	1,357,952	1,364,683
Divs. on class A & B preferred stock	1,235,152	1,212,251	1,235,754	1,275,619
Common dividends	1,605,781	1,391,500	1,016,400	725,092
Propor. of sub. cos.'s aggr. undistrib. surpl accruing to company	Cr145,176	Cr99,451	Cr175,702	Cr118,839
Balance	def\$143,610	\$834,489	\$1,126,365	\$740,949

Consolidated Income Account—Years Ended Dec. 31 (and Sub. Cos.).				
	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Oper. rev. & other inc.	\$26,347,022	\$27,996,895	\$28,773,515	\$25,573,001
Oper. exp. & taxes (incl. charge for retirement)	16,176,320	18,114,926	18,996,369	16,940,423
Rentals of leased props.	1,124,991	894,833	877,552	873,858
Net oper. income	\$9,045,712	\$8,987,135	\$8,899,594	\$7,749,720
Profits on sale of secs. to sub. cos. and others	270,593	1,338,092	1,074,723	1,138,004
Total income	\$9,316,304	\$10,325,227	\$9,974,317	\$8,887,725
Int. on funded debt	4,094,946	3,583,222	3,113,292	2,778,407
Amort. of disc. on secs.	862,602	472,454	567,666	533,718
Conting. res. approp.	-----	75,000	150,000	150,000
Divs. & earns. accruing to outside sub. sh'ldrs	1,674,114	1,478,990	1,406,888	1,276,860
Net income avail. for Midl. Util. Co. divs.	\$2,684,642	\$4,715,500	\$4,736,471	\$4,098,739
Divs. decl. pay. to outside holders of Midland Utilities stock	4,118,252	3,881,070	3,610,106	3,357,790
Balance	\$1,433,610	\$834,489	\$1,126,365	\$740,949

Consensed Balance Sheet Dec. 31 (Midland Utilities Co.).

Assets—			
	1931.	1930.	
Current assets	\$ 9,392,184	\$10,782,385	
Deferred charges	291,554	410,098	
Re-acquired securities	3,417,043	3,710,401	
Securs., contracts, good-will, &c.	70,324,869	55,127,377	
Total	\$83,425,651	\$70,030,261	

Liabilities—			
	1931.	1930.	
Pr. l. 7% cum. stk.	12,450,000	12,450,000	
6% prior lien stock	9,750,000	9,750,000	
Pref. 7% cum. stk.	14,518,000	14,518,000	
Pref. 6% cum. stk.	4,600,000	4,600,000	
Common stock	14,398,000	4,398,000	
Funded debt	6,000,000	8,000,000	
Current liabilities	15,134,218	7,805,460	
Subscrip. to capital stk. Nor. Indiana			
Pub. Serv. Co.	2,900,000	2,900,000	
Res. for cont'g.	1,158,471	1,005,746	
Surplus	2,516,961	4,603,056	
Total	\$83,425,651	\$70,030,261	

x Represented by 378,300 shares of no par value.

Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheet Dec. 31 (Co. and Subs.).

Assets—			
	1931.	1930.	
Current assets	\$ 7,499,737	\$12,714,843	
Deferred charges	8,130,898	7,912,330	
Sink. & ret. fds.	27,125	29,661	
Re-acquired securities	3,857,273	3,985,707	
Investment in outside companies	9,393,652	7,199,603	
Fixed assets, good-will, &c.	170,553,542	140,937,202	
Total	\$199,467,228	\$172,779,346	

Liabilities—			
	1931.	1930.	
Prior lien stock	22,200,000	22,200,000	
Preferred stock	19,118,000	19,118,000	
Common stock	18,750,102	9,475,448	
Min. stkholders equity in cap. & sur. of subs.	27,342,626	26,617,916	
Funded debt	82,267,961	77,606,761	
Current liabils.	18,026,305	7,818,108	
Def'd pay. on pur. oblig. &c	754,575	822,853	
Retirement and other reserves	10,780,484	8,992,196	
Unadj. cred., &c	187,175	128,062	
Total	\$199,467,228	\$172,779,346	

x Represented by 378,300 shares of no par value, of which 14,398,000 stated capital and \$4,392,102 surplus.—V. 133, p. 4158.

New Brunswick Power Co.—Dividend Defered.—

The directors recently voted to defer the quarterly dividend due March 1 on the 7% cum. 1st pref. stock, par \$100. From June 1 1926 to and including Dec. 1 1931, quarterly distributions of 1% each were made on this issue.—V. 133, p. 3630.

New Jersey Power & Light Co.—Exchange Offer.—

It has been decided to extend to the preferred stockholders the privilege of subscribing to Associated Gas & Electric Co. guaranteed 3% 8-year gold bonds on the same basis as security holders of the Associated company, namely, at the rate of \$20 for each share of preferred stock held.

An amount equal to the entire proceeds of subscriptions by preferred stockholders of the New Jersey company on subscription warrants issued to them will be turned over to the New Jersey company by the Associated company or other subsidiaries during the current year and made available for extensions and improvements on property of the New Jersey company.

Subscription checks may be forwarded immediately to Associated Gas & Electric Securities Co., 61 Broadway, N. Y. City, upon which 7% interest will be paid from date of receipt to the first interest date following full payment, after which interest on the bonds will commence at the rate of 8½%.

[See also Associated Gas & Electric Co. in V. 134, p. 1576.]—V. 134, p. 1761.

New York Central Electric Corp.—Exchange Offer.—

It has been decided to extend to the preferred stockholders the privilege of subscribing to Associated Gas & Electric Co. guaranteed 3% 8-year gold bonds on the same basis as security holders of the Associated company, namely, at the rate of \$20 for each share of preferred stock held.

To the extent of the entire proceeds of subscriptions by preferred stockholders on subscription warrants issued to them, the current debt of the New York Central company will be subordinated to the preferred stock and will ultimately be converted into common stock or voluntarily contributed to its capital.

The New York Central Electric Corp. owes the Associated company, directly or indirectly, a substantial amount of current debt, incurred to obtain funds for new construction, extensions and improvements. This debt ranks ahead of the preferred stock.

Subscription checks may be forwarded immediately to Associated Gas & Electric Securities Co., 61 Broadway, N. Y. City, upon which 7% interest will be paid from date of receipt to the first interest date following full payment, after which interest on the bonds will commence at the rate of 8½%.

[See also Associated Gas & Electric Co. in V. 134, p. 1576.]—V. 133, p. 4329.

Northern Indiana Public Service Co.—Earnings.—

	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Operating revenue	\$14,372,877	\$14,775,118	\$14,256,419	\$12,726,032
Operating expenses	5,706,910	7,089,704	7,109,150	6,179,108
Charges for retirement	871,360	931,101	885,295	853,859
Uncollectible bills	64,260	64,083	69,486	61,999
Taxes	1,486,258	1,471,598	1,474,352	1,401,806
Net operating income	\$6,244,089	\$5,218,626	\$4,718,136	\$4,224,260
Other income	689,037	714,831	502,269	417,689
Total income	\$6,933,126	\$5,933,457	\$5,220,405	\$4,641,949
Other deductions	496,151	107,682	316,188	108,861
Interest on funded debt	2,710,554	2,155,403	1,567,083	1,456,286
Net income	\$3,726,421	\$3,670,372	\$3,337,134	\$3,076,802
7% pref. dividends	488,019	479,507	488,971	523,931
6% pref. dividends	683,200	468,243	378,441	398,483
5½% pref. dividends	1,412,911	1,411,911	109,744	24,852
Common dividends	2,255,588	2,521,305	2,315,462	2,054,587
Balance to surplus	\$153,967	\$59,406	\$44,513	\$74,939
Surplus Dec. 31	2,013,773	1,141,206	1,081,365	1,037,143
Shares com. stock outstanding (no par)	1,806,870	1,806,870	1,596,870	1,596,870
Earnings per share	\$1.34	\$1.43	\$1.47	\$1.33

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—			
	1931.	1930.	
Investments	\$ 87,403,925	\$4,379,863	
Subser. to com. stk.			
Midland Util. Co. 2,900,000			
Staking fund	13,073		
Deferred charges	6,554,093	5,843,679	
Current assets	6,914,123	11,777,210	
Total	\$103,772,140	\$102,013,826	

Liabilities—			
	1931.	1930.	
Capital stock	43,185,300	41,936,600	
Funded debt	50,970,000	50,970,000	
Assessments	302,350	292,722	
Curr. liabilities	4,101,481	4,424,398	
Contrib. for ext.	250,366	245,074	
Retirement & res	2,948,891	2,996,925	
Surplus	2,013,773	1,141,206	
Total	\$103,772,140	\$102,013,826	

—V. 134, p. 1762.

Niagara Hudson Power Corp.—Proposed Expenditures.

The Niagara Hudson Power System will spend \$19,301,000 during 1932 to improve and extend its facilities for serving customers. This amount, representing the system's construction budget for the year, will be dispersed by the various companies making up the system, according to the announcement made to-day.

Electric distribution lines are the largest single item in the budget, with an appropriation of \$7,625,000. The improvements provide for the continuance of a very active rural expansion program, which will add a considerable number of new customers to the group of over 26,000 New York State farms now served by the system. For example, in the system's western division, the construction program calls for the building of 350 miles of rural lines this year. Improvement and expansion of electric transmission lines have been provided for with a total of \$5,706,000.

Other items in the budget include \$2,222,000 for extension and improvement of the company's gas system in the eastern and central divisions, where Niagara Hudson is a large producer and distributor of manufactured gas. An estimate of \$1,933,000 has been made for building construction, including completion of the new service center at Syracuse; \$1,000,000 for work at system hydro stations and \$815,000 for work on the system steam-electric generating plants.

A total of \$8,331,000 will be spent for improvements and expansion in the eastern division, \$5,492,000 for construction in the central division, and \$5,478,000 for work in the western division.

The largest amount of construction this year will be the building of transmission and distribution lines and similar activities to improve the company's service to customers throughout the State. As in previous years, the statement concludes, the 1932 construction program will provide employment for workers, not only those who handle the actual construction work, but in addition those who make the materials used.—V 134, p. 1579.

Philadelphia Co.—35c. Dividend.

The directors have declared a dividend of 35c. a share on the common stock, payable April 30 to holders of record April 1. A distribution of 55c. a share was made on Jan. 25 last.

During 1931, the following distributions were made on this issue: a quarterly dividend of 15c. on April 30; an extra of 35c. on Jan. 31; a quarterly of 20c. and an extra of 15c. on April 30; a dividend of 35c. on July 31 and a dividend of like amount on Oct. 31.—V. 134, p. 506.

Philadelphia & West Chester Traction Co.—New President, &c.

A. Merritt Taylor, formerly President, has been elected to the newly created office of Chairman of the Board, and Merritt H. Taylor, his son, succeeds him as President of the company. The new President has served as Vice-President for the past eight years.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders John M. Taylor was elected a director and the number of directors was increased from six to seven.—V. 124, p. 3773.

Postal Telegraph & Cable Corp.—Earnings.

For income statement for 12 months ended Dec. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 3967.

Providence Gas Co.—Annual Report.

	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Gross oper. earnings	\$3,475,586	\$3,525,856	\$3,448,628	\$3,271,297
Operating expenses.....	1,689,324	1,699,148	1,750,520	1,677,492
Interest.....	157,630	158,869	186,736	166,332
Reserve for customers' special discount.....	90,000	.....	.....	.....
Depreciation.....	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
Net income	\$1,338,633	\$1,467,839	\$1,320,361	\$1,227,473
Dividends.....	1,288,834	1,393,791	1,196,773	1,104,714
Balance, surplus	\$49,799	\$74,048	\$132,588	\$122,759
Shares of stock outstanding (no par).....	1,074,028	1,074,028	920,595	x184,118
Earnings per share.....	\$1.25	\$1.36	\$1.44	\$0.66
x Par \$50.—V. 133, p. 3967.	.....	.....	.....	.....

Public Service Co. of Ind.—Annual Report.

	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings, including merchandise sales	\$11,534,509	\$10,210,992	\$10,417,475	\$10,575,378
Oper. exp., incl. taxes.....	x8,253,814	6,965,497	7,106,074	7,224,759
Net earnings	\$3,280,694	\$3,245,494	\$3,311,401	\$3,350,619
Miscellaneous income.....	122,304	85,313	151,453	53,305
Total income	\$3,402,998	\$3,330,807	\$3,462,854	\$3,403,924
Rental of leased ry. prop. Int. on funded debt.....	1,392,279	1,418,946	1,415,364	1,391,371
Amort. of disc. and exp. Other deductions.....	145,212	146,062	145,731	184,075
.....	605,508	160,658	60,832	.....
Net income	\$1,259,599	\$1,605,141	\$1,840,928	\$1,659,202
Divs. on prior lien stock.....	579,392	604,812	617,460	628,379
Preferred dividends.....	438,067	452,161	446,363	420,134
Common dividends.....	.....	441,294	669,473	472,569
Balance, surplus	\$242,140	\$106,873	\$107,632	\$138,119
Profit & loss, surplus.....	1,549,376	1,130,039	1,055,550	1,062,970
Shs. combined com. stk. outstanding.....	278,549	163,199	157,523	157,523
Earnings per share.....	\$0.87	\$3.35	\$4.93	\$5.88
x Including retirement provision of \$258,619.	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ernest Van Arsdel, President, says in part:	.....	.....	.....	.....

Merger.—At a meeting of the board of directors held on April 22, an agreement providing for the merger of the Indiana Electric Corp. into the company was approved. Voting shareholders approved the agreement at a special meeting held the same day. The merger agreement provided for the issuance of 131,451 shares of common stock of the Indiana Electric Corp. The merger was approved by the Public Service Commission of Indiana on Dec. 24 and plans were made to consummate the merger early in 1932. The financial stability of the company will be further strengthened by the merger and the extent of the territory served will be considerably increased.

Indiana Electric Corp. serves 32 communities and surrounding rural districts of central Indiana in a territory lying directly between two areas served by the company. It owns a large electric generating station at Dresser on the Wabash River south of Terre Haute and an extensive electric transmission system.

As a result of the merger, the number of central and southern Indiana communities served by the company will be increased to 275.

Acquisition of Properties.—Operations of the company were extended considerably during the year through acquisitions of important properties in districts adjacent to territory already served.

The company in July obtained a 975-year lease upon the electric light and power and electric railway facilities in and about Terre Haute, a city of 62,800 population. The lease was formerly held by the Terre Haute, Indianapolis & Eastern Traction Co. The properties, owned by the Terre Haute Electric Co., Inc., formerly the Terre Haute Traction & Light Co., are now being operated under the lease as an integral part of the system of the Public Service Co. of Indiana.

In addition, the company purchased a number of electric transmission lines formerly owned by the Terre Haute Indianapolis & Eastern Traction Co. Physical properties of the Cambridge Light & Power Co., supplying Cambridge and surrounding rural territory in eastern Indiana with electric service, were acquired by purchase on Aug. 1.

Corporate Reorganization.—The name of the company was changed on Mar. 20 from Interstate Public Service Co. to Public Service Co. of Indiana. The new name was adopted because it is more descriptive of the operations of the company and the territory which it serves.

On April 15 an amendment to the company's charter was filed providing for reorganization of the company under "The Indiana General Corporation Act," a modern corporation Act passed by the Indiana Legislature in 1929.

Under the reorganization, 400,000 shares of prior preferred stock, 300,000 shares of preferred stock and 600,000 shares of common stock, all without par value, were authorized. Provision was made for the conversion on a share-for-share basis of the company's 7% prior lien stock into no par value prior preferred stock, which carries a \$7 annual cumulative dividend, and of the company's preferred stock into no par value preferred stock bearing a \$6 annual cumulative dividend.

Company Financing.—The company during the year issued and sold 1,880 shares of its no par value common stock to finance the acquisition of the properties of the Cambridge Light & Power Co.

A total of 7,800 shares of prior lien stock and 3,000 shares of 6% pref. stock were retired and canceled.

In addition, \$936,000 1st mtge. & refunding 5% gold bonds, series D, and \$25,000 1st mtge. & ref. 4½% gold bonds, series F, were retired and canceled.

The company retired and canceled \$200,000 Columbus Gas Light Co. 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds and \$65,000 Peoples Gas Electric & Heating Co. 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds, the mortgages securing these two issues being released.

The company retired and canceled \$115,300 Indiana Power Co. 1st lien & gen. mtge. 7¼% gold bonds, series A. A total of \$30,000 United Gas & Electric Co. 5% 1st mtge. gold bonds which matured were paid and an additional \$6,000 of the same issue retired and canceled.

Sale of Interest in Generating Company.—Directors on Dec. 16 authorized the sale to the Northern Indiana Public Service Co. of the company's interest in the Chicago District Electric Generating Corp., consisting of 71,760 shares, or 10% of the common stock of the generating company. The sale was approved by the Public Service Commission of Indiana on Jan. 13 1932. At the time it acquired the stock in the generating corporation, the company owned extensive electrical properties in the north central portion of Indiana and needed energy for distribution in that territory. Since then, these properties have been sold to the Northern Indiana Public Service Co.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Fixed capital.....	\$58,986,003	\$58,646,891	7% prior lien stock	7,994,006
Cash.....	223,097	514,312	6% pref. cum. stk.	6,708,608
Notes & acceptances.....	1,737,529	1,412,922	Com. stock no par	.....
Materials & suppl's.....	639,079	774,883	value.....	x13,927,450
Sundry adv. & exp.....	47,485	26,272	Funded debt.....	27,009,400
Prepayments.....	5,301	12,690	Adv. from affil. cos	6,908,474
Subscrip. to capital stock.....	1,272	13,815	Notes & accts. pay.	897,556
Misc. assets incl. inv. in affil. cos.).....	866,631	919,206	Divs. declared.....	141,171
Unamortized debt	.....	.....	Misc. curr. liabil...	390,350
Misc. & expense.....	3,651,371	3,830,357	Accrued liabilities.....	1,373,059
Misc. debts.....	507,604	344,569	Reserves.....	1,023,619
Reacquired secur.	278,659	458,100	Surplus.....	1,549,376
.....	.....	.....	Contrib. for ext.	200,961
Total	\$67,224,031	\$66,953,818	Total	\$67,224,031
x Represented by 278,549 shares (no par).	.....	.....	.....	66,953,818

New Director.—George F. Mitchell has been elected a member of the board of directors, succeeding Samuel Insull. Mr. Mitchell is Vice-President and Treasurer of the Midland United Co.

The following directors were re-elected: Samuel Insull Jr., Robert M. Feustel, William A. Sawyer, Edwin J. Booth, Ernest Van Arsdel and Henry Bucher.—V. 134, p. 1371.

Public Utility Holding Corp. of America.—To Amend Charter.

The directors will recommend the adoption of an amendment to the charter that no dividend be declared on the common or class A stock unless the remaining assets are equal to the preferred stock's preference in liquidation of \$7.50 a share.—V. 134, p. 1195.

Radio Corp. of America.—Dividend Meeting Postponed.

Action has been further postponed until March 18 on the quarterly dividend of 1¼% (87½ cents per share), which is due April 1 on the series A 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$50. The last regular quarterly payment on this issue was made on Jan. 1 1932.

Government Broadens Suit Against Corporation—New Defendants Named—Attempt to Restrain Foreign Commerce with United States Alleged.

The Department of Justice has broadened the scope of its radio anti-trust suit by filing an amended supplemental petition in the Federal District Court at Wilmington, Del., which alleges additional facts and charges, together with the naming of additional parties as defendants.

The new parties named in the supplemental bill include National Broadcasting Co., Westinghouse Electric, International Co., R. C. A. Communications, Inc., and International General Electric Co. The new defendants are charged with attempting to restrain commerce between U. S. and foreign countries as well as domestic commerce.

The National Broadcasting Co., the petition charges that this corporation was organized for the purpose of restraining competition in the business of nation-wide broadcasting since it is jointly owned by the Radio Corp., General Electric Co. and Westinghouse Electric Co.

The official announcement declared that negotiations have been conducted for some time between the defendants and the Government and between the defendants themselves. These conferences related to the possibility of creating an open patent pool which would obviate the trial of some of the important issues of the case. It was added that filing of the amended bill does not break off these negotiations, but that the Government has been preparing for trial pending the outcome of such discussions. This is with a view of having the case heard this spring.

Allegations made in the petition are in most cases the same as those in the original, but in some instances are given in more general detail. The Government asked that General Electric and Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co. be required to dispose of stock in Radio Corp. of America; that General Electric and Westinghouse be enjoined from hereafter acquiring or holding any stock in National Broadcasting Co., R. C. A. Photophone, Radio Corp. of America, or Radio-Victor, or any subsidiaries of R. C. A.; that General Electric, R. C. A. and Westinghouse each be required to dispose of all its stock in General Motors-Radio Corp.; that the court declare null and void the transfer to R. C. A. of factories equipment and facilities of General Electric, Westinghouse and Wireless Specialties Apparatus Co. for manufacture of radio apparatus; and that these companies return to R. C. A. stock of R. C. A. received in this transaction; that the defendants be enjoined from requiring of any licensee, licensed by any of them to manufacture and sell radio apparatus, that such licensee use material or parts purchased from a particular company and that the defendants be enjoined from employing spies to secretly enter the factory or radio station of any one manufacturing or using apparatus in competition with the defendant.

The following statement was issued March 7 by the corporation:

We are informed that the Government has filed an amended and supplemental petition in its suit which has been pending for some time in Delaware against the corporation and others because of alleged restraints on competition in the radio industry.

In its original petition the Government attacked the fundamental cross-licensing by which the corporation obtained its rights to patents and to license other manufacturing companies to use these patents. It is the position of this corporation that those agreements are legal, because without cross-licensing of patents none of the companies, including Radio Corp. of America, could lawfully have manufactured or sold efficient radio apparatus. Many patents were required to make radio devices and these patents were in scattered hands. The patent cross-licensing contracts made legally possible the manufacture of radio apparatus. They did not restrain trade—they created it. The contracts were filed with the Department of Justice when they were executed and they have been considered by succeeding Attorneys General. They were investigated for four years by Federal Trade Commission and the complaint was dismissed.

The corporation was organized in 1919 to develop the radio art and to create a new business. The rapid development of radio shows that this was accomplished. Not only a great radio manufacturing industry resulted but broadcasting and international radio communications as well. Through broadcasting over 50,000,000 radio listeners now receive programs free and through international communications the business community of America has direct international telegraph service with more than 40 countries at rates which radio has substantially lowered.

The attack of the Government came 12 years after the arrangements it attacks were made. It takes little, if any, account of the difficulties surrounding the men who made these arrangements when they were made and the problems which confronted them and which then had to be solved. It would not have been so difficult to have modified the fundamental arrangements if the Government, when first apprised of them, had then stated its objections to them. A different situation obviously arises 12 years thereafter. It would be impossible without destroying investments made in good faith by more than 100,000 shareholders to undo that which has been done throughout 12 years of a rapidly changing art and industry.

Despite all this, the position of the Radio Corp. of America, when this suit was filed, was that if doubt remained as to the legality of these contracts the officers of the corporation above all others desired to know their

Tri-State Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1931.	1930.
Total revenues	\$5,952,937	\$6,085,059
Telephone expenses	4,004,197	4,151,211
Taxes	387,497	359,245
Interest	484,490	468,279
Net earnings	\$1,096,754	\$1,106,323
Dividends on preferred and common stocks	981,725	981,725
Balance for surplus	\$115,028	\$124,598

—V. 134, p. 328.

Union Electric Light & Power Co. of Illinois.—Sells Alton Ky.—
See latter company above.—V. 134, p. 1024.

Union Electric Light & Power Co. of St. Louis.—Expansion.—
Conditional approval has been given by the Missouri P. S. Commission to the above company to acquire two generating stations from the St. Louis Public Service Co. at a cost of \$2,100,000. The latter must make a satisfactory contract for its requirements first. ("Electric World.")—V. 134, p. 1764.

United Gas Public Service Co.—Refunds Debentures.—
Capitalization as of Jan. 31 1932.—See Houston Gas Securities Co. above.—V. 133, p. 3258.

Utica Gas & Electric Co.—Bonds Sold.—J. P. Morgan & Co., Bonbright & Co., Inc., and Schoellkopf, Hutton & Pomeroy, Inc., have sold at 93 and int., to yield 5.55%, \$2,000,000 20-year gen. mtge. 5% gold bonds, series E.
Dated Jan. 1 1932; due Jan. 1 1952. Interest payable (J. & J.) in N. Y. City. Denom. \$1,000 c* and \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$50,000. Red. as a whole but not in part, upon 45 days' published notice, on any int. date, to and incl. Jan. 1 1950 at 105 and int., and thereafter at 100 and interest. Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., New York, trustee.
Legal Investment for Savings banks in the State of New York.
Issuance.—Authorized by the Public Service Commission of the State of New York.

Data From Letter of Pres. W. T. Baker, Pres., March 8.
Business and Properties.—Company is an integral part of the Niagara Hudson Power Corp. System. Company has been in existence since 1902 and furnished electricity and gas in the City of Utica, N. Y., and various adjoining communities. Company's electric lines are connected with the lines of other companies of the Niagara Hudson Power Corp. System, and the company owns a steam-electric generating plant having an installed capacity of 30,000 kw. and hydro-electric generating plants having an installed capacity of 31,600 kw., making a total installed capacity of the company's plants of 61,600 kw. As of Dec. 31 1931 the company had approximately 40,300 electric customers and sold 145,759,981 kwh. of electricity in 1931. Approximately 66.5% of the gross operating revenues of the company is derived from its electric business. Company's franchises, in the opinion of its counsel, are, with minor exceptions, indeterminate as to time.
In addition the company owns gas plants with a daily capacity of approximately 9,000,000 cubic feet. As of Dec. 31 1931 the company had approximately 37,700 gas customers and sold 1,828,451,000 cubic feet of gas in 1931.

All of the common stock is owned by Mohawk Hudson Power Corp. More than 99% of the common stock and option warrants of this latter corporation are owned by Niagara Hudson Power Corp.
Purpose.—Proceeds will be applied toward the partial repayment of \$2,500,000 short term indebtedness to companies in the Niagara Hudson Power Corp. System, incurred chiefly for additions and betterments.

Capitalization.

Utica Electric Light & Power Co., 1st mtge. 5s 1950 x	509,000
Equitable Gas & Elec. Co. of Utica, 1st mtge. 5s 1942	1,000,000
Refunding and extension mtge. 5s 1957 y	4,470,000
General mortgage 5½s, series O, due 1949	3,300,000
General mortgage 5s, series D, due 1955	6,000,000
20-year general mortgage 5% gold bonds, series E, due 1952 (this issue)	2,000,000
7% preferred stock (par \$100)	6,000,000
\$6 preferred stock (no par) (liquidating value \$100)	40,000 shs.
Common stock (no par value)	400,000 shs.

* \$491,000 additional principal amount of this issue is held alive in a sinking fund. y \$140,000 additional principal amount of this issue is held alive in a sinking fund.

Earnings.—The gross operating revenues, income available for interest after provision for retirements, interest and other income deductions, and net income of the company during recent years have been as follows:

Cal. Years—	Gross Operating Revenues.	Inc. Avail. for Retirements.	Int., &c. Prov.	Income Deductions.	Net Income
1927	\$4,888,895	\$2,079,280	\$927,325	\$1,151,955	
1928	4,937,023	2,035,009	955,888	1,079,123	
1929	5,380,388	2,186,032	916,348	1,269,684	
1930	5,361,851	2,183,820	929,474	1,254,346	
1931	5,248,504	2,139,357	958,268	1,181,089	

During the period of five years ended with 1931, income available for interest after provision for retirements averaged over 2.2 times interest and other income deductions. A direct lien upon the entire real estate, plant and fixed equipment of the company now owned or hereafter acquired, subject, with respect to the property now owned, to the liens of underlying mortgages securing \$5,979,000 aggregate amount of bonds outstanding in the hands of the public maturing in the years 1942, 1950 and 1957. No additional bonds will be issued under these underlying mortgages.—V. 133, p. 3465.

Virginia Public Service Co.—Bonds Offered.—Announcement is made March 8 of an offering of \$2,000,000 6% 1st mtge. & ref. 20-yr. gold bonds, series C, by a group headed by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and incl. E. H. Rollins & Sons, H. M. Byllesby & Co. and Blyth & Co., Inc. The bonds are priced at 78 and int. to yield over 8¼% to maturity.

Dated March 1 1932; due March 1 1952. Interest payable M. & S. in N. Y. City without deduction for any normal Federal income tax now or hereafter deductible at the source not in excess of 2% per annum of such interest. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Red. all or part upon 30 days' notice at principal amount plus a premium of 5% if redeemed prior to March 1 1933, or of 5% less ¼ of 1% for each year elapsed from Feb. 28 1932 if redeemed on or after March 1 1933, and prior to March 1 1951, and at the principal amount if redeemed on or after March 1 1951, accrued interest to date of redemption to be added in each instance. Company will agree to reimburse the resident holders of these series C bonds, if requested within 60 days after payment, in the manner provided in the indenture, for the personal property tax in the States of Conn., Pa. and Calif., not exceeding 4 mills; State of Maryland not exceeding 4½ mills, and District of Columbia not exceeding 5 mills per annum per dollar of face value thereof, and also for the income tax not exceeding 6% of the interest thereon in the State of Massachusetts.

Data From Letter of Pres. A. W. Higgins, Alexandria, Va., March 1.
Company.—Company now supplies, directly or indirectly, electric light and power service to 71,685 consumers in 376 communities having a total population of over 265,000. In addition, gas service is rendered to 8,141 customers in nine communities. Ice is supplied to 21 communities, including Newport News and adjacent towns, and street railways are operated in Newport News and through a subsidiary in Charlottesville. Approximately 77% of the consolidated gross and 90.5% of the consolidated net earnings of the company and subsidiaries for the 12 months ended Jan. 31 1932 (as shown below) were derived from the sale of gas and electricity.

Capitalization Outstanding (Upon Completion of Present Financing).

First mortgage & refunding gold bonds	\$24,660,000
Divisional mortgage bonds	6,734,500
20-year 6% debentures, due 1946	4,477,600
7% series cumulative preferred stock	4,217,200
6% series cumulative preferred stock	5,520,900
Common stock (no par value)	782,000 shs.

* Consisting of \$15,160,000 series A 5½%, due 1946; \$7,500,000 series B 5%, due 1950; and \$2,000,000 series C 6%, due 1952. Issuance of additional bonds limited by the restrictive provisions of the indenture.
The above statement of capitalization reflects the proposed sale of \$2,000,000 series C bonds. In addition, there will be \$1,000,000 of series C bonds in the treasury of the company.

Security.—Secured equally with series A and series B bonds by a first mortgage on certain important electric power and light properties, including the new steam generating plant at Breomo Bluff and by a direct mortgage lien on all of the remainder of the company's fixed property now owned, subject to \$6,734,500 principal amount of divisional bonds and certain minor liens. The depreciated value of the properties of the company as appraised (principally in 1925), plus subsequent additions to date, is largely in excess of the total mortgage debt to be outstanding as shown above.

Earnings.—Consolidated earnings of company and subsidiaries (as now constituted) for the 12 months periods ended Jan. 31 1931 and 1932, irrespective of the dates of acquisition of properties and subsidiaries, as reported by the company, were as follows:

	1931.	1932.
Gross earnings, including other income	\$7,988,490	\$8,179,038
Oper. exps., maint. & taxes (other than Fed. taxes)	4,348,718	4,327,764
Net earnings before depreciation, &c.	\$3,639,772	\$3,851,274

Annual int. requirements on divisional mtge. bonds and 1st mtge. & ref. gold bonds to be presently outstanding, as shown above, \$1,665,525
Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to reimburse the company for expenditures made in connection with recent acquisitions, extensions to its properties, and for other corporate purposes.

Property.—The physical properties include generating stations having a total installed capacity of 114,875 h.p., of which 20,611 h.p. is hydro-electric; 1,044 miles of high tension transmission lines; gas plants with a total daily capacity of 1,400 cu. ft., and ice plants with an aggregate daily capacity of 303 tons. In order to meet the growing demand for electric service, the company recently completed construction of the first unit of a new generating station at Breomo Bluff on the James River. This station has an initial installed capacity of 40,000 h.p. and is designed for an ultimate capacity of 267,000 h.p.
Management.—Company is part of the Middle West Utilities system.—V. 133, p. 3465.

Western Distributing Co.—Loses Inter-State Case.—

In dismissing the appeal of the company in a gas-rate controversy with the Kansas Public Service Commission, the U. S. Supreme Court took the position recently that it is within the right of State regulatory bodies to consider the reasonableness of contracts with interstate distributing agencies in determining a retail rate basis. The Kansas case had its inception in the application of the Western Distributing Co. for an increased rate in Eldorado. In submitting its cost figures, on the basis of which it claimed that it was incurring a loss, the company showed that one of its largest items of expense is the amount that it pays to the Cities Service Co. for natural gas purchased at the city line. The company admitted financial relationship with the Cities Service Co., but refused to permit the Commission to make the cost of the purchased gas part of the proceeding in the rate case. In taking this position the company contended that the rates charged by the pipeline company are for interstate service and are not subject to indirect regulation by the State Commissions. After the Commission had refused to grant any increase until it had ascertained the reasonableness of the purchase contract the company took action in the Federal courts. The lower Federal tribunals dismissed the suit on the ground that the company had not availed itself of all of the opportunities held out by the Commission. In sustaining the lower courts, the Supreme Court makes reference to the "affiliation of buyer and seller and the entirety of the contract thus engendered." After pointing out that "those in control of the situation have combined the interstate carriage of the commodity with its local distribution in what is in practical effect one organization," the Supreme Court determines that the lower courts were correct in holding that the reasonableness of the contract should enter into a determination of the retail rate.

Western Union Telegraph Co.—Annual Dividend Rate Again Decreased.—The directors on Mar. 8 declared a quarterly dividend of 1% on the outstanding \$104,527,999 capital stock, par \$100, payable April 15 to holders of record Mar. 18. This compares with a payment of 1½% made on Jan. 15 last and quarterly distributions of 2% each from Jan. 15 1925 to and incl. Oct. 15 1931.—V. 134, p. 1196.

West Ohio Gas Co.—New Directors.—William A. Sauer and Bernard P. Shearon have been elected new members of the board of directors, succeeding Samuel Insull and Samuel Insull Jr.

The following directors were re-elected: Robert M. Feustel, Emmett R. Curtin, Samuel E. Mulholland, Harry O. Bentley and Frank L. Pringle. Mr. Sauer is Executive Vice-President and Mr. Shearon is Secretary of the Midland United Co.

Calendar Years—

	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
x Operating revenue	\$708,235	\$725,413	\$749,718	\$742,053
y Operating expenses	450,750	480,772	504,489	476,645
Uncollected bills	3,238	3,393	4,050	4,180
Taxes	45,732	56,482	58,556	59,199
Deductions from income	22,647	16,712	14,399	19,276
Interest & amortization on funded debt	66,180	60,000	60,000	60,000
Amortiz. of disc. & exp.	4,105	3,914	---	---
Net income	\$113,582	\$105,140	\$108,223	\$122,753
Class A pref. dividends	50,355	18,996	19,738	20,902
Class B pref. dividends	---	31,500	31,500	31,500
Common dividends	62,160	52,500	52,500	52,500

Balance to surplus \$1,068 \$2,143 \$4,486 \$7,851
Shs. of com. out. (no par) 78,600 75,000 75,000 75,000
Earnings per sh. on com. \$0.89 \$0.73 \$0.75 \$0.94
x Includes other income of \$1,604. y Includes \$32,674 charged for retirement in 1930, 1929, 1928 and 1927.

Sales of gas by the company during 1931 aggregated 538,826,900 cubic feet, compared with 550,437,100 cubic feet in 1930.

Condensed Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1931.	1930.	Liabilities—	1931.	1930.
Investments	\$4,228,117	\$4,024,401	Capital stock	\$2,466,381	\$2,376,381
Deferred charges	157,323	140,822	Paid. debt & purch.	1,354,456	1,006,953
Current assets	226,821	158,273	Adv. from affil. cos.	197,316	400,000
Total	\$4,612,262	\$4,323,496	Current liabilities	183,013	141,320
			Contrib. for ext.	864	864
			Retirement & res.	342,635	342,946
			Surplus	67,602	55,031

Total—\$4,612,262 \$4,323,496 Total—\$4,612,262 \$4,323,496
—V. 133, p. 4332.

West Penn Electric Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—

	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings	\$35,739,114	\$39,493,393	\$40,276,535	\$38,174,738
Oper. exp., maint. & tax	19,044,322	21,334,161	21,141,494	20,529,169
Interest & amortization	5,539,046	5,766,653	5,610,212	5,516,188
Preferred divs. of subs.	2,747,997	2,744,561	2,469,963	2,353,477
Deprec. & depletion	2,289,467	3,339,456	3,418,525	3,516,733
Net income	\$6,117,383	\$6,308,261	\$7,636,340	\$6,259,171

—V. 132, p. 1992.

Wheeling Traction Co.—Receivership.—Edward L. Yager was appointed receiver of this company Sept. 26 1931. In his remarks to stockholders of the American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc., H. Hobart Porter, President of that company, states: "As the assets of the Wheeling Traction Co. on liquidation will undoubtedly be insufficient to pay off the bonds and all other liabilities of the company, the common stock of the Wheeling Traction Co., acquired many years ago by the West Penn Rys. Co., was considered to be of little value and accordingly was sold at auction, a very small amount being realized. The net loss from this sale has been written off the books of the West Penn Rys. Co. as a charge to its capital surplus, the loss reducing the amount which it was necessary to accrue for Federal income taxes during the year."—V. 134, p. 507.

Wisconsin Gas & Electric Co.—Acquisition.—This company, a subsidiary of the North American Edison Co., in February acquired from the Central Public Service Corp., the properties of the Wisconsin Public Utility Co., for approximately \$1,100,000 in cash. Approval of the transaction was given by the Wisconsin P. S. Commission. The properties acquired include the electrical system operated by Wisconsin Public Utility Co. in Sheboygan and Washington Counties and the steam-heating plant in West Bend. The transaction gives the Wisconsin Gas & Electric Co. control of business in the lake shore section. The company already does the electric light and power business in 155 communities in Southeastern Wisconsin, including Kenosha, Watertown and Waukesha and the entire gas business in Racine, Wis., and 64 other communities.—V. 133, p. 3259.

Wisconsin Public Utility Co.—Changes Hands.—See Wisconsin Gas & Electric Co. above.—V. 122, p. 2194.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Price of Sugar Reduced to Lowest in History.—The downward trend in prices of futures of raw sugar carried the May contract to the unprecedentedly low level of 0.79c, a pound on the New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange, 1 point below the low mark established a few weeks ago. Uncertainty over the plans of producing countries, particularly Cuba, for this season's crop continues the most unfavorable factor in the situation. N. Y. "Times" March 11, p. 35.

Building Unions Take Cut.—The Toledo Plumbers and Steamfitters Union has voluntarily agreed upon a 20% wage reduction. Wages will now be \$8 for an 8-hour day as compared with \$10 previously. "Wall Street Journal" March 10, p. 1.

Ohio Miners Group Gets Pay Increase.—Striking coal miners in the Tuscarawas County fields, New Philadelphia, Ohio, were winners of a partial victory in their efforts to prevent wage reductions. Agreement to sign the union wage scale March 18 was given last night. N. Y. "Times" March 10, p. 1.

Demand for State Sift Investment Trusts.—A legislative investigation of investment trusts was recommended in a report submitted to the Legislature by Atty.-Gen. John J. Bennett Jr., N. Y. "Times" March 8, p. 31.

Matters Covered in the "Chronicle" of March 5.—(a) The new capital flotations during the month of February and for the two months of the calendar year 1932. p. 1638. (b) American Window Glass Co. makes 10% advance in prices. p. 1657. (c) American Smelting & Refining Co. to temporarily close down Mexican plant; will divert bullion to Perth Amboy, N. J., plant, p. 1659. (d) Holdings of United States investors in Canadian investments \$3,726,745,000; British holdings are \$2,228,024,000. p. 1665. (e) Senate adopts resolution to investigate stock market trading. p. 1679. (f) Issue issued by New York Stock Exchange regarding State Department notice of increased stock transfer tax. p. 1680. (g) Gov. Roosevelt signs bill passed by New York Legislature increasing stock transfer tax; ruling by State Tax Commission, p. 1680. (h) Montreal brokerage firm of Greenshields & Co. reopens; former floor member of concern reinstated on Montreal Stock Exchange, p. 1631. (i) Receivership sought for Hambleton & Co., Baltimore, p. 1682. (j) Hugh Bullock suggests new set of rules for investment trusts of future; recommends short selling and margin trading, p. 1682. (k) Dividend payments of Standard Oil group for investment trusts for first quarter of 1932; compares with \$63,101.97 for first quarter of 1931. p. 1684. (l) Plasterers' Union restrained from calling strike by Supreme Court Justice in Brooklyn, p. 1700. p. p.

Abbott Laboratories.—Earnings.—Calendar Years—1931. 1930. 1929. Gross profit \$2,727,108 \$2,938,478 \$2,448,904 Depreciation and amortization 122,593 99,194 76,809 Selling, admin. and research expenses 2,140,054 2,296,220 1,708,580 Federal tax provision 56,000 61,000 72,500 Net profit for year \$408,461 \$482,064 \$591,014 Dividends paid and provided for 362,508 315,452 289,856 Balance, surplus \$45,953 \$166,612 \$301,158 Profit and loss surplus 871,862 1,070,530 996,688 Shares com. stock outstanding (no par) 145,000 145,000 120,000 Earnings per share \$2.81 \$3.32 \$4.91 Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with 4 columns: Assets, Liabilities, 1931, 1930. Rows include Cash, Marketable securities, Customers' accts., Inventories, Sundry rec. & Inv., Notes rec. for stock sold to employees, Dep. in closed bank, Land, building & equipment, Trade marks, formulas, &c., Supp., def. research prepnd. exps., &c., Good-will, Total, and After depreciation of \$568,208 (no par).

Acushnet Mills Corp.—Liquidating Dividend.—A liquidating dividend of \$3.25 per share has been declared, payable March 28 to holders of record March 15. A liquidating distribution of \$6 per share was made on Sept. 15 last.—V. 133, p. 3968.

Alaska Juneau Gold Mining Co.—Earnings.—For income statement for month and 2 months ended Feb. 29 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 1197.

Allied General Corp.—Complete Control Acquired by Chase Donaldson and Associates.—President Chase Donaldson, on March 7, announced that with the acquisition of all of the stock of this corporation formerly held by the American Founders Corp. and the United Founders Corp., the officers and executives of the Allied General Corp. are now in complete control of Allied General Corp. The latter began business under its present name in March 1931, representing a combination of the personnel and functions of Founders General Corp. and Insuranshares Corp. (New York).

As a result of the acquisition by its officers of a block of its preferred, class A and common stock, Allied General is now an entirely independent wholesale securities distributing organization with adequate capital (\$1,400,000 in cash and securities) holding a position which enables it to distribute nationally blocks of securities of public utility, banks, insurance and investment companies. The Allied General Corp. recently formed, and is sponsoring, deposited bond certificates, convertible debenture series 1938. The corporation is continuing its sponsorship of United Founders and Insuranshares Corp. of Delaware common stocks. No change has been made in the executive management of Allied General Corp., Mr. Donaldson announced, but the board of directors under the new arrangement is made up of the following: Louis H. Bieler of Graham, Parsons & Co.; Edgar H. Boles, President of General Alliance Corp.; Chase Donaldson, President and Kenneth S. Gaston, Vice-President of Allied General Corp.; Edward S. Goodwin, President of Insuranshares &

General Management Co.; Steele Mitchell of Hayden, Stone & Co.; Daniel T. Pierce, Sterling Pile, Executive Vice-President of Allied General Corp.; H. Parker Kuhn, Vice-President of the First National Old Colony Corp.; Charles G. Terry of Schoellkopf, Hutton & Pomeroy, Inc.; Thomas S. Trail of Colston, Trail & Middendorf and Edward B. Twombly, Chairman of Insuranshares Corp. of Delaware.

It was further announced that this move enables the corporation to expand its service facilities which are maintained for the benefit of approximately 2,000 dealers with which the corporation is in constant communication. These expansion measures are taking place chiefly in the trading, syndicate, statistical, sales and advertising departments. The United Founders Corp. and American Founders Corp. in their annual reports as of Nov. 30 1931, disclosed that they each held 50,000 shares of common stock, 9,815 shares of conv. class A stock and 9,815 shares of the \$3 cum. conv. pref. stock of the Allied General Corp. This was equal to approximately 50% of the entire outstanding capital stock of this company.—V. 134, p. 329.

Air Way Electric Appliance Corp.—Earnings.—Calendar Years—1931. 1930. 1929. Gross sales \$4,028,309 Mfg. adm. sell. expense 2,579,172 Manufact. income \$75,104 \$645,931 \$1,595,545 Depreciation 58,068 53,703 45,951 Other expenses 333,410 80,328 174,063 Net inc. from fac. sales loss \$316,376 \$592,227 \$1,469,266 Net inc. from other oper. 40,832 427,705 43,359 Non-operating income 336,480 Total loss \$316,376 \$633,059 \$1,896,971 Federal income tax 69,867 212,765 213,776 Net income for year loss \$316,376 \$563,192 \$1,684,206 Surplus at beginning of year 1,702,478 2,012,800 1,496,852 Adjustment of taxes Dr. 27,854 258 Profit from purchase of preferred stock 17,405 5,948 Total surplus \$1,403,507 \$2,581,941 \$3,153,204 Preferred dividends 66,551 136,186 140,000 Common dividends 685,004 1,000,004 600,000 Reserve charge for contingencies 50,000 20,000 Other charges 363,096 38,271 Surplus at end of year \$923,859 \$1,702,478 \$2,012,801 Shares of common stock outstanding 392,800 400,000 400,000 Earnings per share after preferred dividends Nil \$1.07 \$3.86 Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with 4 columns: Assets, Liabilities, 1931, 1930. Rows include Land, bldgs., machinery, &c., Cash & Govt. secur., Accts. receivable, Inventories, Licenses, patents, trade marks, &c., Adv. and invest., affil. companies, Other assets, Deferred charges, 7% 1st pref. stock, 4% 2d pref. stock, Common stock, Dealer's cts. of dep., Due to distributors, Accounts payable, Fed. income tax, Accr. payroll taxes & expense, Conting., res., &c., Surplus, Total, and After depreciation of \$327,470.

Allied Products Corp.—To Reduce Class A Stock.—The stockholders at the annual meeting held on March 29 will be asked to approve a reduction in the class A shares to 43,800 from 50,000. The shares to be cancelled have been purchased and are in the company's treasury.—V. 133, p. 1455.

Amalgamated Laundries, Inc.—Protective Committee.—The protective committee for the preferred and common stockholders (Rayford W. Alley, Chairman), is urging stockholders to deposit their holdings with Empire Trust Co., depository, so a reorganization of the company may be effected. A bondholders' protective committee and a creditors' committee already have been appointed for the company on Feb. 4, with Irving Trust Co. as receiver to conserve the assets and with the power to carry on the business.—V. 134, p. 1025.

Amalgamated Leather Cos., Inc.—Earnings.—Calendar Years—1931. 1930. 1929. 1928. Gross profit \$263,868 \$370,194 \$853,381 \$1,043,919 Sell., adm., & gen. exp. 516,705 467,727 578,967 617,105 Net profit loss \$252,838 loss \$397,533 \$274,414 \$426,814 Other income 66,003 72,062 50,692 55,434 Net profit loss \$186,835 loss \$325,471 \$325,106 \$482,248 Interest, taxes, &c. 93,620 200,705 230,455 229,387 Inventory adjustment 112,974 585,206 Earnings per sh. on 50,000 shs. pref. stk. (par \$100) Nil Nil \$1.89 \$5.45 x After depreciation. y Before depreciation. z Includes depreciation.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Table with 4 columns: Assets, Liabilities, 1931, 1930. Rows include Land, bldgs., machinery, &c., Cash, Accts. & notes rec., Sundry debtors, Inventories, Investments, Claim received, Trade-mks., good-will, &c., Deferred charges, Preferred stock, Common stock, Acceptances, Accts. payable & accrued expenses, Accts. pay to office & employees, Loan payable, Notes payable, Res. for claim rec., Sundry creditors, Federal tax reserve, Mortgage payable, Surplus, Total, and After reserve for depreciation totaling \$881,782.

American Founders Corp.—Sells Holdings in Allied General Corp.—See latter above.—V. 134, p. 670, 507.

American-Hawaiian Steamship Co.—New Director.—Grenville Clark has been elected a director to succeed Henry Rosenfeld.—V. 134, p. 1765.

American Chain Co., Inc.—Wins \$600,000 Tax Suit.—A judgment in favor of the company for \$600,136 in its suit against the United States Collector of Internal Revenue for the District of Connecticut has been handed down by Judge Carroll B. Hincks of the U. S. District Court at New Haven. The suit was to recover excess taxes paid for three years from 1921 to 1924 under the Revenue Act placing a sales tax on automobiles. The collector in levying the tax against the company ruled that automobile tire chains were a part of an automobile, and therefore subject to tax.

Judge Hincks, in rendering his decision, sustained the contention of the plaintiff that automobile chains could not come under the head of automobiles because of their general use.

Calendar Years— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928. Income from oper. (net) loss \$250,565 \$3,901,010 x \$5,639,274 \$2,463,489

Surplus for year—def \$3,191,158 \$213,733 \$2,344,422 d f \$1,105,548

Balance at Dec. 31— \$8,369,404 \$11,238,391 \$11,026,645 \$8,679,904

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets— 1931. 1930. Land, bldgs., machinery, &c. 12,614,427 13,453,173

Total— 25,312,487 30,064,552

American Ice Co.—Subsidiary Amends Articles of Organization.

The Boston Ice Co., a subsidiary, has amended its articles of organization. As a result of the change the company, which heretofore had been engaged solely in the natural and artificial ice business, will supplement its ice line with the retail sale of wood, coal and fuel oil.

In supplementing the ice line the Boston Ice Co. is following the lead of the parent organization. In recent years, as the result of the sale of coal and oil during the winter months, the American Ice Co. has been able to keep out of the "red" during the lean months for ice sales.

Entrance into the laundry business is a new development. The Boston Ice Co. does not expect to enter this line at present, but will await results of the venture into this field by the parent company, which is erecting a plant in Long Island City, N. Y.—V. 134, p. 849.

American Locomotive Co.—Subsidiary Expands.

Alco Products, Inc., a division of the American Locomotive Co., has acquired Jackson Engineering Corp., of Tulsa, Okla., designers and manufacturers of plants and equipment for use in the oil and gas industries.—V. 133, p. 3633.

American Printing Co.—Changes Capitalization.

The stockholders have voted to change 30,000 no-par common shares into 30,000 no-par preferred shares, and to reduce the remaining 250,000 no-par common shares to 50,000 shares. These changes do not involve a reduction in the company's capital.—V. 134, p. 508.

American Steel Foundries.—Bal. Sheet Dec. 31.—

Assets— 1931. 1930. Real estate, plant, equipment, good will, &c. 3,848,405 4,541,001

Total— 52,991,723 57,116,970

Our usual comparative income account was published in V. 134, p. 1198.

American Stores Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Calendar Years— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928. 1927. Number of stores 2,806 2,728 2,644 2,546

Total income— 7,325,939

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets— 1931. 1930. Real estate, plants, and equipment 13,008,318 12,573,029

Total— 42,482,453 48,519,048

American Window Glass Co.—Advances Prices 10%.— See last week's "Chronicle," p. 1657.—V. 133, p. 2759.

American Woolen Co.—Agreements Reached to Dismiss Suits Between Company and Wood Estate.—

A petition has been filed with the Probate Court at Salem, Mass., for approval of an agreement, reached out of Court, for the termination of the litigation between the company and the Wood family as represented by the executors of the estate of William M. Wood and the trustees of the Arden Trust.

In 1927 the Wood estate sued the company for over \$2,000,000 for additional income taxes and interest covering years 1919 to 1925 under contract by directors to pay income taxes on salary.

Anglo-American Corp. of So. Africa, Ltd.—Earnings.

The following are the results of operations for the month of February 1932:

Anchor Cap Corp.—Earnings.— Calendar Years— 1931. 1930. 1929. Gross earnings— \$2,279,929 \$2,596,094 \$2,709,943

Art Metal Construction Co.—Dividend Omitted.—

The directors have decided to omit the quarterly dividend normally payable about March 31, believing it to be the best interest of the company to conserve cash at this time.

Atlantic & Pacific International Corp.—Exchange of Shares for Morris Plan Corp. of America Stock Valid to March 25.—See latter below.—V. 133, p. 3969.

Atlas Plywood Corp.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 6 months ended Dec. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Armstrong Cork Co.—Earnings.—

(Including Domestic Subsidiary Companies.) Calendar Years— 1931. 1930. 1929. Gross profits from operations— \$1,427,066 loss \$72,644 \$7,189,339

Total surplus— \$5,170,009 \$10,510,887 \$18,632,789

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with 4 columns (1931, 1930, 1931, 1930) for Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Cash, Quasi Govt. securs., U.S. Govt. securs., Customers' notes & accts., Misc. accts., Due from foreign subs., Inventories, Advs. to foreign subsidiaries, Notes & accts. rec., Cash in closed bks., Loans to employees, Prepaid expenses, Inv. in & adv. to wholly owned foreign subs., Co.'s stock & debts., Other inv. at cost, Property, plant & equipment, Paid-up licenses, less amortizat'n., Deb. discet. & exp., Good-will.

Total 52,453,502 59,593,151 Total 52,453,502 59,593,151 x Represented by 1,239,247 shares of no par value. y After deducting reserve for depreciation of \$9,971,622. -V. 134, p. 1583.

Auburn Automobile Co.—2% Stock Dividend.—

The directors have declared a 2% stock dividend and the regular quarterly cash dividend of \$1 per share, both payable April 1 to holders of record Mar. 21. Like amounts were paid in each of the 17 preceding quarters. Stock distributions of 5% each were made on Aug. 1 and Nov. 1, 1926. Month of Cars shipped (No. of) Feb. 1932, Jan. 1932, Feb. 1931.

Automatic Washer Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928) for Earnings. Rows include Net sales, Cost of sales, Sell. & admin. expenses, Depreciation, Operating profit, Other income, Total income, Expenses incident to new models, Provisions for taxes, Provision for int. and expenses, Net income, Shares common stock, Earnings per share.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with 4 columns (1931, 1930, 1931, 1930) for Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Land, bldgs. and equipment, Good-will, pats., &c, Deferred charges & other assets, Cash, Marketable secur., Notes & accts. rec., Cash val. life insur., Inventories, Officers and employees account, Invest. in other co's, Treasury stock.

Total \$1,040,887 \$1,324,564 Total \$1,040,887 \$1,324,564 x Represented by 39,097 shares of preference stock and 140,100 shares of common stock. y Less reserve for depreciation of \$212,682. z Less reserve for bad debts of \$5,500. -V. 133, p. 1128.

Baldwin Locomotive Works.—To Consider Resolution to Change Par Value of Stocks.—

At the annual meeting held on March 3 a motion presented by W. Hayward, a stockholder, that the officers examine the present status of the company's capital relative to making a change in par value was approved and will be reported upon at the next meeting of the stockholders. Mr. Hayward stated that the new tax law of New York State was unfair to stocks having \$100 par and no par, and he suggested that the committee consider making a change in the preferred to \$50 par from \$100 par, and change the present no par common to a par of \$10 or \$5 or any figure deemed desirable. He said that stocks of \$50 par and \$5 par are not subject to the additional State tax. -V. 134, p. 1766.

Bancroft Hotel Co. (of Mich.)—No Dividend Action.—

The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend usually payable about this time on the common stock, par \$100, and to defer the regular semi-annual dividend of 35 cents per share due on the 7% pref. stock, par \$10. -V. 120, p. 1589.

Barker Bros. Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928) for Earnings. Rows include Net sales, Cost of merchandise sold, Op., gen. & adm. exps., Operating income, Other income, Total income, Deprec. & amortizat'n., Interest (net), Prov. for Fed. inc. taxes, Proportion of profit prior to date of acquisition, Balance, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Balance, surplus, Shs. com. stk. out. (no par), Earnings per share.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with 4 columns (1931, 1930, 1931, 1930) for Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Fixed assets, Cash, Life insur. policy, Accts. receivable, Inventories, Com. stock held by subs., Misc. investments, Rental deposits, Deferred charges, Good-will.

Total 10,731,175 11,649,404 Total 10,731,175 11,649,404 x After depreciation of \$1,018,977. y Represented by 150,000 no par shares. z Consists of 1,551 shares at cost. -V. 133, p. 2765.

Blayney-Murphy Co. (Colo.), Denver.—Defers Div.—

The directors recently voted to defer the quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% due March 1 on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100. (H. C.) Bohack Co.—Sales Again Lower.— Four Weeks Ended Feb. 27—

Table with 4 columns (1932, 1931, 1929, 1928) for Earnings. Rows include Net profit after all chgs., including taxes, Dividends paid, Balance, Shs. cap. stk. out. (no par), Earnings per share.

Table with 4 columns (1931, 1930, 1931, 1930) for Assets and Liabilities. Assets include U. S. Govt. Treas. notes, Accrued int. earned, Accts. receivable, Notes receivable, Inventories, Real estate, bldgs., &c., Patents, less depr., Deferred charges.

Briggs & Stratton Corp.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928) for Earnings. Rows include Net profits from operations, Depreciation, Net income, Other income, less miscel. charges, Total income, Federal income taxes, Wisconsin income and surtaxes, Net profits, carried to surplus, Balance Jan. 1, Surplus trans. to fixed capital in connection with reclassification of cap. prof. on sale of investment in former subsidiary co. (net), Total surplus, Common stock dividends, Provision for reduction to market, of miscellaneous stock investments, Recapitalization exps. written off, Investment in affil. co. written off, Balance, Dec. 31 1929, Earnings per share on 300,000 shares stock (no par).

Table with 4 columns (1931, 1930, 1931, 1930) for Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Cash, Marketable secur., Demand loan, Accounts & notes receivable, Inventories, Cash surrender val. of life insurance, Prepaid expenses, Miscell. stock investments, Real estate, bldgs., plant machinery, equipment, &c., Pat'ts, trade-marks and goodwill.

Brunswick Terminal & Railway Securities Co.—

Table with 4 columns (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928) for Earnings. Rows include Net inc. after charges, loss, Shs. com. stock outstanding (no par), Earnings per share.

Table with 4 columns (1931, 1930, 1931, 1930) for Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Real est., impt., &c., Investments, Bond interest, Cash, Accts. & notes rec., Other assets.

Bucyrus-Erie Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928) for Earnings. Rows include Gross after costs, Expenses, Operating profit, Other income, Total income, Depreciation, Federal, &c., taxes, Net income, Preferred dividends, Conv. pref. divs, Common dividends, Surplus, Shs. com. stk. out. (no par), Earnings per share.

Table with 4 columns (1931, 1930, 1931, 1930) for Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Land, bldgs., patents, &c., Cash, U. S. Treas. notes and certificates, Accts. & bills rec., Inventories, Investment assets.

Total 29,004,848 30,525,235 Total 29,004,848 30,525,235 x Represented by 560,000 shares of \$10 par value. y Less depreciation since organization \$2,457,286. -V. 133, p. 3096.

Foote Bros. Gear & Machine Co.—New Directors.— F. H. Fowler, F. A. Emmons and H. H. Bates have been elected directors replacing Leo J. Doyle, J. F. Griswold and E. J. Robinson.—V. 134, p. 333.

Galena Oil Corp.—Dissolution Approved.— Proxies representing over 82% of the outstanding stock of this corporation were voted at a special stockholders' meeting in favor of dissolution. Galena stockholders have received stock of Valvoline Oil Co. for Galena assets. See V. 134, p. 856.

Gannett Co., Inc.—Earnings.— [Including Wholly Owned Subsidiaries.] Calendar Years— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928. Gross revenues \$6,528,380 \$6,925,304 \$7,631,747 \$4,946,330

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Assets— 1931. 1930. Land, bldg., equip. &c. 2,536,190 2,794,159 Current assets 1,671,970 1,202,518

Gardner-Denver Co.—Earnings.— Calendar Years— 1931. 1930. 1929. Gross income from operations \$1,174,479 \$2,088,222 \$3,014,472

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Assets— 1931. 1930. Cash \$395,850 \$304,788 Customers accts. & notes \$629,025 748,297

General Alloys Co.—To Issue Additional Stock.— The directors have voted to issue 50,000 additional no par common shares for cash.—V. 132, p. 3894.

General American Tank Car Corp.—Merges Canadian Interests With Those of Canadian Car & Foundry Co., Ltd.— The corporation has concluded arrangements for the merging of its Canadian interests with those of the Canadian Car & Fdy. Co., Ltd., and the formation, through the consolidation, of a new company to be called Canadian General Transit Co.—V. 134, p. 333.

General Cable Corp.—Earnings.— Calendar Years— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928. Gross profit on sales \$2,070,719 \$5,563,431 \$11,990,797 \$9,333,907

Surplus Account Dec. 31 1931.—Earned surplus Dec. 31 1930, after deducting \$262,500 preferred dividend paid Feb. 1 1931, \$1,110,458; paid in surplus Dec. 31 1930, \$1,634,960; surplus arising from repurchase of own bonds for sinking fund \$133,695; surplus arising from reduction in stated value of class A and common stocks \$7,000,000; total \$5,879,112;

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Assets— 1931. 1930. Cash & marketable securities \$4,140,905 7,037,762 Notes & accts. rec. 1,552,227 3,674,070

General Foods Corp.—Earnings.— [Not including profits prior to date of acquisition of subsidiary companies acquired.] Calendar Years— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928. Sales to customers \$58,998,990 \$117,463,867 \$128,036,792 \$101,037,091

Surplus at Dec. 31 \$13,111,943 \$15,134,255 \$11,824,178 \$9,293,342 Shares of common outstanding (no par) 5,275,667 5,256,843 5,274,527 4,082,736

General Motors Corp.—February Sales Decline.— February sales of General Motors cars to consumers in the United States totaled 46,855 as against 68,976 for the corresponding month a year ago.

Sales to Consumers in United States. 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929. January 47,942 61,566 74,167 73,989 February 46,855 68,976 88,742 110,148

Sales to Dealers in United States. 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929. January 65,382 76,681 94,458 95,441 February 52,539 80,378 110,904 141,222

Total Sales to Dealers in United States and Canada plus Overseas Shipments. 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929. January 74,710 89,349 106,509 127,580 February 62,850 96,003 126,136 175,148

Frigidaire Prices Reduced.— Sweeping price reductions on its entire line of household electric refrigerators were announced to-day by the Frigidaire Corp. The lowest priced model, the ML-4, is listed at \$130 at the factory.

Price reductions on the company's complete line of air conditioning equipment were also announced. The three year guarantee that has been applied to the household line has been extended to cover commercial refrigerating equipment and air conditioning units.

Record Number of Stockholders.—

Table showing the total number of General Motors common and preferred stockholders for the first quarter of 1932, 1931, and 1930.

Preferred stockholders of record Jan. 4 1932, and common stockholders of record Feb. 13 1932.—V. 134, p. 1770.

General Realty & Utilities Corp.—Earnings.—

Table showing earnings for General Realty & Utilities Corp. from 1931 to 1932, categorized by period.

a Stock dividends received and originally taken into income at the approximate market value immediately following the record dates of such dividends have, to the extent of \$189,640, been applied in reduction of the book value of the investments. b This is before giving effect to reductions as a result of appraisal of September 1931, and to net loss from disposition of real estate and security investments, charged against surplus account.

Consolidated General Surplus Year 1931.

Table showing Consolidated General Surplus Year 1931, including balance Jan. 1 1931, total surplus, and provisions for real estate investments.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table showing Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31, with assets and liabilities for 1931 and 1930.

x At market values not in excess of cost. y Represented by 239,950 no par shares. z Represented by 1,550,825 no par shares.—V. 134, p. 1770.

General Steel Wares, Ltd.—New Director.—

Gordon W. Scott has been elected a director.—V. 132, p. 4422.

Globe Underwriters Exchange, Inc.—20c. Dividend.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 20c. per share on the capital stock, payable May 2 to holders of record April 15. During 1931 the company paid the following dividends: 15c. per share on May 1, and 25c. per share on Dec. 22.—V. 134, p. 1036.

Godchaux Sugars, Inc.—No Quarterly Dividends.—

The directors have decided to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about April 1 on the class A stock, no par value. From Jan. 1 1930 to and including Jan. 2 1932 regular quarterly distributions of 50 cents per share were made on this issue.

(The Georgian, Inc.—To Reduce Capitalization.—

The stockholders have voted to reduce the authorized class A preference shares from 67,587 shares of \$20 par value to 65,177 shares by cancelling 2,410 shares which had been heretofore purchased and held in the company's treasury.—V. 132, p. 1232.

Gold Dust Corp.—Dividend Rate Decreased.—

The directors on March 10 declared a quarterly dividend of 40 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable May 2 to holders of record April 9. This compares with quarterly payments of 62 1/2 cents per share made on this issue from Feb. 1 1929 to and incl. Feb. 1 1932.—V. 134, p. 1589.

Goldman-Sachs Trading Corp.—Hearing.—

The Chancery Court at Wilmington, Del. has fixed March 18 for hearing on the motion by counsel for several individual defendants in the suit for accounting filed by Eddie Cantor against the corporation and a number which would sequester and seize stocks and other securities in a number of Delaware corporations owned by defendants to compel defendants' appearance in court to defend the suit.—V. 134, p. 1382.

(W. T.) Grant Co. (Del.)—February Sales Higher.—

Table showing February sales for (W. T.) Grant Co. (Del.) for 1932 and 1931.

Gray Telephone Pay Station Co.—Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25c. per share, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 50c. per share, both payable April 1 to holders of record March 19. A special dividend of 25c., and an extra of 50c., in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 50c., were paid on Jan. 1 1932.—V. 133, p. 3975.

Gulf States Steel Co.—Earnings.—

Table showing earnings for Gulf States Steel Co. from 1931 to 1928, categorized by calendar years.

—V. 134, p. 675.

(Charles) Gurd & Co., Ltd.—Reduces Dividend—New Director.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 40 cents per share on the outstanding 60,000 shares of common stock, no par value, and the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the preferred stock, both payable April 1 to holders of record March 15. Previously, the company made regular quarterly payments of 50 cents per share on the common stock. Fred O. McCracken has been elected a director, succeeding R. L. Ellis, resigned.—V. 132, p. 664.

Hathaway Bakeries, Inc. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Table showing earnings for Hathaway Bakeries, Inc. (& Subs.) from 52 Wks. End. to Year Ended Jan. 2 '32.

Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Table showing Consolidated Balance Sheet with assets and liabilities for Jan. 2 '32 and Jan. 3 '31.

Total \$4,833,670 \$5,010,691 x After depreciation of \$1,259,501, y Represented by 20,000 of \$7 cum. conv. pref. stock (no par); 35,221 shares class A stock (no par); and 150,000 shares of class B stock (no par)—V. 133, p. 2770.

Hershey Chocolate Corp.—Earnings.—

Table showing earnings for Hershey Chocolate Corp. from 1931 to 1928, categorized by calendar years.

a Includes depreciation on plant and property of \$797,735 in 1931 and \$778,447 in 1930. b Includes \$586,960 in dividends declared Dec. 23 1930.

and payable Feb. 15 1931 to stockholders of record Jan. 24 1931. c Includes \$883,150 in dividends declared Dec. 23 1930 and payable Feb. 15 1931 to stockholders of record Jan. 24 1931.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table showing Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Columns for 1931 and 1930. Rows include Assets (Land, bldgs., constr. in progress, cash, etc.) and Liabilities (4% pref. stock, common stock, etc.).

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table showing Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Columns for 1931 and 1930. Rows include Assets (Cash, U.S. Govt. bonds, etc.) and Liabilities (Accts. payable & accrued expenses, provision for Fed. income tax, etc.).

x After depreciation of \$8,607,912. y Represented by 293,180 no par shares. z Represented by 706,820 no par shares.—V. 134, p. 1772.

Hobart Mfg. Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings— Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Net sales, cost of goods sold, selling & gen. expense, profit from operations, etc.

Surplus at end of year. \$4,165,397. \$4,587,968. \$5,008,080. x\$4,402,670. x Of which \$194,718 applicable to minority stocks of subsidiary companies. y Includes \$239,132 elimination of minority interest in surplus of sub. co. disposed of and \$72,299 reduction in surplus through disposal of majority interest in sub. co.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table showing Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Columns for 1931 and 1930. Rows include Assets (Cash & U.S. secur., other market secur., etc.) and Liabilities (Notes & accts. pay, commissions pay, etc.).

Total. \$7,126,898. \$8,047,400. Total. \$7,126,898. \$8,047,409. x Less reserve for doubtful accounts of \$90,699. y Less reserve for depreciation of \$986,940. z 200,000 shares (no par value). a Called for redemption Feb. 16 1931.—V. 134, p. 1205.

Hotel Lexington (Lexington Hotel Corp.) N. Y. City.—Receivership.— On the petition of three creditors, Federal Judge Robert P. Patterson appointed March 10 the Irving Trust Co. receiver in bankruptcy of the corporation, operator and owner of the 25-story Hotel Lexington, which was built about two years ago at a cost of about \$6,000,000 at 48th St. and Lexington Ave. The petitioners, represented by Oppenheimer, Halblum & Kupfer, attorneys of 20 Exchange Place, estimate liabilities at more than \$6,000,000 and assets, including the hotel property, at more than \$4,000,000.—V. 126, p. 3130.

Hotel Pierre, Inc., N. Y. City.—Bankruptcy.— A voluntary petition in bankruptcy has been filed in Federal District Court by the company. Liabilities are listed at \$10,132,762 and unencumbered assets at \$99,320. The major liability consists of a 10-year bond issue of \$6,847,886, secured by a first mortgage held by the Straus National Bank & Trust Co., as trustee. No valuation was listed for the hotel properties.

Home Insurance Co.—Suit.— The "Wall Street Journal" says: "Suit for an accounting of profits of Southern Surety Co., Home Indemnity Co. and Home Insurance Co., and for the setting aside of transfers of business agencies and other assets of Southern Surety Co. to Home Indemnity Co., has been filed in Federal District Court. The plaintiffs, G. Locke Tarlton, of Illinois, and E. A. Luther, of Missouri, both stockholders of Southern Surety Co., estimate that Southern Surety Co.'s stockholders, through the transfer of control of the company to Home Insurance Co. in 1930, sustained damages estimated at over \$10,000,000."—V. 132, p. 4423.

(Geo. A.) Hormel Co.—Opens Coast Branch.— The company on March 1 established Western distributing headquarters in San Francisco. This unit will distribute products through 11 Western States, excepting southern California and Washington. Its territory also will include the Hawaiian Islands and the Orient.—V. 134, p. 684.

Houston Oil Co. of Texas.—New Director.— A. H. Kennerly has been elected a director to succeed George MacKubin, resigned.—V. 134, p. 1590.

Hoskins Mfg. Co., Detroit.—Earnings— Table with columns for 1931, 1930. Rows include Manufacturing profit before depreciation, selling, administrative & general expenses, operating profit before depreciation, etc.

Hudson Motor Car Co.—Sales Increase 30%.— The company's sales for February showed an increase of 30% over January, according to Chester G. Abbott, General Sales Manager. This increase, Mr. Abbott pointed out, was representative throughout the country, with few exceptions. Wayne County registrations showed the largest increase, putting Hudson and Essex in second place with 340 cars registered in February, against 209 in the corresponding 1931 month.—V. 134, p. 1772.

Hudson River Navigation Corp.—President Carrington Gives Views—Against Deposits of Bonds.— Edward C. Carrington, President and Chairman of the Board, has sent to the bondholders a letter in which he reiterates that \$1,850,000, or about 72% of the par value of the bonds, representing the proceeds from the sale of Pier 32, North River, to New York City, would be available for distribution by the trustee, the City Bank Farmers Trust Co. He says also that he saw no necessity for the intervention of any committee, and adds: "It is obvious that at the present time it is a distinct disadvantage to deposit your bonds with the so-called Lisman protective committee. Any committee asking the deposit of your bonds should at the same time submit for your consideration a definite workable plan of reorganization respecting the deficiency after the payment of the cash collected from the City of New York."—V. 134, p. 1772.

Incorporated Investors.—2 1/2% Stock Dividend.— The directors have declared a 2 1/2% stock dividend and the regular quarterly cash dividend of 25 cents per share, both payable April 15 to holders of record March 22. A year ago the company declared two stock dividends of 2 1/2% each, payable on April 15 and Oct. 15 1931. Sales of Incorporated Investors have shown a distinct upward trend since the first of the year. It is announced that during the last half of February over 40,000 shares were sold through dealers located in the principal cities throughout the country.—V. 134, p. 684.

Insurance Securities Co., Inc.—Transfer Agent in N. Y.— The Hibernia Trust Co. has been appointed New York transfer agent for the common stock.—V. 133, p. 3099.

International Business Machines Corp.—New Product.— The corporation has introduced a new electrical machine known as the "International Automatic Multiplying Punch," which multiplies at speeds averaging four times faster than any mechanical method.—V. 134, p. 858.

International Carriers, Ltd.—Smaller Dividend.— The directors on March 9 declared a dividend of 10 cents per share on the capital stock, payable April 1 to holders of record March 21. This compares with distributions of 12 1/2 cents per share paid each quarter from April 2 1931 to and incl. Jan. 2 1932.—V. 134, p. 1206, 1037; V. 133, p. 3976.

International Combustion Engineering Corp.—Creditors' Committee Asks for Deposits of Claims.— At a meeting of the creditors' committee held March 4 it was decided that it would be to the interest of the creditors of corporation and its subsidiaries for the committee to be put in a position to act authoritatively and effectively on behalf of such creditors upon matters affecting their interest and in effecting or considering any plans which may be proposed looking toward a realization upon their claims, and to this end the committee has decided to request the deposit of claims under a deposit agreement which is in the course of preparation. Creditors having claims which in the aggregate amount to a large percentage of the total claims have already filed their names and the amount of their claims with the committee pursuant to its request dated Dec. 23 1929. Creditors may expect to receive within a few days a formal call for deposit of claims with the committee, at which time copies of the deposit agreement will be available. Creditors' Committee.—Frank J. O'Brien, Chairman (President, Glove Steel Tubes Co.); William O. Kelley, Jr. Vice-Chairman (Asst. Vice-Pres., Air Reduction Co., Inc.); H. J. Hirshman (Treas., National Tube Co.); Homer D. Williams (President, Pittsburgh Steel Co.); George E. Turner, Secretary, 22 William St., N. Y. City, and Davis, Polk, Wardwell, Gardiner & Reed, 15 Broad St., N. Y. City, Counsel.—V. 133, p. 810, 3263.

International Silver Co. (& Sub.)—Earnings— Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Net sales, net earnings, other income, total income, bond interest, depreciation, federal taxes, net loss of Int. Silver of Canada, prov. for fluct. in Canadian exchange, write-down of Govt. sec. to market, net income, preferred dividends, common dividends.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Table with columns for 1931, 1930. Rows include Assets (Real estate, mach., tools & fixt, inventories, investments, U.S. Govt. securities, etc.) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, common stock, accounts payable, etc.).

Total. 17,871,466. 19,835,900. Total. 17,871,466. 19,835,900. a Stock of International Silver Co. of Canada, Ltd.—V. 134, p. 1384.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for Assets (1931, 1930) and Liabilities (1931, 1930). Includes items like Cash, Notes, Merch. invent., U. S. Treas. cfts., etc.

Lincoln Manufacturing Co.—Name Changed.—The name of this company has been changed to General Cotton Supply Corp. The property comprises the former plants of the Lincoln Manufacturing Corp. and the Davis Mills.

Loblau Groceries Co., Ltd.—Sales Decline.—Period Ended Feb. 6—1932—4 Wks.—1931, 1932—36 Wks.—1931. Sales—\$1,153,320 \$1,272,995 \$10,497,037 \$11,838,426

Loft, Inc.—Sales Higher.—Month of January—1932. 1931. Increase. Sales—\$991,852 \$919,247 \$72,605 February sales totaled \$1,091,952, an increase of 12.2% as compared with the same month last year.

(P.) Lorillard Co.—New Directors.—John J. Driscoll, William S. Gray Jr., and Jacquelin P. Taylor have been elected directors.—V. 134, p. 1592.

Ludlum Steel Co.—Earnings.—Calendar Years—1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Net sales, Material, labor & oper. expense, Income from oper., Depreciation, etc.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for Assets (1931, 1930) and Liabilities (1931, 1930). Includes items like Permanent assets, Cash, Notes receivable, etc.

x Land, \$322,737; plant and buildings, \$1,857,417; machinery and equipment, \$4,834,680; total, \$7,014,834 less depreciation, \$2,086,004. y Represented by 204,000 shares of no par value.—V. 133, p. 3264.

Lunkenheimer Co.—Reduces Quarterly Dividend.—The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 12 1/2 cents per share on the no par value common stock, payable March 15 to holders of record March 5.

Lycoming United Gas Corp. (Del.)—Formed.—(This corporation was incorporated in Delaware on Feb. 25 with a capital of 1,575,000 common shares to be a holding company for natural gas producers in the Tioga fields in northern Pennsylvania.)

(Alice Foote) MacDougall, Inc. (Del.)—New Financing.—See Chain Store Fund, Inc. above.

McCord Radiator & Mfg. Co.—New Treasurer, &c.—L. M. Hamlin has been elected Treasurer, succeeding C. R. Hammer, resigned, and O. O. Chesnut has been elected Assistant Treasurer.—V. 134, p. 1775.

McCrory Stores Corp.—Sales Improve.—Month of February—1932. 1931. 1930. Sales—\$3,036,752 \$2,945,965 \$2,906,937 Two months—5,986,034 5,848,468 5,601,474

McGraw Hill Co., Inc.—Change Annual Meeting, &c.—N. A. Bowers and James E. Carty have been elected directors, succeeding E. J. Mehren and R. S. Foss, resigned.

McKesson & Robbins, Inc. (Del.)—Defers Pref. Div.—The directors on Mar. 3 took no action on the regular quarterly dividend of 87 1/2c. per share due Mar. 15 on the \$50 par value 7% conv. preference stock, series A.

Marchant Calculating Machine Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928) and Earnings. Includes Net sales, Cost of sales, Gross profit on sales, etc.

Balance, surplus—def\$163,741 def\$55,239 \$307,320 \$327,396 Shs. common stock outstanding (par \$10)—188,066 188,086 186,566 168,112

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Assets—1931, 1930. Liabilities—1931, 1930. Cash, Cust's accts., Inventories, etc.

Total—\$2,816,950 \$3,144,648 Total—\$2,816,950 \$3,144,648 x After depreciation of \$481,546. y Unearned, \$93,964; paid in, \$363,493; profit and loss, \$155,200.—V. 134, p. 335.

Marion Steam Shovel Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928) and Earnings. Includes Gross profit from oper., Sell., gen. & adm. exps., Depreciation, etc.

Balance per sh. on 100,000 shs. com. stk. (no par)—Nil Nil \$3.17 \$1.57

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Assets—1931, 1930. Liabilities—1931, 1930. Cash, U. S. Govt. bonds, Accounts & notes, etc.

Total—10,373,772 11,673,043 Total—10,373,772 11,673,043 x After deducting reserve for depreciation of \$6,185,907. y Paid in and appropriated surplus, \$2,652,538; less earned deficit of \$848,349; balance, \$1,804,189.—V. 133, p. 654.

Maytag Co. (Delaware)—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928) and Earnings. Includes Net sales, Other income, Total, Mfg., sell. & gen. exps., etc.

Balance—def\$257,455 def\$916,343 \$2,161,878 \$772,993 Shs. com. outst. (no par)—1,617,922 1,617,922 1,617,822 1,608,293

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Assets—1931, 1930. Liabilities—1931, 1930. Land, bldgs. and equipment, Cash, etc.

Total—\$9,071,598 \$11,249,252 Total—\$9,071,598 \$11,249,252 x After deducting \$1,432,494 allowance for depreciation. y Represented by 1,617,922 shares of no par value.—V. 133, p. 3471.

Mersey Paper Co., Ltd.—New Director.—Peter R. Jack, former Chairman of the Halifax Harbour Commission, has been appointed a director.—V. 130, p. 476.

Metropolitan Ice Co.—Extra Dividend.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 30c. per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share on the pref. stock, both payable Apr. 1 to holders of record Mar. 15.

Neisner Bros., Inc.—February Sales.—

Table with 4 columns: Year (1932, 1931, 1930, 1929), Month of February, First two months, and V. 134, p. 336, 1040.

Niles-Bement-Pond Co.—Dividend Again Decreased.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 15 cents per share on the outstanding 192,496 shares of common stock, no par value, payable March 31 to holders of record March 21.

Norwalk Tire & Rubber Co.—Initial Preferred Dividend.—

An initial quarterly dividend of 87 1/2 cents per share has been declared on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$50, payable April 1 to holders of record March 22.

Old Colony Trust Associates.—Dividend Rate Cut.—

The trustees have declared a quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on the first series trust shares, no par value, payable April 1 1932 to holders of record March 21.

Old Dominion Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), Sales of copper, silver and gold, Income from investments, Interest, Total income, Min. treat. & ref. exp., Selling, expenses, &c., Depreciation, Interest, Depletion, Balance, deficit, P. & L. surplus Dec. 31.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930. Assets: Mines & min. clms, Plant & equipment, Inv. in sundry cos., Supplies on hand & expenses prepaid, Metals on hand, Accts. receivable, Cash. Liabilities: Capital stock, Accounts tax payable, Depletion reserve, Depreciation reserve, Surplus.

Oppenheim, Collins & Co., Inc.—Earnings.—

For income statement for six months ended Jan. 31 see "Earnings Statement" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 687.

Orpheum Circuit, Inc. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), z Gross income, Expenses, Depreciation & amortiz., Res. for taxes & conting., Invest. & adv. writ. off., Other deductions, Net income, Preferred dividends, Balance, deficit, Total surplus, Shs. com. outst'g (par \$1), Earnings per sh. on com., x Excludes \$9,000 profit on sale of investments, y Includes profit on Radio-Keith-Orpheum Corp. capital stock sold to Radio-Keith-Orpheum Corp. of \$405,000, z Includes other income.—V. 133, p. 3473.

Otis Steel Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), Manufacturing profit, Sell., gen. & admin. exp., Depreciation, Operating profits, Other income (net), Gross profit, Other deductions, Bond int. & amortiz. of bond disc. & exp., Prov. for est. Fed. tax., Net income, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Balance, surplus, Profit and loss surplus, Shs. com. stk. out. (no par), Earnings per share.

Balance Sheet December 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930. Assets: Cash, Certifs. of deposit and accrued int., U. S. Govt. securs., Accts. receivable, Inventory, Series A 6% bonds, Invest. in & adv. to other cos., Miscell. accounts and other assets, Real estate, plant and equipment, Disc. & exp. on list mtg. gold bonds, Unexp'ted insurance prem., &c. Liabilities: Prior preference stock, Common stock, 1st mortgage gold bonds, Notes pay. for const. & equip. purch., Accounts payable, Accrued Federal & city taxes, interest, &c., Total reserves, Capital surplus, Profit and loss surplus.

Pacific Mills, Lawrence, Mass.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), Net sales, Cost of goods sold, Net oper. profit, Plant depreciation, Inventory mark'd down, Interest charges, Amortization of discount on term notes, Other charges, Net profit, Earnings per share on capital stock.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930. Assets: Plant, Cash, Accts. receivable, x Inventories, Unearned insur'ce premium, Prepaid items. Liabilities: Capital stock, Sundr. accts. pay., Inventory reserves, Res. for deprec., Res. doubt. accts., Surplus.

Total 63,432,769 65,921,992 Total 63,432,769 65,921,992 x Inventories were taken at cost or market, whichever is lower.. y Plant taken at book value.

As of Dec. 31 1930 the company contracted to purchase cotton, wool, cotton cloth and supplies for the total amount of \$158,607, which, as of that date, was \$450 above the market.—V. 133, p. 814.

Packard Motor Car Co.—Shipments Higher.—

Shipments during February totaled 2,150 units, an increase of 270% over February 1931. Schedules for March are being maintained on the same basis as February, with banked-up shipment orders well into April.

Pan American Airways, Inc.—1931 Operations.—

The corporation transported 40,676 passengers in 1931 as compared with 34,748 in 1930, an increase of 17%. The company states that 78% of the 1931 traffic was made up of commercial passengers traveling for business purposes between the United States and Latin America.

Paramount-Publix Corp.—Sells Interest in Broadcasting Company.—

It was officially confirmed on March 8 that this corporation had sold its half interest in Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc. to William S. Paley and associates for \$5,200,000 and that Paramount had repurchased all of its common stock which it was obligated to repurchase under the agreement under which it acquired the half interest in the Columbia corporation.

Parker Trading Co.—Class B Dividend Deferred.—

The directors recently voted to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about March 1 on the class B common stock. The last regular quarterly payment of 30 cents per share was made on this issue on Dec. 1 1931.—V. 129, p. 1138.

Peerless Motor Car Corp.—Purchase Offer Extended.—

The stockholders have approved the action of the directors in extending an offer by the corporation to buy stock from stockholders at \$3.50 a share to March 18 from Feb. 20. The meeting was adjourned until March 21.—V. 134, p. 1779.

(David) Pender Grocery Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), Net sales, Net profit before Federal and State taxes, Net after taxes, Class A dividends, Balance, surplus, Shares class B stock outstanding (no par), Earnings per share, x Includes class B dividends.

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Table with 4 columns: Jan. 2'32, Jan. 3'31, Jan. 2'32, Jan. 3'31. Assets: Land, buildings, equipment, &c., Cash, Notes & accts. rec., Inv. in other cos., Inventories, Cash surrender val., Insurance fund., Adv. to employees, Dep. with bankrupt banks, Deferred charges, Good-will. Liabilities: Cl. A & B stocks, Accounts payable, Notes payable, Res. for Fed. and State tax., Res. for divs. A, B, C, Fed. Insur. fund., Surplus.

Total \$2,724,287 \$2,919,481 Total \$2,724,287 \$2,919,481 x Represented by 30,207 shares of class A no par pref. stock and 65,070 shares class B no par common stock, y After deducting \$961,067 reserve for depreciation and amortization.—V. 133, p. 972.

Phelps Dodge Corp.—Forms New Subsidiary.—

After March 21 the manufacturing business of this corporation will be conducted by two separate subsidiary companies. The business of National Metal Molding, which consists mainly of steel conduits and electrical wiring specialties, will be conducted under the corporate name of National Electric Products Corp., with headquarters at Pittsburgh.

Pilgrim Mills, Fall River.—New Treasurer.—

Ralph C. Perkins was recently elected Treasurer, succeeding Arthur C. Homer.—V. 133, p. 2940.

Pittsburgh Coal Co.—New Vice President.—

R. Templeton Smith, Secretary-Treasurer and General Manager of the Portland Coal Co., Ontario Gas Coal Co. and Lower Gas Coal Co. of Pittsburgh, operating mines in Washington, Fayette and Green Counties, has been elected Vice-President of the Pittsburgh Coal Co.

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), Gross receipts, Oper. exp., incl. taxes, Profits after all exp., Depreciation, Interest, Minority int. in subs., Fed. inc. tax of sub. co., Net loss, Earned surplus.

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Table with columns for 1931 and 1930, and rows for Assets (Fixed assets, Inventories, etc.) and Liabilities (Accounts payable, etc.).

Total-----10,063,953 14,716,185 Total-----10,063,953 14,716,185
x After depreciation of \$653,347. y Represented by 175,000 no par shares.

New Director.—

Walter Gatzert was recently elected a director in place of Wallace T. Perkins, deceased.—V. 134, p. 1044.

Spear & Co. (& Sub. Co.).—Earnings.—

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928 and rows for Calendar Years (Net sales, Cost of mds., etc.) and Balance (Total income, Deprec. & lease amort., etc.).

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for 1931 and 1930, and rows for Assets (Land, bldgs., etc.) and Liabilities (Accounts payable, etc.).

Total-----9,612,487 12,456,063 Total-----9,612,487 12,456,063
a After deducting depreciation reserve of \$383,805 and amortization of leasehold. b After deducting \$500,000 for doubtful, &c., accounts. c Represented by 225,000 shares of no par value.

New Director.—

Arthur S. Gold, Assistant Secretary, has been elected a director to fill a vacancy.—V. 134, p. 1044.

Standard Oil Co. of Kansas.—Board Elected.—

At the annual meeting of the stockholders held on March 9, a directorate consisting of C. B. Wrightsman, Lionel T. Barneson, A. H. Bunker, E. A. Warren and A. S. Hopkins, was elected. The committee of stockholders represented by Messrs. Wrightsman, Barneson and Cyrus Bell had reached an agreement with the management of the company prior to the meeting, whereby both the stockholders' committee and the management proxies would be voted for the agreed list of directors.

Struthers-Wells-Titusville Corp.—Defers Dividend.—

The directors, at their meeting held Feb. 13 1932, deferred action on the quarterly dividend due Feb. 15 on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, until the meeting in May 1932. The last quarterly distribution on this issue was made on Nov. 16 1931.—V. 132, p. 3903.

Studebaker Corp.—Plans to Readjust Stock.—See report for calendar year 1931 under "Financial Reports" on a preceding page.

Revised Sales Figures.—

Studebaker passenger car and truck sales for February were 5,536. This compares with 4,376 sales in February 1931, an increase of 26%, and with 2,960 sales in January 1932, an increase of 87%. Pierce-Arrow and Rockne sales are not included in the above.—V. 134, p. 1780.

Superior Steel Corp.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928 and rows for Calendar Years (Gross sales, Freight, disc't & allow's, etc.) and Balance (Gross loss, Int. on 1st mtgo. 6% sink, fund, gold bonds, etc.).

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for 1931 and 1930, and rows for Assets (Property/accounts, Cash, U.S. Liberty bonds, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Accounts payable, etc.).

Total-----\$6,096,105 \$6,902,496 Total-----\$6,096,105 \$6,902,496
x After depreciation of \$2,405,297. y Represented by 115,000 shares (par \$100), but issued at less than par. z Accounts receivable only.—V. 134, p. 1391.

Stutz Motor Car Co. of America, Inc.—Orders Increase.—

With the advent of spring business, the company to-day has more unfilled orders on its books for future delivery than at any time during the past nine months. President E. S. Gorrell announced "Purchases of raw materials have doubled over the December and January purchases," Mr. Gorrell said, "and in the past two weeks the factory payroll of productive labor has increased 73%."

Sweets Co. of America.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928 and rows for Calendar Years (Net sales, Expenses, costs, &c., Oper. profit, etc.) and Balance (Balance, surplus, Shs. cap. stk. outstand'g, etc.).

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for 1931 and 1930, and rows for Assets (Cash, Custs., accts. rec., Investments, etc.) and Liabilities (Accounts payable, Accr. items, wages, etc.).

Total-----\$1,504,811 \$1,763,843 Total-----\$1,504,811 \$1,763,843
x Represented by 78,280 shs. of common stock (par \$50).—V. 133, p. 4173.

Taylor Milling Corp.—Dividend Rate Decreased.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 15 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable April 1 to holders of record March 10. Three months ago, the quarterly dividend on this issue was reduced from 6 1/2% per share to 2 1/2% per share.—V. 133, p. 3980.

Tide Water Oil Co.—Resumes Dividend.—

A dividend of 25 cents per share has been declared on the no par value common stock, no par value, payable March 31 to holders of record March 19. The last previous payment was 15 cents per share made on June 30 1931, prior to which this issue was on an annual dividend basis of 80 cents per share (20 cents each quarter).

Practically all of the common stock is owned by the Tide Water Associated Oil Co.—V. 133, p. 3642.

Tobacco Products Corp. (Va.).—Cfs. of Deposit Off List.

The New York Stock Exchange has stricken from the list the corporation's certificates of deposit for class A and common stocks.—V. 134, p. 1781.

Tobacco Products Corp. of Delaware.—Registrar.—

The Chase National Bank of the City of New York has been appointed registrar of the capital stock. (See also V. 134, p. 1781.)

Tobacco Products Export Corp.—10c. Dividend.—

A dividend of 10c. per share has been declared on the capital stock, payable Mar. 25 to holders of record Mar. 17. Holders of voting trust certificates are urged to exchange such certificates for capital stock certificates without delay, as this dividend will be paid only to registered holders of capital stock. The exchange may be effected at the office of the Bankers Trust Co., 16 Wall Street, N. Y. City.

An initial cash distribution of like amount was made on Mar. 6 1931 while on Jan. 2 1920 a 5% stock dividend was paid.—V. 132, p. 871.

Transamerica Corp.—Sues New Haven Brokers and Bank, Charging Stock Sale Fraud.—

Writs of attachment have been served on W. K. Johnson & Co., stock brokers, and the Sons of Italy Industrial Bank of New Haven, Conn., for the recovery of \$15,000 damages by the Transamerica Corp. for the alleged fraudulent sale of 900 shares of Transamerica stock.

According to the writs, Sidney Botters, a stock salesman, obtained from the plaintiff three blocks of stock totaling 900 shares on the pretense that the stock was to be purchased by Joseph Gordon, George Finch and Charles Rosetta. The stock certificates were issued in the names of the three alleged purchasers on Dec. 5 1930. Five days later, according to the writ, Botters sold and delivered to W. K. Johnson & Co. the stock certificates and received in payment \$12,475.50.

Prior to the delivery of the stock, the Sons of Italy Bank, acting through its Treasurer, guaranteed the assignment on the stock by approving the signatures of the three reported purchasers, although no persons of that name were known to the bank, according to the allegations. It is further alleged that the signatures of Finch, Rosetta and Gordon were forged and false. (New York "Times.")—V. 134, p. 1781, 1213.

Travelers Insurance Co., Hartford, Conn.—Financial Statement.—

The annual financial statements as of Jan. 1 1932 of the above company, the Travelers Indemnity Co. and the Travelers Fire Insurance Co. will be found in the advertising pages of to-day's issue.

In a summary of the business of the three Travelers companies in 1931, President L. E. Zacher said in part:

In 1931 many individuals, many families and many business organizations came face to face with hours of need and found in insurance a dependable friend—a friend that was able as well as willing to help in their emergencies. Through the timely aid of funds from all forms of insurance, many adversities of life were prevented from becoming tragedies, and many untoward events were robbed of their terrors and oppressions.

Life insurance, unlike some other forms of property, instead of adding to or intensifying the woes of the public during a period of economic readjustment, ministered to many and provided relief and comfort to scores of persons who had exhausted all other means.

Prepared for just such events as have occurred, the Travelers was in a position to meet these extraordinary contingencies and paid in cash to policyholders and their beneficiaries the largest sum which the three Travelers companies have ever disbursed in one year—\$113,771,821. To distribute this, paying the right amounts to the right persons at the right time, required the issuance of 957,536 checks and drafts. Over one billion dollars has been paid by the Travelers companies to policyholders since organization.

There have been many surprising changes since the close of the war. We have seen severe liquidation of manufactured goods, lower prices for commodities, soaring stock prices and then a fall in market values that has caused embarrassment to many individuals and their fortunes. All these violent events have crowded to the fore the value of life insurance, as an investment of sound, steady and continuing value and one that has brought aid and sustenance to many who were and are overwhelmed.

To afford policyholders sound protection, the companies have followed the policy of distributing their investments broadly, and not only carry large amounts of cash, but have supplemented these with large holdings of United States Government bonds, and marketable bonds of many of the best municipalities and corporations in the country.

The companies' reserves meet the requirements of the strictest of State laws and additional reserves are carried to meet extraordinary contingencies which may arise in the future.

During the 67 years of its corporate existence, the Travelers has encountered many such periods as this. It has experienced the panics of 1873, 1893 and 1907. It faced the problems arising from the war, the influenza epidemic and the post-war deflation. In each of these periods it has played an important part and in all of them rendered valuable assistance to its policyholders.

One of the important factors responsible for the great growth in the volume of life insurance, which took place between the years 1922 and 1929, was the demonstration of the value of life insurance protection afforded by the war and the influenza epidemic. Recently we have witnessed a striking demonstration of the value of another phase of life insurance—of its strength and stability as an investment medium. If history is any guide to the future, it seems reasonable to expect that the next ten years will witness an expansion of the purchase of the investment forms of life insurance, for at no time has that value been so clearly demonstrated as at present.—V. 133, p. 4341.

Trico Products Corp.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—			
	1931.	1930.	1929.
x Gross income	\$2,943,420	\$2,986,845	\$3,528,113
Other income	184,009	y306,189	235,120
Total Income	\$3,127,429	\$3,293,034	\$3,763,233
Royalties	1,063	1,802	1,802
Selling expenses	231,822	226,984	271,916
Patent expenses, admin. & gen. exp.	728,533	34,097	10,923
Depreciation	122,935	725,096	796,842
Amortization of patents	48,817	44,202	40,119
Interest	276	2,176	3,658
Federal income taxes	232,494	236,188	276,695
Net profits	\$1,762,551	\$1,908,416	\$2,249,948
Previous surplus	3,919,197	2,953,232	1,558,544
Adjustments		Dr. 4,966	
Total surplus	\$5,681,748	\$4,856,681	\$3,808,492
Dividends	937,484	937,484	833,532
Miscellaneous deductions			21,728
Total surplus	\$4,744,263	\$3,919,197	\$2,953,232
Shares capital stock	374,991	374,991	337,500
Earnings per share	\$4.70	\$5.09	\$6.65

x After deducting cost of sales, discounts, returns and allowances. y Includes \$100,146 received in settlement of patent infringement.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Cash	\$1,035,869	\$1,274,173	
Life Insur. policies	103,469	82,856	
Cash val. of dep'ts	73,000		
Miscell. notes & acct. rec.	184,068		
U. S. Govt. marketable bonds	2,422,799	1,666,034	
Notes & acct. rec.	2518,915	576,233	
Inventories	606,234	708,468	
Prepaid insurance			
taxes & oth. exps	47,290	52,656	
Insur. fund deposit	72,013	14,543	
Invest. in com. stks	176,947	158,656	
Invest. in adv. to foreign affil. cos.	43,909	25,601	
Capital assets	x1,654,356	1,586,182	
Patents	y337,263	350,172	
Total	\$7,276,635	\$6,495,578	\$7,276,635

x After deducting reserve for depreciation of \$684,271. y Less reserve for amortization of \$250,693. z Less reserves of \$69,680. a Authorized and issued 675,000 shares of no par value, consisting of 374,991 shares, fully sharing in dividends; 300,009 shares, not sharing in dividends up to \$2.50 per share. These latter 300,009 shares may equally participate in extra dividends paid beyond \$2.50 per share on the fully-dividend-sharing stock (374,991 shares); 75,000 shares become fully dividend sharing on the basis of one share participating for each \$6 earned beyond \$2,249,946 in any one year. The remainder (225,000 shares) requires \$9 earning for each share participating after \$4,050,000 has been earned in any one year.—V. 133, p. 2776.

Truax-Traer Coal Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for three and nine months ended Jan. 31 1932 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 3980.

United Aircraft & Transport Corp.—Traffic Increased.

The United Air Lines carried 814 passengers in January of this year as compared with 525 passengers in December 1931. Passengers carried out of the Chicago Municipal Airport by all lines during January totaled 1,919, compared with 1,906 in December 1931.—V. 134, p. 1781.

United Carr Fastener Co.—Expansion.—

The company has purchased the fastener division of the St. Lawrence Steel Wire Co. at Gananoque, Ont., Canada.—V. 133, p. 2777.

United Chemicals, Inc.—New Exchange Offer.—

This corporation has sent a letter to holders of its \$3 pref. stock offering to exchange 1-3 shares of Westvaco Chlorine Products Corp. common stock now held in the treasury of United company for each share of United Chemicals pref. stock. The offer will expire on March 31 1932.

The United corporation recently offered holders of its preferred stock the privilege of exchanging such shares for the 7% stock of Westvaco on the basis of one-third share of the latter for each share of United preferred.—V. 134, p. 867, 147.

United Founders Corp.—Sells Holdings of Allied General Corp. Stock.—See latter company above.—V. 134, p. 1782.

United Fruit Co.—Loan to Colombia.—

This company and the Colombia on March 8 concluded an agreement whereby the former will lend \$500,000 to the latter. The company will retain the national banana export tax of 3c. a bunch to amortize the loan, with 6% annual interest. On the basis of the present rate of banana exports, amortization will be complete in four years, it is estimated. This loan should speed the conclusion of long-pending negotiations for the long-term rental of the Santa Marta Ry., operating through the banana zone, by the national government to United Fruit interests, with the acquiescence of the State of Magdalena, which holds the rights of the railway.

It is understood that the amount of the loan will remain for the time being deposited in the Bank of the Republic to strengthen its reserves. (New York 'Times').—V. 134, p. 1600.

United Milk Crate Corp.—New Director—Earnings.—

Gordon Reis was recently elected a director, succeeding Charles J. Hart, for the year ended Dec. 31 the company reported net earnings, after taxes and charges of \$97,799, equal, after dividend requirements on the class A stock, to \$1.14 on the class B shares. This compares with net in the preceding year of \$76,707, or 50c. on the class B stock after class A requirements. Sales for the period were \$631,029, against \$657,462 in 1930. As of Dec. 31, current assets totaled \$211,863 and current liabilities, \$29,628.—V. 129, p. 984.

United Publishers Corp. (Del.), N. Y.—Div. Deferred.—

The directors have voted to defer the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% due March 31 on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100. The last quarterly distribution on this issue was made on Dec. 31 1931.—V. 127, p. 1821.

United States Cold Storage Co.—New Director.—

Harry N. Grut, President of the Mercantile Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, has been elected a director, succeeding George S. Bridge, resigned.—V. 132, p. 3169.

United States Envelope Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—			
	1931.	1930.	1929.
Net profits	\$615,138	\$907,146	\$1,570,082
Interest			19,792
Depreciation	407,407	395,664	369,602
Tax reserves		55,000	135,000
Net income	\$207,730	\$456,482	\$1,065,479
Prof. dividends (7%)	280,000	280,000	280,000
Com. dividends	(12%)315,000	(12)315,000	(12)245,000
Surplus	def\$87,270	def\$138,518	\$470,479
Profit & loss surplus	3,463,262	3,888,609	4,071,405
Com. shs. out. (par \$100.)	26,250	26,250	26,250
Earns. per sh. on com. stk.	Nil	\$6.72	\$29.92

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Plant investment	10,477,112	10,302,835	
Trade-marks, patents & good-will	124,265	145,169	
Stock in proc. &c.	2,005,920	2,468,726	
Accts. & bills rec.	1,019,383	1,212,789	
Cash	869,076	565,878	
Miscell. invest.	29,325	19,325	
Cts. of deposit	50,000	125,000	
Dep. with Old Colony Trust Co.	75	3,055	
Prepaid charges	88,474	84,738	
Deferred assets	102,431		
Total	14,766,062	14,927,515	14,766,062

—V. 134, p. 1392.

United States Freight Co.—Disposes of Newtex Corp.—

The company has notified the New York Stock Exchange that it has contracted for the sale of the Newtex Steamship Corp., a wholly owned subsidiary. The management and operation of the line will be taken over by J. H. Winchester & Co. The Newtex Line has operated in the Atlantic Seaboard and Gulf trade. It has five ships.

Among the new directors of the Newtex company are Fred L. Hewitt with B. J. Baker & Co., bankers; J. B. Small and Winchester Noyes of Winchester & Co., and Eugene L. Norton, President of the Freeport Texas Co. Captain D. A. Moloney is President and a director.—V. 134, p. 1782.

United States Playing Card Co.—New President, &c.—

Arthur R. Morgan, Vice-President and Secretary, was recently elected President to succeed the late Benjamin C. Hawkes. Clifford E. Albert, Vice-President and Treasurer, and William Ottmann, Vice-President, were elected to the executive committee.

John M. Hancock of Lehman Bros. was elected a director to succeed Mr. Hawkes.—V. 134, p. 1392.

United States Radiator Corp.—Earnings.—

Years End. Jan. 31—			
	1932.	1931.	1929.
Gross earnings	loss\$477,122	loss\$203,225	\$1,654,600
Interest charges	142,097	165,452	202,480
Deprec. & amortization	285,547	273,297	282,593
Year end inv. price adjus. and bad debt losses		384,714	
Reserve for Federal taxes and contingencies			132,000
Net income	loss\$1,289,482	loss\$641,973	\$1,037,528
Preferred dividends	75,668	294,672	294,672
Common dividends		317,508	423,344
Balance, deficit	\$1,363,150	\$1,254,153	sur\$319,511
Shs. com. outst. (no par)	211,672	211,672	211,672
Earns. per share on com.	Nil	Nil	\$3.50

Balance Sheet Jan. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.
Cash	\$1,106,853	\$987,181	
U. S. Govt. sec.	654,831	520,606	
Notes & acct. rec.	681,008	1,121,947	
Inventory	1,767,362	3,052,284	
Other assets	78,389	88,613	
Land, buildings, mach'y & equis.	x4,280,195	4,532,099	
Pat. rights & devel.	29,631	29,630	
Good-will		1	
Unamort. deb. disc.			
prepd. exps., &c.	133,773	158,624	
Total	\$8,752,043	\$10,490,986	\$8,752,043

x After depreciation of \$2,306,794. y Represented by 211,672 shares (no par).—V. 133, p. 140.

United States Steel Corp.—New President.—

William A. Irvin, a Vice-President of this corporation, will succeed to the Presidency upon the retirement of James A. Farrell on April 19. Previous to Mr. Irvin's appointment as Vice-President on Sept. 1 last, he had for many years been operating Vice-President of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Co., a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corp. Mr. Irvin, over a period of 35 years, has been an official in various capacities in the subsidiary companies of the United States Steel Corp.

Unfilled Orders.—

See under "Indications of Business Activity" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 1392.

United Verde Extension Mining Co.—Production.—

Copper Output (Lbs.)—			
	1932.	1931.	1929.
January	3,043,930	2,824,696	4,446,000
February	3,031,458	3,221,000	3,738,000

—V. 134, p. 523, 1782.

Van Raalte Co., Inc.—To Decrease Stock.—

The stockholders will vote March 24 on approving the proposed reduction in capital represented by common stock to \$2,144,951 from \$3,600,000 and the reduction of the authorized 1st pref. stock to 34,925 shares from 36,525 shares.—V. 134, p. 1782.

Viking Pump Co.—New Directors, &c.—

Paul Binzel, H. M. Henriksen and Andrew Knapp were recently elected directors, replacing V. W. Johnson, J. H. Bent and H. P. Hansen. Mr. Johnson was elected Secretary, succeeding P. C. Peterson.—V. 134, p. 1392.

Waldorf System Inc.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Total sales	\$15,546,963	\$15,958,394	\$16,362,410	\$14,621,170
Cost of sales	13,701,275	13,902,897	14,355,385	12,903,600
Income from operation	\$1,845,688	\$2,055,497	\$2,007,025	\$1,717,569
Income credits	60,727	58,718	107,866	86,690
Gross income	\$1,906,415	\$2,114,215	\$2,114,893	\$1,804,260
Depreciation, amortiz'n of leaseholds, Federal and State taxes, &c	825,563	898,648	909,347	822,313
Net income	\$1,080,852	\$1,215,567	\$1,205,546	\$981,946
Preferred dividends	12,948	38,318	49,454	56,504
Common dividends	662,725	688,544	692,234	669,915

Balance, surplus \$405,179 \$488,705 \$463,858 \$255,527
 Profit & loss surplus 3,542,180 3,082,654 2,598,272 2,158,506
 Com. shs. outst. (no par) 438,413 x461,610 461,610 461,610
 Earnings per sh. on com. \$2.46 \$2.55 \$2.50 \$2.00
 x Includes 14,867 shares purchased during 1930 and held in treasury.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1931.	1930.	Liabilities—	1931.	1930.
Land and buildings	2,954,563	2,863,406	Preferred stock	\$—	389,240
Equip. & furniture	6,356,452	6,766,441	Common stock	x3,108,300	3,108,300
Leaseholds	335,335	372,145	Accounts payable	385,871	389,749
Cash	477,335	845,357	Wages accr., exp. and taxes	168,184	180,720
Refund due on bldg. construction loan	—	50,000	Fed. & State taxes	204,672	221,178
Accts. & notes rec.	79,833	63,326	Construc. contracts	—	4,180
Inventories	636,041	582,534	Incompleted	—	44,100
Com. stock held	—	—	Mtge. notes payable	1,069,000	1,106,500
In treasury	504,001	322,405	Depos. on subleases	2,850	4,050
Pref. stock held in treasury	—	14,266	Res. for conting.	73,661	89,332
Miscell. assets	33,718	14,283	Res. for slnk. fund	—	120,804
Deposits to leasees	51,541	69,841	Res. for deprec'n	3,608,192	3,874,117
Deferred charges	155,673	121,319	Surplus	3,542,181	3,082,654
Good-will	540,532	525,532			
U. S. Govt. bonds	41,463	—			
Total	12,167,092	12,610,855	Total	12,167,092	12,610,855

x 461,610 shares of no par value.—V. 134, p. 1214.

(Hiram) Walker-Gooderham & Worts, Ltd.—Recapitalization Approved.

The shareholders on March 4 approved a plan for the rearrangement of the company's capital structure, by creating an issue of 660,000 shares of preferred stock carrying cumulative dividends at the rate of \$1 annually and 660,000 shares of no par value common stock. For each four shares of the current issue outstanding holders are to be given one share of the preferred and one share of common stock. The preferred shares are callable at \$20 per share, and the company reserves the right to purchase the preferred in the market for redemption at a price not exceeding \$20 per share.

The first dividend payment date will be June 15 1932. The dividend requirements for the preference shares will be \$660,000 per annum, equivalent to 25 cents per share per annum on the existing 2,640,000 shares outstanding.—V. 134, p. 1392.

Walworth Company (and Subs.)—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Gross profit on sales	\$1,591,813	\$4,673,013	\$7,460,588	\$5,274,940
Deprec. on plant & equip	350,281	444,835	533,587	521,748
Adm. & sell. exp. (net) & taxes (incl. Fed. tax)	2,672,938	3,409,571	4,228,139	3,637,765
Int. on bonds, notes & drafts	631,198	654,994	667,020	702,241
Net profit—def	\$2,062,555	\$163,613	\$2,031,840	\$413,185
Preferred dividends	14,897	75,400	80,696	86,005
Common dividends	81,965	657,123	431,360	360,000
Deficit	\$2,159,416	\$568,909	\$1,519,784	\$32,820
Shs. com. stk. outstand. (no par)	327,860	327,860	319,665	300,000
Earnings per share	Nil	\$0.27	\$6.10	\$1.09

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1931.	1930.	Liabilities—	1931.	1930.
Plant & equip.	x15,192,681	15,628,467	6% preferred stock	1,000,000	1,000,000
Cash	824,658	1,192,150	7% pt. stk. of subs.	225,000	225,000
Drafts, accts. and notes rec., &c	1,639,356	2,245,552	Common stock	y6,929,785	y6,929,785
Walworth Co. 6% bonds	136,345	—	Items	658,136	985,813
Inventories	4,573,752	7,692,678	Purchase obligation	136,345	—
Prep. ins., int. & taxes	122,205	156,390	Notes payable	955,000	579,000
Cash surr. val. life insurance	28,590	21,813	Bonds of Walworth Co.	9,055,500	9,343,000
Notes receiv. (not current)	59,661	93,436	Bonds of subs.	358,200	403,200
Invest. in rights, patt., contr., &c	—	397,118	Contingent res.	452,164	514,901
Miscellaneous secs.	95,099	232,408	Spec. res. for amort of plant & equip.	1,200,000	—
Leasehold of Walworth, Ltd.	70,383	71,373	Earned surplus—def	3,449,345	1,672,800
Lease purch. cont.	94,622	75,009	General surplus	5,329,546	6,838,853
Good-will	1	425,910			
Def. charges	12,978	257,055			
Total	22,850,333	28,492,360	Total	22,850,333	28,492,360

x After depreciation and amortization of \$10,713,890. y Represented by 327,860 no par shares.—V. 133, p. 3478.

Waukesha (Wis.) Motor Co.—Reduces Dividend.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable April 1 to holders of record March 15. This compares with quarterly distributions of 75 cents per share made on this issue from Jan. 1 1929 to and incl. Jan. 1 1932.

President H. L. Hornig says in substance: "The directors felt that in view of the general depression in business it was wise to continue a conservative policy in dividends. "The company has a large cash balance in the bank, and there are indications of a seasonal increase in business as spring approaches. "As soon as the upward tendency in business sets in it is the intention of directors to restore dividends to the \$3 annual basis."—V. 133, p. 2449

Western Auto Supply Co.—February Sales.—

Calendar Years—	1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.
Month of February	\$571,100	\$636,700	\$786,500	\$652,456
First two months	1,211,300	1,349,200	1,647,600	1,413,717

West Point (Ga.) Mfg. Co.—Dividend Omission.—

The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about April 1. The company, from July 1 1931 to and incl. Jan. 2 1931, made quarterly distributions of \$1 per share as against \$1.50 previously.—V. 133, p. 3981.

(H. F.) Wilcox Oil & Gas Co.—To Change Par.—

The New York Stock Exchange has received notice from the company of a proposed change in the common stock from 1,150,000 shares of no par value to 1,150,000 shares, par value \$5, each share to be exchanged for one new share.—V. 134, p. 1046.

Wisconsin Bankshares Corp.—Reduces Dividend.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 4 cents per share payable March 31 to holders of record March 22, placing the stock on a 16-cent annual basis, as against 20 cents previously.—V. 134, p. 1046.

(F. W.) Woolworth Co.—February Sales.—

Calendar Years—	1932.	1931.	1930.
Month of February	\$18,793,418	\$19,385,731	\$20,060,307
First two months	36,783,941	38,625,576	38,435,467

Articles to retail at 20 cents will be sold in stores of this company, marking a departure from the policy of handling only 5 and 10-cent lines, maintained for 50 years, it was announced on Feb. 19 by President H. T. Parson. Beginning March 1 new lines at the higher prices will be added in 100 stores of the 1,905 comprising the Woolworth chain throughout the country.

The new lines will be stocked principally in the Woolworth stores in the South and West, where there has been an insistent demand for them, it was said. Present plans do not call for the offering of the higher priced items in stores here, but this may be done later.

It was denied still higher priced lines might be added later. Distribution of the new lines was described as experimental, but if finally adopted the slogan of "nothing over 10 cents" would be abandoned entirely and the 20 cent items stocked by all of the Woolworth stores.

The new lines, it was explained, would be added to practically all departments usually maintained in a Woolworth store, but would be particularly evident in chinaware, glassware, hardware and accessories. The official announcement said: "We shall continue to feature standard quality merchandise at our present prices of 5c. and 10c. The establishment of the new 20c. price will not in any way result in any change in the price of the merchandise now offered at 5c. and 10c. "The new 20c. price enables us to offer on our counters a much wider line of quality merchandise and we hope that by heeding the wishes of our customers for its establishment we shall greatly increase sales."

Prices of complete items sold by the company have for some time exceeded 10c., as separate parts of the more elaborate objects have each been priced at that figure.—V. 134, p. 1046.

Worthington Pump & Machinery Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Earnings, Cal. Years—	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
xOperating profit	loss\$981,758	y\$1,930,178	\$2,142,416	\$656,623
Int. received &c., net	321,599	392,916	526,946	81,965
Int. & divs. from invest.	—	—	—	235,489
Gross income	loss\$660,158	\$2,323,093	\$2,669,356	\$974,076
Reserve for Federal taxes	—	267,000	140,000	—
Net income	loss\$660,158	\$2,056,093	\$2,529,356	\$974,076
Dividends on—				
Class A pref.—(8 3/4%)	489,372	(14)782,997	(14)782,997	—
Class B pref.—(7 1/2%)	774,125	(12)1238,601	(12)1238,601	—
Balance—def	\$1,923,655	\$34,495	\$507,759	\$974,076
Previous surplus	5,693,665	5,659,169	4,939,396	4,539,008
Fed. tax reserve of prior years not required	78,922	—	212,014	—
Total surplus	\$3,848,931	\$5,693,664	\$5,659,169	\$5,513,084
Plant adjustment	—	—	—	573,688
Profit & loss surplus	\$3,848,931	\$5,693,664	\$5,659,169	\$4,939,396
Shs. com. stk. outstand.	126,921	126,921	126,921	126,921
Earnings per share	Nil	\$8.23	\$11.96	Nil

x After deducting cost of sales including all operating and maintenance charges, deprec. of plants and equipment, selling, general and administrative expenses. y After deduction of \$611,758 for depreciation of \$171,929 for slow-moving and obsolete inventory.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1931.	1930.	Liabilities—	1931.	1930.
Property, plant & equipment	x8,990,936	9,102,719	Capital stock	y20,951,000	20,951,000
Foreign securities	2,803,586	2,803,586	Accounts payable	336,895	327,398
Cash	6,074,365	6,012,290	Accrued payrolls	39,731	51,427
Govt. securities	150,182	150,182	Pref. div. payable	252,700	505,389
Miscell. securities	427,676	473,232	Fed., &c., tax res.	24,610	276,975
Pref. stk. in treas'y	1,439,757	1,400,294	Miscell. curr. liab.	162,586	186,916
Accts. & notes rec.	2,150,354	3,525,651	General reserves	978,572	978,572
Inventories	4,286,775	5,354,751	Conting. reserve	122,729	122,729
Due by foreign affil. co's & agencies	415,100	471,302	Special reserve	311,147	448,565
Misc. curr. assets	105,114	141,576	Profit and loss surplus	3,848,931	5,693,665
Deferred charges	124,756	117,064			
Total	26,968,602	29,552,650	Total	26,968,602	29,552,650

x After depreciation of \$9,000,921. y Represented at \$5,592,833 class A 7% pref. stock, \$10,321,671 class B 6% pref. stock and \$12,992,149 common stock.—V. 134, p. 1601.

(Wm.) Wrigley Jr. Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Net profit from oper.	\$21,761,201	\$24,300,657	\$23,561,524	\$22,781,649
Sell., gen. & adm. exp.	9,531,522	9,686,613	9,564,285	9,368,160
Depreciation	704,844	747,116	869,789	879,840
Federal taxes	1,377,299	1,570,770	1,518,741	1,465,031
Net income	\$10,147,535	\$12,296,158	\$11,608,708	\$11,068,618
Com. dividends (cash)	7,888,430	7,901,413	6,164,971	6,741,645
Com. dividends (stock)	—	—	1,986,201	—
Surplus	\$2,259,105	\$4,394,745	\$3,457,537	\$4,326,972
Earned per share	\$5.07	\$6.14	\$5.80	\$6.15

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1931.	1930.	Liabilities—	1931.	1930.
Real estate, bldgs., mach. & equip.	x11,803,662	12,294,018	Common stock	y19,200,000	19,200,000
G'd-will, pats., &c.	6,067,035	6,050,528	Accounts payable	1,652,797	1,331,513
Cash	8,978,607	10,771,305	Notes payable	460,000	604,803
Accts. & notes rec.	2,807,407	3,445,095	Minority interest	1,248,176	1,273,970
Inventories	13,245,188	14,560,251	Res. for general & Federal taxes	1,892,852	2,376,473
Stocks and bonds	17,886,139	14,621,904	Other reserves	3,858,218	5,032,311
Other investments	2,147,344	1,185,847	Surplus	34,668,638	33,184,940
Deferred charges	44,798	44,183			
Total	62,980,182	63,003,130	Total	62,980,182	63,003,130

x After deducting \$7,091,659 reserve for depreciation. y 2,000,000 shares no par value.—V. 133, p. 2777.

Yellow Truck & Coach Mfg. Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 3 and 12 months ended Dec. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 2944.

Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Net sales	\$59,487,008	\$110,572,928	\$161,038,216	\$140,990,988
Cost of sales	57,177,939	94,753,117	130,235,553	118,457,527
Net profits	\$2,309,069	x\$16304,811	x\$30802,683	\$22,533,461
Other income	1,449,795	2,3		

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ATLAS UTILITIES CORPORATION

REPORT—FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1931

15 EXCHANGE PLACE
Jersey City, New Jersey

To the Stockholders of

ATLAS UTILITIES CORPORATION

During the year 1931 your Corporation continued its program of expansion through the acquisition of substantial interests in other corporations and organizations engaged in the securities investment business. Some of these corporations and organizations have been consolidated with your Corporation, while others are controlled through stock ownership. This program of expansion was not completed at the end of the year and consequently the consolidated Statement of Condition, which will be found below, should be taken more as an indication of the progress made during the year, and of the liquidity of the combined assets, than as a reflection of the ultimate financial structure.

During 1931 the consolidated net assets of your Corporation and its controlled corporations, eliminating all inter-corporate items, increased from approximately \$15,650,000 to approximately \$53,730,000. At the same time the liquidity of such assets was substantially increased; that is to say, the percentage of total assets represented by securities of uncertain value or slow marketability was reduced. Notwithstanding such fact and the further fact that the Common Stock of your Corporation is preceded by 156,000 shares of \$3 Preference Stock, Series A, with consequent so-called "leverage," the liquidating value of such Common Stock was fully maintained during the year. During this same period the market value of Common Stocks generally as measured by the Dow-Jones Averages for Industrial Stocks decreased by approximately 53%.

The total market value, on December 31, 1931, of all securities outstanding in the hands of the public of controlled corporations included in the consolidated Statement of Conditions was approximately \$22,350,000.

Such items as cost of organization, cost of financing, unamortized discounts and furniture and fixtures, have been entirely written off in the consolidated Statement of Condition. This is also true with respect to all expenses incurred in connection with the acquisition of interests in other corporations. All option warrants which your Corporation has acquired in controlled corporations (even those which have substantial value) have been eliminated as an inter-corporate holding. Market values of securities in the Corporation's portfolio, as set forth in this Report, have been used rather than costs in preparing the consolidated Statement of Condition. The items included in "Other Assets Not Readily Marketable" have been appraised by the Directors at \$1,841,989.81 total, which represents less than 3.5% of the total of all assets.

In addition to the corporations included in the consolidated Statement of Condition, there are other corporations engaged in the securities investment business in which your Corporation has a dominant interest, but which, in the opinion of your Directors, could not be properly classified on December 31, 1931, as controlled corporations for inclusion in a consolidated statement. Some of these and also other corporations will, it is expected, be added to the group as controlled corporations during the current year. By such additions the group assets should amount to a total in excess of \$100,000,000. A unit of such size should enable your Corporation to maintain a low ratio of overhead expense to capital assets while at the same time continuing to maintain a skilled and efficient personnel for the service of itself and supervised corporations.

There is set forth further below in this Report a list of the securities included in the portfolio. As to the securities of investment trust corporations so included, the names of the corporations have been listed and the aggregate market value of all such securities has been given. Some of these securities have been acquired with a view to obtaining control of the corporations while, in other cases, only the intrinsic merits of the securities as investments have been considered. The details of these holdings are not being made public in this Report because such disclosure at this time might, in the opinion of the Directors, interfere with the program on which the Management is working. The investment trust corporation Preferred and Common Stocks carried in the consolidated Statement of Condition at an aggregate market value of approximately \$9,950,000 had a liquidating value, as of December 31, 1931, of approximately \$12,260,000.

The combined portfolio, as of December 31, 1931, should not be taken as an indication of the opinion of the Management as to selective investments. Substantially all the securities, except those of investment trust corporations, were in the portfolios of the corporations at the time control of such corporations was acquired. The attention of the Management has been given to the liquidation of certain portfolio holdings at what were considered favorable moments in order to maintain a high degree of cash resources, and to the readjustment of remaining holdings so as to improve their worth and earning power. The process of readjusting the portfolios under prevailing market conditions without making undue sacrifices is naturally a slow one, but real progress is being made.

Although the name of your Corporation might so imply, your Corporation is not primarily interested in public utility securities, but, under its broad charter powers, is being operated as a securities investment company. Its capital investments are diversified without preconception in favor of any particular industry or form of security. Under such charter powers, the investment policy can be changed from time to time to meet changing conditions. During the past year, and at present, certain common stocks of investment trust corporations have presented and still present attractive investment possibilities and within limitations of adequate diversification in the total portfolio, your Management has taken and is continuing to take advantage of this opportunity. Reference is made particularly, in this connection, to the following: (1) investment trust corporations that have outstanding only one class of stock which is selling well below its liquidating value as represented by the market value of the marketable securities in the portfolio, the purchase of which stock is in effect equivalent to the purchase of general market securities below the market; (2) investment trust corporations that have outstanding senior securities and have common stocks selling at low prices. The senior securities of such corporations act as a "leverage" for the common stock, so that the increase of the asset value per share of the common stock is greater than the increase in the market value of the portfolio.

A substantial part of the accumulation of securities of investment trust corporations by your Corporation and controlled corporations must be considered as an intermediate step in a program. With respect to certain of these corporations within the course of a reasonable time the general market securities in the portfolios of such corporations, it is expected, will replace the outstanding stocks of such

corporations which are now owned as investments by your group. As already pointed out, the asset value of such stocks presently owned is substantially in excess of the figure at which they are carried in the accompanying consolidated Statement of Condition.

You were notified under date of August 3rd, 1931, that for a period of time the officers of your Corporation would give more attention to assets than to income and a full year's dividend was declared and set aside for payment on the outstanding \$3 Preference Stock, Series A. The portion of this dividend not yet payable is included in the reserve for dividends shown on the consolidated Statement of Condition. The strong cash position which your Corporation maintained during the year 1931 naturally kept the earned income at a lower figure than would otherwise have been possible.

Atlas Utilities Corporation is not affiliated with any bank, banking firm, brokerage or investment house. It is an outgrowth of a private enterprise started in 1923 by its present Management, with a capital of approximately \$40,000. In August, 1928, the assets of this enterprise, amounting to approximately \$1,000,000, were taken over by Atlas Utilities & Investors Company, Limited, which was organized under the same auspices. In September, 1929, all of the Common Stock of Atlas Utilities & Investors Company, Limited, which had assets of about \$6,000,000, was acquired by your Corporation by an exchange of its stock. At the same time about \$9,000,000 of additional capital was obtained by the private sale of units of securities of your Corporation, consisting of one share of \$3 Preference Stock, Series A, one share of Common Stock and an Option Warrant to purchase, without limit as to time, at \$25.00 per share, one share of Common Stock. The price paid for each unit was \$58.00.

The progress which your Corporation has been able to make since the time of its organization in 1929, during which period the market as measured by the Dow-Jones Averages for Industrial Stocks has decreased approximately 80%, causes your Directors to hope for continued progress in the future. The substantial buying power of your group, represented by cash and United States Government securities, is, in itself, an assets of real value under present conditions.

Respectfully submitted,

By Order of the Board.

FLOYD B. ODLUM,

President.

February 29th, 1932.

ATLAS UTILITIES CORPORATION

and the following controlled Companies

All America General Corporation	General Empire Corporation
Allied Atlas Corporation	National Securities Investment Co.
Atlas Utilities & Investors Co., Ltd.	Securities-Allied Corporation
Aviation Securities Corporation	Sterling Securities Corporation
Chain Store Stocks, Inc.	Ungerleider Financial Corporation

COMBINED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

as of December 31, 1931

ASSETS

Cash in banks	\$14,934,137.76
U. S. Government obligations, at market	4,978,468.75
Due from brokers and other current accounts receivable	1,198,201.77
Deferred payments due in 1932 for securities sold	336,800.00
Loans to affiliated companies	1,213,201.13
Special cash deposited in escrow for purchase of securities	712,500.00
Notes and loans receivable, \$3,257,980.19, less maximum loss estimated by management	2,955,000.00
Balance receivable on subscription to capital stock units*	1,235,000.00
Investments (at values based on market or bid prices):	
Bonds and notes	\$2,163,020.00
Preferred stocks	3,739,625.75
Common stocks	21,544,651.33
	27,447,297.08
Deferred charges	65,575.64
Other investments, not readily marketable, as valued by management	1,841,989.81
	\$56,918,171.94

LIABILITIES.

Due for securities purchased	\$2,085,997.92
Accounts payable	21,973.41
Dividends declared but not yet payable	469,510.60
Provision for Federal and State taxes and contingencies	610,151.77
	\$3,187,633.70

CAPITAL

Excess of assets over liabilities, viz., amount applicable to capital stocks (as annexed) of combined companies outstanding in hands of public	53,730,538.24
	\$56,918,171.94

*In the event of certain contingencies not in control of subscriber the subscription may be canceled as to unpaid balance.

We have examined the accounts of ATLAS UTILITIES CORPORATION and of the above-named companies controlled through ownership of majority of voting stock, or have received the certified statements of other public accountants, as at December 31, 1931. Upon the basis of the foregoing and of the asset valuations indicated therein, in our opinion, the above statement sets forth the combined financial condition of the said companies as at December 31, 1931.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY.

New York, February 29, 1932.

SCHEDULE OF SHARES IN HANDS OF PUBLIC (INTER-CORPORATE HOLDINGS ELIMINATED) AND REPRESENTED BY CAPITAL ACCOUNT OF 53,730,538.24.

	Number of Shares.
Atlas Utilities Corporation:	
\$3 Preference Stock, Series A, no par value entitled in liquidation to \$50 per share	156,000
Common Stock, no par value	2,202,687
Option warrants to purchase, at any time, 839,292 shares of Common Stock at \$25 per share	
All America General Corporation:	
Common Stock	52,293
Option warrants, expiring August 1, 1939, to purchase 12,786 shares of Common Stock at \$27.50 per share	
Allied Atlas Corporation:	
Common Stock, no par value	21,702 3/4
Atlas Utilities and Investors Company, Limited:	
6% Preferred Stock	1,910
Option warrants to purchase, at any time, 53,757 shares of Common Stock at \$25 per share	
Aviation Securities Corporation:	
Common Stock, no par value	66,429
Chain Store Stocks, Inc.:	
Common Stock, no par value	86,088 1/2
Option warrants, expiring January 1, 1934, to purchase 1,500 shares of Common Stock at \$37.50 per share	
General Empire Corporation:	
Common Stock, no par value	52,367 80416 / 100000
National Securities Investment Company:	
6% Cumulative Preferred Stock	102,012
Common Stock	316,105 1/2
Option warrants, expiring December 31, 1933, to purchase 89,080 1/2 shares of Common Stock at \$15 per share	
Securities-Allied Corporation:	
Common Stock (Non-Voting), no par value	932,034
Sterling Securities Corporation:	
Convertible First Preferred Stock (\$3)	235,435
Preference Stock, no par value	467,708
Class A Common Stock, no par value	516,906 1/2
Class B Common Stock, no par value	87,589
Ungerleider Financial Corporation:	
Common Stock, no par value	43,936

SECURITIES IN PORTFOLIO

at December 31, 1931

Bonds and Notes

Par Values	Description	Market Values
\$100M	American & Foreign Power Company, Inc., 5s 2030	\$41,000.00
50M	American Smelting & Refining Company 5's 1947	45,000.00
27M	Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. Co. 4's 1995	23,760.00
20M	Brooklyn Manhattan Transit Corp. "A" 6's 1968	16,400.00
33 1/2M	Central Mexico Light & Power Co. 6's 1940	15,075.00
42 1/2M	Chicago Railways Company 1st 5's 1927 C-D	21,250.00
50M	City of Detroit, Michigan, 4 1/2's 1959	39,500.00
100M	City of Detroit, Michigan, 4 1/2's 1960	79,000.00
50M	City of New York 3's 1935	45,250.00
75M	City of New York 4 1/2's 1981	61,500.00
50M	Consolidated Gas Company of New York 4 1/2's 1951	47,187.50
13M	Consumers Power Company 1st 4 1/2's 1958	12,090.00
20M	Detroit Edison Company 4 1/2's 1961	18,600.00
100M	Electric Power & Light Corporation 5's 2030	56,750.00
575M	Film Securities Corporation 6's 1933	515,000.00
43M	Hudson & Manhattan Railroad Co. 1st 5's 1957	35,690.00
14M	Illino's Steel Company 4 1/2's 1940	13,160.00
99M	Koppers Gas & Coke Company 5's 1947	65,340.00
53M	Laclede Gas Light Company 5 1/2's 1953	38,690.00
41M	Laclede Gas Light Company 5 1/2's 1960	26,650.00
94M	Lane Bryant, Inc., 6's 1940 w. w.	34,780.00
25M	Loew's Theatre & Realty Corporation 6's 1947	11,000.00
226M	McKesson & Robbins, Inc., 5 1/2's 1950	122,322.50
100M	Mississippi Power & Light Company 1st 5's 1957	68,750.00
126M	Missouri Pacific Railroad Co. 5 1/2's 1949	40,950.00
100M	Mobile & Ohio Railroad Co. 4 1/2's 1977	11,250.00
22M	Paramount Famous-Lasky Corporation 6's 1947	10,230.00
25M	Paramount Public Corporation 5 1/2's 1950	10,000.00
200M	Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co. 3 1/2's 1932	188,000.00
126M	Pickwick Terminal, Inc., 6's 1950-56	25,200.00
25M	Port of New York Authority 4 1/2's 1950	22,125.00
25M	Port of New York Authority 4 1/2's 1957	21,500.00
200M	Public Service Co. of Northern Illinois 4's 1932	182,000.00
60M	Remington Rand, Inc., 5 1/2's 1947	24,600.00
20M	Standard Oil Company of New York 4 1/2's 1951	17,800.00
42M	State of Louisiana, Highway 5's 1939	38,640.00
13M	Texas Electric Service Company 5's 1960	10,140.00
31M	Western Maryland Railway Co. 5 1/2's 1977	14,570.00
	Sundry Bonds and Notes (23 items averaging less than \$5,000 per lot)	92,270.00
	Total	\$2,163,020.00

SECURITIES IN PORTFOLIO

at December 31, 1931
Preferred Stocks

Number of Shares	Description	Market Values
3,400	American & Foreign Power Co., Inc., \$7 cum	\$102,000.00
8,750	American & Foreign Power Co., Inc., 2nd \$7 cum	105,000.00
800	American & Foreign Power Co., Inc., \$6 cum	20,000.00
1,800	Arkansas Power & Light Company \$6 cum	125,100.00
1,300	Associated Telephone Utilities Co. \$6 cum. prior	49,400.00
11,050	Blue Ridge Corporation 6% opt. conv. cum	203,043.75
5,000	Bucyrus-Erie Company conv.	30,625.00
3,600	Capital Administration Co., Ltd., 6% cum. "A"	72,000.00
28,650	Chicago Investors Corporation \$3 cum. conv.	573,000.00
4,400	Commercial Investment Trust Corp. 6% cum. opt. conv. series 1929	268,400.00
681	Continental Gas & Electric Corporation 7% cum.	37,455.00
1,500	Deere & Company 7% cum	19,500.00
500	Electric Bond & Share Company \$5 cum	21,500.00
500	Electric Power & Light Corp. 2nd \$7 cum. A	22,500.00
2,200	Electric Shareholdings Corp. 6% cum. conv. opt.	81,400.00
39,941	Federated Capital Corporation 6% cum	639,056.00
2,200	Gillette Safety Razor Co. \$5 cum. conv.	103,400.00
1,000	Gulf States Utilities Company \$6 cum	94,500.00
5,400	International Match Corp. cum. participating	91,800.00
500	Jersey Central Power & Light Co. 5½% cum	35,000.00
640	Lawbeck Corporation "A" 6% cum. w. w.	19,200.00
1,000	Mexican Light & Power Co., Ltd., 7% cum	29,000.00
780	New England Power Association 6% cum	39,780.00
1,500	Pittsburgh United Corp. 7% conv. cum	52,500.00
3,000	Radio Corporation of America \$5 cum. "B"	33,000.00
2,200	Second National Investors Corp. \$5 cum. conv.	62,700.00
2,000	Shenandoah Corporation 6% opt. cum. conv.	16,000.00
900	Solvay American Investment Corp. 5½% cum w. w.	36,900.00
1,300	Standard Gas & Electric Company \$6 cum	76,700.00
1,000	Standard Power & Light Corp. \$7 cum	61,000.00
3,217	Thompson's Spa, Inc., \$6 cum	96,510.00
3,300	Tri-Continental Corporation 6% cum	138,600.00
2,000	United Corporation \$3 cum	68,000.00
800	United Gas Corporation "A" \$7 cum	36,800.00
2,100	United Light & Power Co. \$6 cum. conv.	84,000.00
1,800	U. S. & International Securities Corp. \$5 cum. 1st w. w.	53,100.00
1,480	West Penn Electric Company 6% cum	81,400.00
	Sundry Preferred Stocks (13 items averaging less than \$5,000 per lot)	59,756.00
	Total	\$3,739,625.75

SECURITIES IN PORTFOLIO

at December 31, 1931
Common Stocks

Number of Shares	Description	Market Values
400	Allied Chemical & Dye Corporation	\$27,450.00
400	Aluminum Company of America	21,800.00
7,400	American Can Company	444,000.00
5,000	American & Foreign Power Company, Inc.	35,000.00
4,850	American & Foreign Power Co., Inc., warrants	16,975.00
7,312	American Gas & Electric Company	255,920.00
6,000	American Light & Traction Company	116,250.00
1,000	American Machine & Foundry Company	20,000.00
2,030	American Power & Light Company	26,390.00
7,000	American Smelting & Refining Company	130,375.00
800	American Sugar Refining Company	29,200.00
20,000	American Superpower Corporation	80,000.00
6,700	American Telephone & Telegraph Company	782,625.00
1,200	American Tobacco Company	82,800.00
1,600	American Tobacco Company B	111,850.00
5,355	Associated Telephone Utilities Company	66,937.50
1,500	Achison Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company	127,500.00
3,500	Baltimore & Ohio R.R. Company	53,375.00
3,100	Borden Company	117,800.00
3,350	Borg Warner Corporation	31,825.00
8,000	California Packing Corporation	66,000.00
6,000	Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp. VTC	108,000.00
5,500	Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. Company	154,687.50
5,000	Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Railway Company	45,000.00
50,235	Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Company	929,347.50
4,700	Chrysler Corporation	65,550.00
400	Coca Cola Company	42,800.00
3,400	Columbia Gas & Electric Corporation	44,200.00
24,000 ¹⁰⁰⁰	Commonwealth & South Corporation	85,750.00
59,017 ¹⁰⁰⁰	Commonwealth & Southern warrants	29,508.93
1,400	Compania Hispano-Americana de Electricidad, S. A. "Chade"	45,500.00
1,000	Compania Swift Internacional S. A. C.	21,500.00
10,700	Consolidated Cigar Company	288,900.00
3,300	Consolidated Gas Company of New York	198,287.50
40,000	Consolidated Lithographing Corporation	400,000.00
2,200	Continental Can Company, Inc.	75,900.00
300	Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Company	37,950.00
1,500	Corn Products Refining Company	62,250.00
1,000	Cream of Wheat Corporation	22,250.00
3,717	Deere & Company	36,240.75
1,300	Delaware & Hudson Company	91,650.00
2,000	Detroit Edison Company	224,500.00
1,800	Drug Incorporated	96,225.00
300	duPont (E. I.) de Nemours & Company	16,650.00
7,000	Eastern States Power Corporation B	21,000.00
3,400	Electric Auto-Lite Company	103,700.00
6,100 ¹⁰⁰	Electric Bond & Share Company	67,100.00
432	Electric Company of Rosario	10,860.48
10,600	Electric Power & Light Corporation	112,050.00
22,455	European Electric Corporation, Ltd., A	112,275.00
10,100	Federal Screw Works	15,150.00
2,400	Florsheim Shoe Company A	19,200.00
1,000	General American Tank Car Corporation	31,000.00
4,500	General Baking Company	60,750.00
11,600	General Electric Company	290,000.00
2,000	General Foods Corporation	68,000.00
4,000	General Mills, Inc.	128,000.00
17,000	General Motors Corporation	384,625.00

Common Stocks—Concluded

Number of Shares	Description	Market Values
8,100	General Railway Signal Company	186,300.00
12,525 ^{1/2}	General Water Treatment Corporation	37,576.80
6,000	W. T. Grant Company	167,250.00
450	Hibernia Bank & Trust Co., New Orleans	15,750.00
630	Industrial Rayon Company	14,805.00
4,000	International Cement Company	65,000.00
15,900	International Nickel Company of Canada, Ltd.	123,225.00
1,616	International Telephone & Telegraph Corp.	13,736.00
4,950	Italo-Argentina Electric Company	138,600.00
6,000	Johns-Manville Corporation	105,750.00
1,000	Kroger Grocery & Baking Company	13,875.00
2,600	Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company B	124,800.00
7,600	Loew's Incorporated	205,200.00
2,000	McCroxy Stores Corporation	30,000.00
1,700	Marshall Field & Company	17,850.00
17,100	Mathieson Alkali Works, Inc.	252,225.00
200	Mechanics Trust Company of Bayonne, N. J.	12,000.00
1,500	Montgomery Ward & Company, Inc.	11,437.50
2,400	National Biscuit Company	96,062.50
5,000	National Cash Register Company "A"	40,625.00
3,466	National Dairy Products Corporation	79,630.50
16,700	National Power & Light Company	232,050.00
49,533 ^{1/2}	Niagara Hudson Power Corporation A warrants	24,766.67
500	New York Central RR. Company	14,500.00
2,500	Pacific Gas & Electric Company	85,000.00
2,500	Penick & Ford, Ltd., Inc.	66,250.00
5,000	Pennsylvania Railroad Company	90,625.00
1,400	People's Drug Stores, Inc.	22,400.00
8,400	Public Service Corporation of New Jersey	456,675.00
1,000	Royal Dutch Company (American Shares)	14,000.00
5,000	Safeway Stores, Inc.	216,875.00
5,582	Sears, Roebuck & Company	184,206.00
8,500	Shattuck (Frank G.) Company	82,875.00
5,000	Shawinigan Water & Power Company	165,000.00
10,000	Socony Vacuum Corporation	90,000.00
352	Societe Financiere de Transports et d'Entreprises Industrielles (Sofina)	104,139.20
1,800	Southern Railway Company	13,500.00
1,000	Standard Brands, Inc.	13,375.00
2,600	Standard Gas & Electric Company	72,150.00
7,000	Standard Oil Company (New Jersey)	195,125.00
5,000	Texas Gulf Sulphur Company	113,750.00
7,000	Timken Roller Bearing Company	127,750.00
1,600	Transports Electricite et Gaz	23,328.00
5,000	Underwood Elliott Fisher Company	80,000.00
11,500	Union Carbide & Carbon Company	356,500.00
2,300	Union Pacific Railroad Company	164,450.00
8,000	United Aircraft & Transport Corporation	90,000.00
8,500	United Biscuit Company of America	193,375.00
41,200	United Corporation	351,450.00
12,300	United Fruit Company	295,200.00
3,020	United Gas Improvement Company	55,870.00
3,800	United Light & Power Company A	25,900.00
3,700	United States Steel Corporation	142,912.50
5,000	Walgreen Company	56,250.00
1,200	F. W. Woolworth Company	48,000.00
500	Wm. Wrigley, Jr. Company	25,750.00
8,000	Zonite Products Corporation	56,000.00
	Syndicate participations	61,440.00
	Sundry Common Stocks (23 items averaging less than \$5,000 per lot)	93,542.75
	Sub-total	\$13,447,108.58

Investment Trust Stocks

American Capital Corporation B	
American Cities Power & Light Corporation B	
American European Securities Company	
American International Corporation	
American Investors, Inc.	
American Investors, Inc., warrants	
Aviation Corporation	
Blue Ridge Corporation	
Capital Administration Company, Ltd., A	
Chicago Investors' Corporation	
Continental Chicago Corporation	
Continental Shares, Inc.	
Electric Power Associates, Inc., A	
Electric Power Associates, Inc.	
Federated Capital Corporation	
Fourth National Investors Corporation w. w.	
General American Investors Company, Inc.	
General Capital Corporation	
Goldman Sachs Trading Corporation	
International Carriers, Ltd.	
International Mining Corporation w. w.	
International Superpower Corporation	
International Utilities Corporation B	
Investors Equity Company, Inc.	
Lehman Corporation	
National Investors Corporation	
National Investors Corporation, warrants	
Prudential Investors, Inc.	
Reliance Management Corporation	
Securities Corporation General	
Shenandoah Corporation	
Third National Investors Corporation	
Tri-Continental Corporation	
Total Investment Trust Stocks	8,097,542.75
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS	\$21,544,651.33

THE NORTH AMERICAN COMPANY.

FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE YEAR 1931.

*New York, N. Y., March 12, 1932.**To the Stockholders of The North American Company:*

The forty-second annual report of your Company, for the year 1931, covers a period in which operations of subsidiaries were somewhat curtailed and revenues consequently diminished, these effects of the general depression having been experienced by practically all business. In submitting our report we feel that it is permissible to express satisfaction with the results achieved under the extremely difficult circumstances and we reaffirm our confidence in the opportunities for progress in the future. Accordingly, it is appropriate to call attention to the sound financial position of the Company and its subsidiaries and to the excellent physical condition of their properties.

The review of the year's business, in the accompanying report of the Vice-President & General Manager, begins on Page 7 [pamphlet report] and the financial statements for the year are given on Pages 18 to 21, inclusive [pamphlet report]. The names of the more important public utility subsidiaries, with description and statistics of their principal operations and maps of their electric systems, are shown on Pages 22 and 23 [pamphlet report]. Similar information and maps of other large public utility companies in which The North American Company has substantial investments (The Detroit Edison Company, North American Light & Power Company and Pacific Gas and Electric Company) are given on Page 24 [pamphlet report].

In accordance with its established practice, The North American Company classes as subsidiaries only companies in which it or its subsidiaries own voting control and at least 75% of the Common Stock, and does not include in consolidated income the undistributed earnings applicable to its investments in non-subsidiary companies.

We have continued the policy, followed for many years, of keeping stockholders and the public informed at quarterly intervals through financial statements and reports of the major activities of the Company and its subsidiaries. The annual report, therefore, supplements by a review in more comprehensive form the President's Quarterly Letters to Stockholders, and is accompanied by the annual Consolidated Income Statement and Consolidated Balance Sheet. In previous annual reports and in advertisements in the press we have stated that our mailing list for the President's Quarterly Letters, financial statements and other communications sent to stockholders is also open to owners of North American stock whose holdings stand in names of brokers or other nominees and to the public generally.

The constant increase, year after year, in our list of stockholders is gratifying and is, we believe, in a measure due to the growing acquaintance of the public with the Company, its position and activities, as the result of our making information regularly and easily available. It has also been our practice, of some years' standing, to request those whose names disappear from our stockholders' list to give such information as they wish regarding their reasons for selling their holdings. Their willing cooperation has been expressed in a consistently high percentage of responses to these requests and the information they give and the correspondence

which sometimes results have been the means of promoting a better understanding of the Company's policies and more cordial relations.

Under the Company's policy of paying dividends on its Common Stock in Common Stock at the quarterly rate of 2½% (1-40th of a share) our earnings have been conserved and, together with the liberal provision for reserves, have provided a substantial part of the funds necessary for development of plant facilities of subsidiaries. The first dividend in Common Stock was paid on April 1, 1923 and from that date to December 31, 1931 total outstanding Common Stock, including that issued for cash and for properties as well as for dividends, increased 202.59% and consolidated net earnings for Common Stock Dividends and Surplus increased 232.28%. As of December 31, 1931, the sum of \$12,000,000 was transferred from Undivided Profits to Reserve for Contingencies for the reasons hereafter stated. After deducting the amount so transferred, Capital and Surplus (book value) applicable to the Common Stock as at present constituted (formerly of \$10 par value) increased from \$16.14 to \$31.29 per share of Common Stock outstanding, including that issued in payment of the January 2, 1932 dividend. In addition Depreciation and other reserves were equivalent to \$16.79 per share.

Growth and development of the plant facilities of the Company's subsidiaries are discussed at some length in the accompanying report. The following re-statement of our construction policy was made in the President's Quarterly Letter of February 19, 1932 with the announcement that budgets for 1932 would be considerably less than for each of the two preceding years:

"While we have greater generating and distribution capacity than required under present depressed conditions, continuance of the growing demands for residential service and resumption of industrial activity will necessitate increases in these facilities. We are therefore following our long established policy of anticipating the public demand for services deriving at the same time the benefits of lower material prices, greater and more efficient labor supply and avoidance of overtime and other excess cost, usually attendant upon having to complete an extensive construction program in a brief time."

Public hearings of the Federal Trade Commission on the Company and its subsidiaries were held in Washington, May 13 to June 4, 1931, in connection with the public utility inquiry conducted under resolution adopted by the United States Senate February 15, 1928. The news of the proceedings was summarized for the information of stockholders in the President's Quarterly Letter of August 25, 1931, the first issue subsequent to the close of the hearings, as follows:

"Commission accountants and engineers, who had been examining the books and records of The North American Company and subsidiaries during the last three years, introduced their reports and exhibits regarding the corporate and financial history of the companies, the growth of the properties, and the policies and practices in the parent company's relations with its subsidiaries and the operating companies' relations with the public. The Commission's examination of The North American Company extended back to its incorporation in 1890 and dealt also with the assets and capitalization of its predecessor, Oregon & Transcontinental Company, organized in 1880. These reports and exhibits, supplemented by testimony of the various examiners, practically complete the Commission's record of financial and other data on The North American Company and all subsidiaries, except for engineering data on the Wisconsin-Michigan group, and financial and engineering data on the District of Columbia group, the latter not having been included as North American subsidiaries when the inquiry was begun. These additional reports will probably be introduced when the Commission reconvenes this fall. (These additional reports have not so far been introduced, although on January 12, 1932 the engineering report on the former California subsidiaries was placed in the record.) Edwin Gruhl, Vice-President and General Manager of The North American Company, was called upon to testify as to Company policies. In response to an expression by Mr. Gruhl, at the conclusion of the hearings, of the Company's appreciation of the courteous treatment accorded by the Commission and its representatives, Commissioner Edgar S. McCulloch and Judge Robert S. Healy, Chief Counsel, stated that the Commission was appreciative of the

complete measure of cooperation given by The North American Company and its subsidiaries throughout the inquiry."

This information is repeated here for the benefit of new stockholders and to complete the record for the year as a report to all stockholders. As has been stated in our previous annual reports, the Company's policy since the beginning of the inquiry has been to cooperate with the Federal Trade Commission in every respect. We feel that we may with propriety quote the opinion expressed in our 1927 annual report, issued shortly after the announcement of the inquiry, that it would "serve a good purpose in further directing public attention to the soundness of the position of the Company and its subsidiaries."

By order of the Board of Directors.

F. L. DAME, *President.*

REPORT OF VICE-PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER.

New York, N. Y., March 12, 1932.

There is presented below a review of the business of The North American Company and subsidiaries during the year 1931 and comment on their position, facilities and capacities with respect to future business. Appended are the consolidated financial statements and the certificate of the auditors, Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Co.

The business of the North American subsidiaries in 1931 was influenced to a greater extent than in 1930 by lessened activities of large industrial and commercial power users. Although we were able to say a year ago that business in 1930 had been relatively good and that our operations had not been affected so severely as in other years of major depression, circumstances during 1931 somewhat altered the situation.

Each class, taken as a whole, of service operations of the subsidiaries showed declines in both volume and revenue. Certain types of electric service, however, showed increases, as will be noted later. Since electric business is the principal operation, contributing 86% of net operating revenues, it reflects in corresponding degree the activities of the subsidiaries as well as the condition of general business in their territories. The output of present subsidiaries of The North American Company for 1931 was 4,829,446,204 kilowatt hours, compared with 5,056,690,421 kilowatt hours for 1930, a decrease of 4.49%. For purpose of true comparison there is not included in these figures output for any part of 1930 of the former California subsidiaries which were sold on June 12 of that year to Pacific Gas and Electric Company. Customers receiving electric service from present subsidiaries at the end of 1931 numbered 1,074,448, an increase of .67% over the number at the end of 1930.

A year ago we reported that our output for 1930 made a more favorable showing than the average for the country as a whole. The past year's depression, however, has borne heavily upon large industrial regions with the result that, in spite of bright spots in certain territories and during certain periods, the curve of total output for the properties comprising the North American system conformed more to the national trend.

Owing to conditions common to the entire country, there were declines in the use of electricity by industrial and commercial customers of North American subsidiaries in 1931 of 10.67% and 3.51%, respectively, compared with 1930. These declines were offset in some degree by greater use by residential customers. The steadily increasing applica-

tion of electricity for household purposes, in which electric refrigeration has in the last few years been a factor of growing importance, is reflected in the continued decreases in cost to the residential customers. In 1931, our residential customers used 7.55% more electricity than in 1930 while the total amount they paid was only 3.42% greater than in the preceding year, and their average cost per kilowatt hour decreased from 4.72 cents to 4.54 cents. The average use per residential customer of North American subsidiaries was 665 kilowatt hours in 1931 compared with 624 kilowatt hours in 1930, while for the country as a whole such average use was 578 kilowatt hours in 1931 and 548 kilowatt hours in 1930.

In 1931 the amount of electricity furnished by our companies for household purposes was less than one-sixth of their total sales and under normal conditions would represent even a smaller proportion. Therefore, the increase in the relatively small volume of residential business fell short, by a large margin, of offsetting the adverse effect of the lessened requirements for industrial and commercial purposes. Conversely, the upturn in manufacturing and commercial activities which will mark the return of normal conditions will be reflected in a corresponding degree in operating revenues.

There is excellent promise, in this respect, in the preparations made by industries in our territories for greater employment of electricity when business conditions justify increased manufacturing activity. The subsidiaries have been aggressively active in promoting new and economical applications of electric service and in cooperating with manufacturers who are taking advantage of the period of slackness to revamp their factories for the greater use of electricity or the substitution of central station power supply for that of their own plants. These sales efforts have had two results: first, to retard the decline of industrial use of electricity, and second, to open up possibilities of substantial new business in the future.

Contracts obtained by the present subsidiaries for additional connected load, in units of 25 kilowatts or more (excluding new residential load and commercial and industrial load which cannot be readily earmarked), totalled 149,188 kilowatts during 1931, compared with 214,292 kilowatts in 1930. The aggregate of the maximum demands of the subsidiaries in 1931 was 1,049,202 kilowatts, compared with 1,093,025 kilowatts in 1930. Owing to the static condition of industry, only a part of the new business added to the lines in 1930 was reflected in revenues for 1931, the remainder, together with the new business contracted for in 1931, represents an important backlog. Net additions to capacity of present subsidiaries, after the retirement of generating units rendered obsolete by new plant installations completed during the last two years, amounted to 77,000 kilowatts in 1931 and 197,247 kilowatts in 1930.

Total plant capacity at the end of 1931, exclusive of 25,600 kilowatts of purchased power, was 1,848,944 kilowatts, and the aggregate of maximum demands for 1931 of 1,049,202 kilowatts, referred to above, represented a ratio of 56.75%. This ratio was less than for a number of years and the unused capacity was greater than required as a margin of safety to insure reliability and continuity of service. The total capacity of 1,848,944 kilowatts, includes 280,085 kilowatts of hydro-electric power, of which more than 150,000 kilowatts capacity is subject to low water conditions from time to time and requires steam reserve capacity of substantially that amount. Comparison of the capacity available and that utilized, as shown by the maximum demand, indicates

that a substantial part of the capacity of our subsidiaries was unsold, with consequent effect upon revenues. It does not, however, indicate that we have overbuilt, taking into account the steadily increasing demands upon our subsidiaries prior to the existing severe recession of industrial activity, the large potential demand represented by the 601,757 kilowatts of new load for industrial uses alone connected during the last three years and not at present reflected in increased output and the required margin of spare capacity. Resumption of industrial activity and employment of most of the now unused part of the connected industrial load including that added to our lines during the period of depression would make necessary the present available capacity.

Operations of subsidiaries other than their electric business were also influenced by general business conditions as well as by the unseasonably warm weather which prevailed at times during the year. The 1931 statistics of these activities, and comparison with results for 1930 of present subsidiaries, are as follows: Steam sales, auxiliary to electric service, amounted to 4,686,586,600 pounds, a decrease of 5.93% from 1930 sales, and customers numbered 2,124 at the end of the year, a decrease of 1.44%. Gas output was 4,378,953,200 cubic feet, a decrease of 3.00% from 1930 output, and the number of customers receiving gas service at the end of the year was 104,744, an increase of 1.39% over the number at the end of 1930. Revenue passengers carried on electric railway and motor bus systems numbered 221,860,038, a decrease of 10.54% from the 1930 total. The production of coal decreased 23.10% compared with 1930.

The results of operations are shown in the appended Consolidated Income Statement and are unchanged from those reported in the preliminary statement sent to stockholders on February 19 and then subject to auditors' verification. Gross Earnings of \$117,921,860 for the year 1931 do not include earnings for any part of that year of the former California subsidiaries which were sold on June 12, 1930 to Pacific Gas and Electric Company. It is, therefore, not comparable with the amount of \$133,751,381 shown in the Consolidated Income Statement for 1930 as the latter included Gross Earnings of the former California subsidiaries for the period January 1 to June 12, 1930, approximating \$9,958,000. Thus, the decrease of Gross Earnings of present subsidiaries was 4.74%.

Operating Expenses, Maintenance and Taxes amounted to \$62,792,738, or 53.25% of Gross Earnings. This operating ratio for 1931 was the same as that of the same subsidiaries in 1930, after eliminating for all of the year 1930 the California properties whose operating ratio was somewhat lower because of their greater use of hydro-electric plants.

The percentage of Gross Earnings represented by Appropriations for Depreciation Reserves increased from 10.67% in 1930 to 11.45% in 1931. The 1931 appropriations were equivalent to \$2.05 per share on the average number of shares of North American Common Stock outstanding during that year. The item of Operating Expenses, Maintenance and Taxes includes \$8,342,710 expended for maintenance of properties, which with the addition of the amount appropriated for Depreciation Reserves shows a total provided out of current earnings for repairs, renewals and replacements of property of \$21,848,890 or 18.53% of Gross Earnings.

Taxes again increased, amounting to \$14,143,770, and required 11.99 cents out of every dollar of Gross Earnings for 1931 compared with 10.86 cents in 1930. Taxes were a relatively greater burden during a year of reduced revenue because these charges continued to mount while other expenses of operation were responsive to efficient and economical management.

The details of Other Net Income, which amounted to \$8,077,480 for the year 1931 as compared with \$7,461,528 in 1930, are set forth in the income statement. Dividends on investments in common stocks of non-subsidiary companies constituted the major item, the increase in which

results partly from the inclusion for the entire year 1931, but for only about 6½ months of 1930, of dividends on the Common Stock of Pacific Gas and Electric Company received for the California properties and partly from income on investments made during 1931 in that and other non-subsidiary companies.

A net decrease of \$1,564,002 in Interest Charges was due to the fact that the excess of interest charges of the former California subsidiaries excluded for the full year 1931, over the amount eliminated for part of the year 1930 was greater than the net addition to interest charges arising from changes during the year in outstanding funded debt.

Balance for Common Stock, after all charges including Preferred Dividends, amounted to \$22,452,917 for 1931. These earnings represented a decrease of 16.85% compared with \$27,003,086 for 1930, and were equal to \$3.41 per share on the average number of shares of North American Common Stock outstanding during 1931, compared with \$4.53 per share for 1930. Under the Company's policy of paying dividends on its Common Stock in Common Stock, the entire balance of \$22,452,917 became available for investment in the business.

The sale of the former California subsidiaries having occurred prior to the close of the year 1930, all items in the Consolidated Balance Sheet as of December 31, 1931 are comparable with those in the parallel column as of December 31, 1930.

Construction of new facilities during 1931 required the expenditure of \$42,060,196, more than 80% of which consisted of facilities for electric service. After deducting property retired during the year the net increase in Property and Plant was \$28,636,808. This compares with gross expenditures of \$68,607,664 and net additions aggregating \$61,315,766 in 1930 and with contemplated gross expenditures of approximately \$19,000,000 in 1932. The figures for 1931 include expenditures on large projects on which major expenditures were also made during 1930, advantages being derived from favorable construction conditions in both of these years.

The principal addition to electric generating capacity resulted from the completion by Union Electric Light and Power Company of Bagnell Dam and Osage hydro-electric station located on the Osage River at Bagnell, Missouri, and the installation of the first generating units aggregating 129,000 kilowatts. These units were placed in service in October, 1931 and have operated regularly since then at their normal full load, at times carrying a load 30% in excess of their rated capacity. In June the installation of a new generating unit of 30,000 kilowatts in the Benning plant of Potomac Electric Power Company at Washington, D. C. was completed. The year's total additions also included the third unit of 50,000 kilowatts which was placed in operation in January, 1931 in the new Ashtabula plant of The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, the first two units, each of similar capacity, having been placed in operation before the end of 1930.

Property retired from service during 1931 comprised generating units having capacity of 108,000 kilowatts from Lake Shore plant of The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company and of 11,000 kilowatts comprising a small plant acquired by that Company in Ashtabula, Ohio, prior to the building of the large new plant; of 12,250 kilowatts comprising three small plants of The Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light Company; and of 750 kilowatts from a small plant of Union Electric Light and Power Company.

Work progressed through preliminary stages on The Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light Company's new steam electric generating plant at Port Washington, Wisconsin; the first unit of 80,000 kilowatts capacity is now tentatively expected to be in operation sometime in 1933, the flexibility of plans for the project having permitted adjustment of the major construction scheduled to conform to the prospects of need for the additional capacity.

Additions to electric transmission and distribution lines and to substation facilities were made in the various territories, the principal ones being in Missouri for the purpose of tying in the new Osage station with the Union Electric System.

The only major addition to gas facilities was the installation of additional equipment in the Shrewsbury plant of The St. Louis County Gas Company, increasing its daily capacity to 16,000,000 cubic feet.

The principal expenditures in connection with the transportation utilities included the relocation on private right-of-way of six miles of track of The Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light Company's rapid transit line between Racine and Kenosha and enlargement of passenger and freight terminal facilities in Milwaukee, Racine and Sheboygan.

Investments are carried on the Consolidated Balance Sheet at a value of \$140,044,484. Because of the low level of the security markets on December 31, 1931, the market value on that date of investments, including United States Government securities, was less than book value. Accordingly, by resolution of the Board of Directors, there was appropriated from Undivided Profits and credited to Reserve for Contingencies the sum of \$12,000,000, to provide for the difference between book value and market value of listed securities (over 93% of total investments), and of United States Government securities included in current and working assets, and for contingent losses on investments not dealt in on security markets. During the year the Company received and exercised rights to buy additional shares of Common Stock of Pacific Gas and Electric Company and received as dividends and bought additional shares of Common Stock of North American Light & Power Company. On December 31, 1931 the principal investments in public utilities other than subsidiaries consisted of 240,163 shares of the Capital Stock of The Detroit Edison Company; 706,011 shares of the Common Stock of North American Light & Power Company; and 2,075,455 shares of the Common Stock of Pacific Gas and Electric Company. There are also included in Investments 21,713 shares of Common Stock of The North American Company (represented in part by shares of the January 2, 1932 dividend stock) acquired on balance by a subsidiary which purchases and sells dividend stock and scrip for stockholders.

The net increase in Common Stock of The North American Company during the year amounted to 640,033 shares, represented by 640,099 shares issued in payment of dividends on the Common Stock and 75 shares issued in exchange for common stock of a subsidiary company, offset to the extent of 141 shares by scrip cancelled upon expiration at various dates during the year.

In our annual report for 1930, issued last March, reference was made to the upturn in the bond market which permitted the sale in January, 1931 by The North American Company of \$25,000,000 5% Debentures due 1961. Part of the proceeds of this issue was applied to the payment of all loans then outstanding and the remainder provided part of the capital requirements which in 1931 were in excess of the amount retained for investment in the business under the Company's Common Stock dividend policy.

The principal transactions of subsidiary companies during the year, involving financing and retirement of securities, were as follows:

North American Edison Company: Conversion of \$1,131,000 5% Convertible Debentures, Series A due 1957, into 11,310 shares of that company's \$6 Preferred Stock.

Union Electric Light and Power Company (Missouri): Payment at maturity on May 1 and November 1 of Serial Real Estate Mortgage Notes aggregating \$64,147.

Union Electric Light and Power Company of Illinois: Payment at maturity on March 1 and September 1 of Junior Mortgage Serial Notes aggregating \$250,000, and redemption on September 1 of the balance of \$3,125,000 of such notes then outstanding.

The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company: Redemption on August 1 of \$5,000,000 7% Sinking Fund Debentures.

The Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light Company: Sale of \$15,000,000 5% First Mortgage Bonds due 1971 and \$2,482,000 additional par value of \$6% Preferred Stock. Payment at maturity on January 1 of \$6,728,000 4½% Refunding and Extension Mortgage Bonds and \$100,000 6% Gold Notes and on April 1 of \$1,737,000 Milwaukee Northern Railway

Company First Mortgage 5% Bonds; and redemption on May 11 of \$1,000,000 6½% Gold Notes and on June 1 of \$2,711,800 par value 7% Preferred Stock.

Wisconsin Electric Power Company: Sale of \$630,300 additional par value 6% Preferred Stock.

Wisconsin Gas & Electric Company: Sale of \$4,499,900 additional par value 6% Preferred Stock. Redemption on August 31 of \$3,000,000 par value 7% Preferred Stock and \$1,500,000 par value 6½% Preferred Stock.

Wisconsin Michigan Power Company: Sale of \$5,000,000 4½% First Mortgage Bonds due 1961 and \$921,500 additional par value 6% Preferred Stock. Payment at maturity on June 1 of \$50,000 8% Serial Notes and on July 1 of \$3,000,000 Wisconsin Traction, Light, Heat & Power Company 5% and 7½% First Mortgage Bonds.

Bonds of subsidiaries retired through sinking and purchase funds aggregating \$954,100.

Reserves on December 31, 1931 were \$117,482,915, an increase of \$13,812,846. Credits aggregating \$13,506,180, from earnings during the year 1931, to Reserves for Depreciation, have been in large measure offset by charges arising from the retirement from service of several large obsolete generating units, to which attention has already been called, and other property and plant retired in normal course.

Charges against Undivided Profits on account of Common Stock issued during 1931 in payment of dividends amounted to \$8,133,290, being, with respect to the quarterly dividends paid April 1 and July 1, 1931 (aggregating 319,962 shares) at the rate of \$10 per share stated value transferred to Capital Account, and with respect to the quarterly dividends paid October 1, 1931 and January 2, 1932 (aggregating 335,974 shares) at the rate of \$14.68 per share, consisting of \$10 per share stated value transferred to Capital Account and \$4.68 per share transferred to Capital Surplus. These transfers to Capital Surplus are in compliance with current requirements of the New York Stock Exchange. The net addition to Undivided Profits from earnings for the year 1931, in excess of the amount of all dividends, was \$14,319,627. Undivided Profits on December 31, 1931 amounted to \$118,524,195, an increase of \$977,081, after appropriating the sum of \$12,000,000 credited to Reserve for Contingencies as stated above, and after other charges aggregating \$1,342,545, consisting principally of sinking fund appropriations, unamortized discount and premium on bonds redeemed, and expenses in connection with issue and redemption of preferred stocks of subsidiaries. Credits to Capital Surplus aggregated \$1,578,796, of which \$1,573,921 was transferred from Undivided Profits on account of Common Stock issued as dividends and \$4,875 arose from the issue of Common Stock in exchange for common stock of a subsidiary company. Charges to Capital Surplus amounted to \$55,652, appropriated to provide for the difference between net proceeds and liquidation value of Preferred Stock of North American Edison Company. On December 31, 1931 Capital Surplus amounted to \$30,392,600 and Total Surplus amounted to \$148,916,796.

The cordial relations of The North American Company and its subsidiaries with the public continue. Good service and low rates are due in large part not only to efficient and economical operation of facilities that are kept modern, but also to the important human element of loyal cooperation by employes. Wage standards were maintained and the number of employes remained approximately unchanged, except for some reductions in the number of employes, or in hours of employment, on construction work.

Public confidence is evident from the wide distribution among their customers of securities of our subsidiaries, and among investors generally of securities of The North American Company, the stock list of which includes residents of every state in the Union and approximately 1,800 residents of foreign countries. At the end of 1931 there were 9,503 holders of the Preferred Stock of The North American Company and 53,854 holders of its Common Stock. The holders of Common Stock, the number of which increased 21.37% during 1931, had at the end of February, 1932 further increased to 55,799, of whom more than 87% are the holders of less than 100 shares each.

EDWIN GRUHL,

Vice-President and General Manager.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT.

	Year 1931 (See Note)	Year 1930 (See Note)
Gross Earnings	\$117,921,860.35	\$133,751,380.67
Operating Expenses, Maintenance and Taxes	62,792,738.21	69,838,439.45
Net Income from Operation	\$55,129,122.14	\$63,912,941.22
Other Net Income:		
Dividends		
Interest	*7,615,950.08	*5,766,528.86
Profits realized on Investments	377,526.70	686,988.38
Less—Expenses of holding company, etc., after deduction of Miscellaneous Credits	471,431.65	1,586,784.90
	387,428.81	577,773.47
Total	\$8,077,479.62	\$7,461,528.17
Deductions:	\$63,206,601.76	\$71,374,469.39
Interest Charges (including amortization of Bond Discount and Expense)	15,411,756.66	16,975,758.30
Preferred Dividends of Subsidiaries	8,452,411.03	9,437,284.97
Minority Interests	1,563,303.96	1,864,133.00
Total Deductions	\$25,427,471.65	\$28,277,176.27
Balance for Depreciation, Dividends and Surplus	\$37,779,130.11	\$43,097,293.12
Appropriations for Depreciation Reserves	13,506,179.57	14,274,173.80
Balance for Dividends and Surplus	\$24,272,950.54	\$28,823,119.62

Note.—Excludes Gross Earnings, Operating Expenses and all other details of income accounts of former California subsidiaries for entire 12 months ended December 31, 1931 and for 6 months and 18 days ended December 31, 1930, and includes in Other Net Income—Dividends the proportion applicable interests in such subsidiaries.

* Includes stock dividends received from non subsidiary companies taken up, where retained, at amount charged in respect thereof to Surplus of Issuing Company: 1931—\$1,310,033.50, 1930—\$1,188,789.50; and, where sold, at proceeds of sale: 1931—\$34,010.58, 1930—\$74,921.46.

CONSOLIDATED SURPLUS STATEMENT.

Capital Surplus:		
Balance, December 31, 1930	\$28,869,456.29	
Arising from issue of Common Stock during year 1931	1,578,796.25	
Appropriated to provide for difference between net proceeds and liquidation value of Preferred Stock of North American Edison Company	\$34,448,252.54	
Capital Surplus, December 31, 1931	55,652.49	\$30,392,600.05
Undivided Profit:		
Balance, December 31, 1930	\$117,547,114.27	
Balance of Income, year ended December 31, 1931	24,272,950.54	
Deductions:	\$141,820,064.81	
Dividends on Stock of The North American Company:		
Preferred		
Common (paid by issue of 655,936 35-40 shares):	\$1,820,034.00	
Amount transferred to Common Stock Account	6,559,368.75	
Amount transferred to Capital Surplus	1,573,921.25	
Appropriation for Reserve for Contingencies	\$9,953,324.00	
Other Charges—Net	12,006,000.00	
	1,342,545.32	23,295,869.32
Undivided Profits, December 31, 1931		\$118,524,195.49
Total Surplus, December 31, 1931		\$148,916,795.54

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET.

ASSETS.

	December 31, 1931	December 31, 1930
Property and Plant	\$670,865,518.44	\$642,228,710.78
Cash and Securities on Deposit with Trustees	1,959,396.98	2,202,962.99
Investments	*140,044,484.39	131,102,892.76
Current and Working Assets:		
Cash	14,900,097.50	13,269,330.16
United States Government Securities	*4,359,062.50	13,857,292.07
Notes and Bills Receivable	553,964.37	568,804.98
Accounts Receivable	13,124,784.48	14,688,500.91
Material and Supplies (at cost or less)	10,323,203.07	10,291,119.83
Prepaid Accounts	\$43,261,111.92	\$52,675,047.95
Discount and Expense on Securities	1,193,593.32	769,188.07
	13,544,452.66	12,215,389.67
	\$870,868,557.71	\$841,194,192.16

LIABILITIES.

	December 31, 1931	December 31, 1930
Preferred Stock (Authorized: Six Per Cent. Cumulative Preferred Stock, \$50 par value, 606,678 shares; Serial Preferred Stock, without par value, 5,000,000 shares; Six Per Cent. Cumulative Preferred Stock)	\$30,333,900.00	\$30,333,900.00
Common Stock (Authorized: 50,000,000 shares, without par value):		
Stock	68,020,510.00	61,685,150.00
Scrip	233,660.00	168,690.00
Dividend Payable in Common Stock	a\$68,254,170.00	b\$61,853,940.00
Preferred Stocks of Subsidiaries	1,700,400.25	1,542,037.25
Minority Interests in Capital and Surplus of Subsidiaries	138,892,803.93	139,231,762.26
Funded Debt of The North American Company:	15,507,975.36	16,044,433.15
5% Debentures, due February 1, 1961		
Funded Debt of Subsidiaries	25,000,000.00	
Less amount deposited with Trustees	301,325,713.44	330,429,385.40
	11,500,000.00	36,735,500.00
Current Liabilities:	\$289,825,713.44	\$293,693,885.40
Notes and Bills Payable	11,028,409.72	24,458,777.76
Accounts Payable	3,443,282.27	4,178,713.84
Sundry Current Liabilities	4,901,096.70	4,510,319.22
Accrued Liabilities:	\$19,372,788.69	\$33,147,810.82
Taxes Accrued	10,840,936.69	10,771,104.96
Interest Accrued	3,287,701.17	3,043,375.70
Dividends Accrued	1,369,605.72	1,351,278.02
Sundry Accrued Liabilities	82,851.69	94,124.86
Reserves:	\$15,581,095.27	\$15,259,883.48
Depreciation Reserves	90,371,661.17	88,802,052.35
Reserve for Contingencies	12,000,000.00	
Other Reserves	15,111,254.06	14,868,016.89
Surplus:	\$117,482,915.23	\$103,670,069.24
Capital Surplus	30,392,600.05	28,869,456.29
Undivided Profits	118,524,195.49	117,547,114.27
	\$148,916,795.54	\$146,416,570.56
	\$870,868,557.71	\$841,194,192.16

* The sum of \$12,000,000 has been appropriated from Undivided Profits and credited to Reserve for Contingencies to provide for the difference between book value and market value at December 31, 1931 of listed securities (over 93% of total investments) and of United States Government Securities (market value \$3,909,068.75) included in Current and Working Assets, and for contingent losses on investments not dealt in on security markets. The listed securities include 21,713 shares of Common Stock of The North American Company (represented in part by shares of the January 2, 1932 dividend stock) acquired on balance by a subsidiary which purchases and sells dividend stock and scrip for stockholders.

a. Represented by 6,825,417 shares. b. Represented by 6,185,384 shares.

PRICE, WATERHOUSE & CO.

56 Pine Street
New York, March 5, 1932

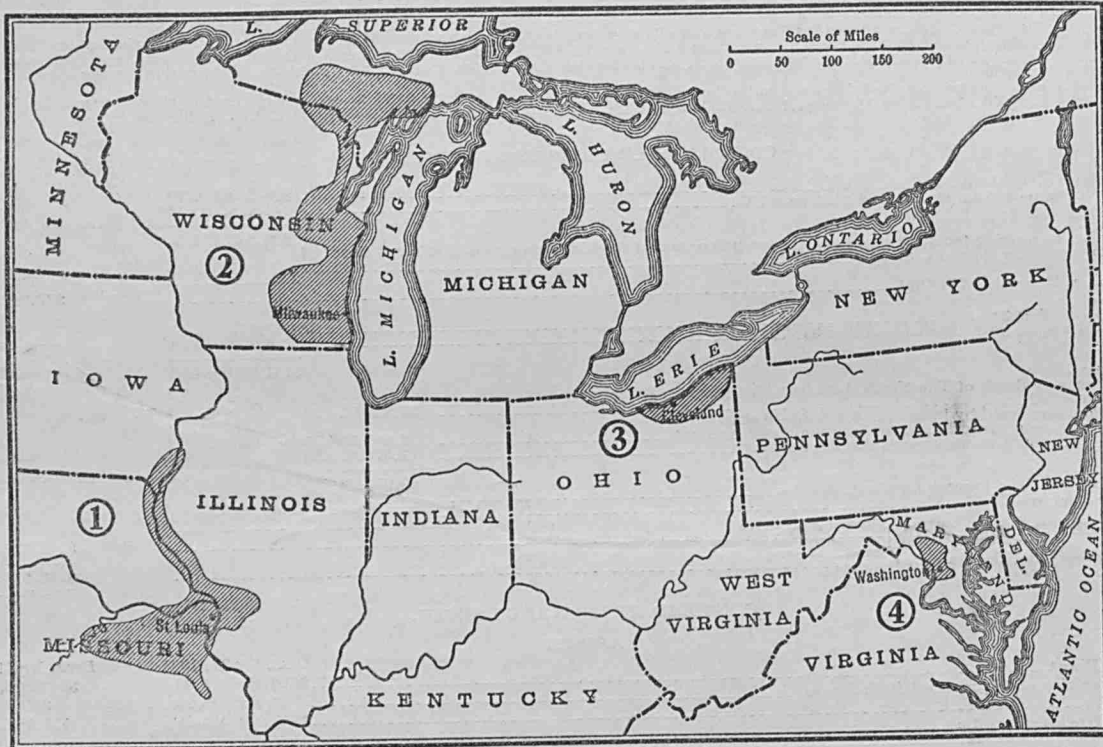
To the President and Board of Directors of
The North American Company:

We have made an examination of the books and accounts of The North American Company for the year ending December 31, 1931 and have been furnished with the reports of the subsidiary companies as of that date, and certify that, in our opinion, the attached consolidated balance sheet and statements of income and surplus have been correctly prepared therefrom. We have also made examinations as at September 30, 1931 of the books and accounts of all of the subsidiary companies.

On the foregoing basis we certify that, in our opinion, the consolidated balance sheet shows the financial position of the combined companies at December 31, 1931, and the statements of income and surplus fairly set forth the combined results of the operations for the year ending on that date.

PRICE, WATERHOUSE & CO.

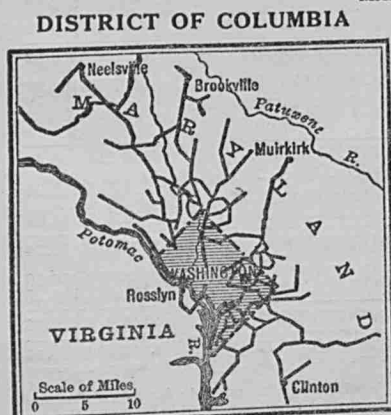
**PUBLIC UTILITY SUBSIDIARIES OF THE NORTH AMERICAN COMPANY.
TERRITORIES AND SUMMARIES OF PRINCIPAL OPERATIONS.**



THE North American Company, organized in 1890, controls through stock ownership four main groups of public utility companies operating chiefly in large centers of business and population in widely separated and industrially diversified sections of the United States. Territories served by subsidiaries have a total area of 17,959 square miles, with a population of 4,960,000, and include 684 communities receiving various classes of public utility service. The electric properties in each group of subsidiaries form a distinct interconnected power system. The principal subsidiaries and summaries of their operations as of December 31, 1931 follow:

- (1) **MISSOURI-ILLINOIS-IOWA:** Union Electric Light and Power Company (Missouri); Mississippi River Power Company; Union Electric Light and Power Company of Illinois; East St. Louis Light & Power Company; The St. Louis County Gas Company; Electric service in St. Louis and East St. Louis, and 94 other communities in Mississippi Valley; territory served, area 2,895 square miles, population 1,460,000; plant capacity, 726,670 kilowatts; customers, 318,120; twelve months' output, 1,868,194,882 kilowatt hours. Gas service in St. Louis County, Mo., Alton, Ill. and Keokuk, Iowa; plant capacity, daily, 17,700,000 cubic feet; customers, 47,897; twelve months' output, 2,095,575,200 cubic feet.
- (2) **WISCONSIN-MICHIGAN:** The Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light Company; Wisconsin Electric Power Company; Wisconsin Gas & Electric Company; Wisconsin Michigan Power Company; Electric service in Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha, Watertown, Appleton, Iron Mountain and 317 other communities in Wisconsin and upper peninsula of Michigan; territory served, area 12,735 square miles, population 1,620,000; plant capacity, 436,274 kilowatts; customers, 302,774; twelve months' output 1,125,840,103 kilowatt hours. Gas service in Racine, Kenosha, Watertown and 62 other communities in Wisconsin; plant capacity, daily, 14,935,000 cubic feet; customers, 56,847; twelve months' output, 2,283,378,000 cubic feet. Electric railway and motor bus service in Milwaukee and suburbs; and interurban electric railway and motor bus service in surrounding territory.
- (3) **OHIO:** The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company; Electric service in Cleveland and 133 other communities; territory served extends 100 miles along Lake Erie, area 1,700 square miles, population, 1,300,000; plant capacity, 478,000 kilowatts; customers, 303,704; twelve months' output, 1,316,116,027 kilowatt hours.
- (4) **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:** Washington Railway and Electric Company; Potomac Electric Power Company; Braddock Light & Power Company; Electric service in Washington, D. C. and 29 communities in adjoining sections of Maryland and Virginia; territory served, area 629 square miles, population 580,000; plant capacity, 208,000 kilowatts; customers, 149,900; twelve months' output, 519,295,192 kilowatt hours. Electric railway and motor bus service in the District of Columbia and adjacent suburbs in Maryland.

**PUBLIC UTILITY SUBSIDIARIES OF THE NORTH AMERICAN COMPANY.
MAPS OF ELECTRIC SYSTEMS OF PRINCIPAL GROUPS.**

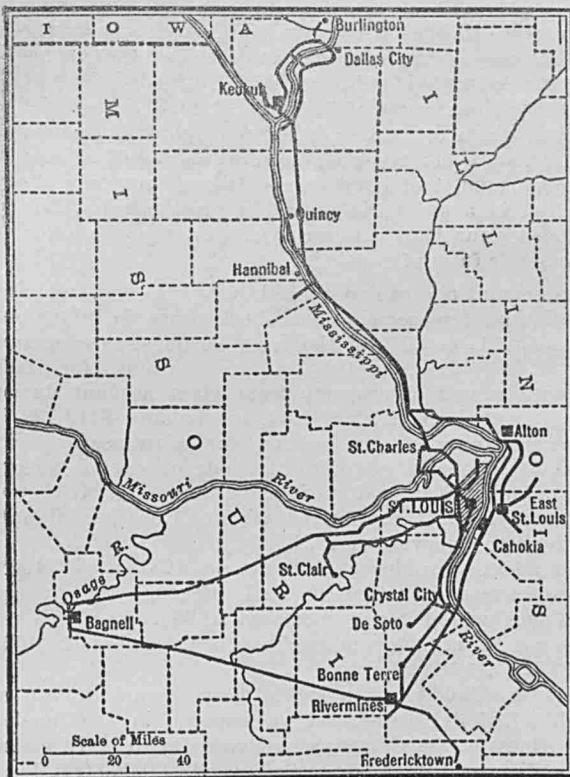


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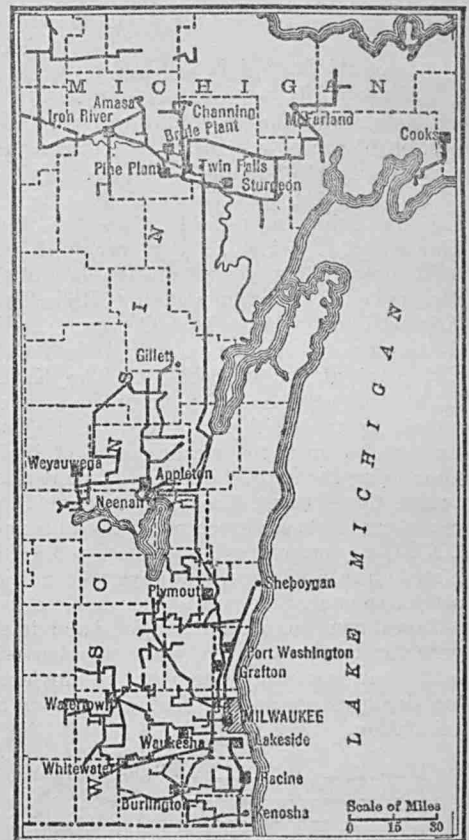
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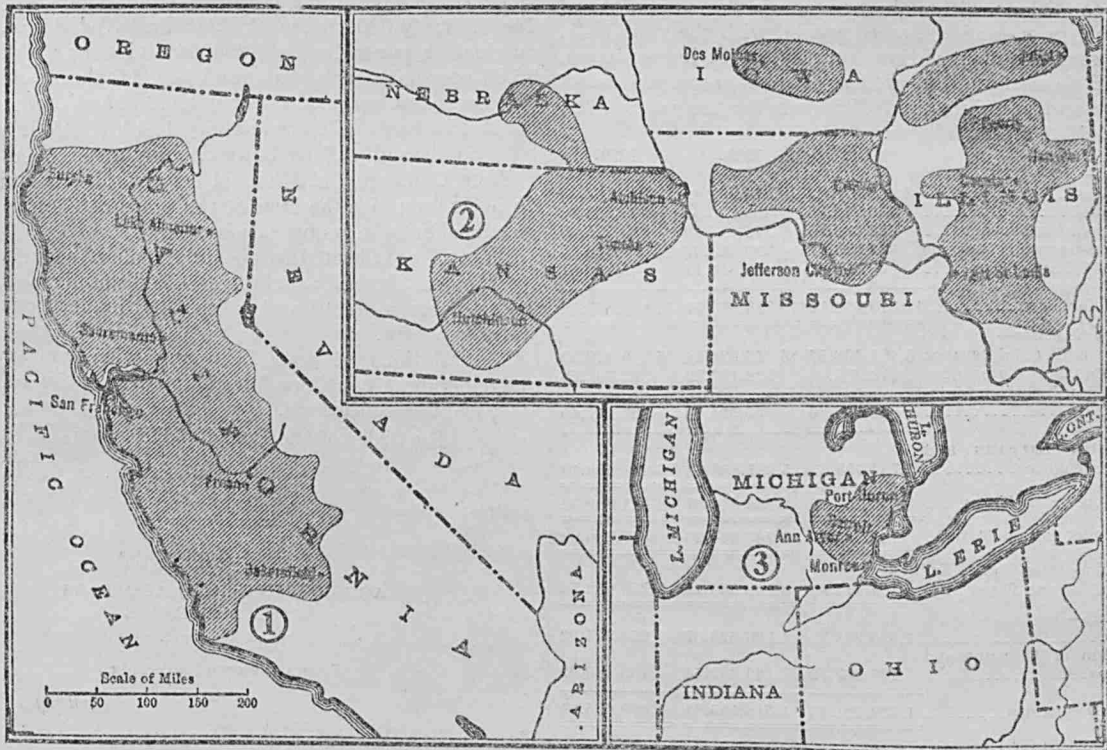
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■ Electric generating plants.

OTHER PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES IN WHICH THE NORTH AMERICAN COMPANY HAS SUBSTANTIAL INVESTMENTS.

TERRITORIES AND SUMMARIES OF PRINCIPAL OPERATIONS.



THE North American Company classifies as subsidiaries only companies in which it or its subsidiaries own voting control and at least 75% of the Common Stock. The North American Company does not include in consolidated income the undistributed earnings applicable to its investments in non-subsidiary companies. The principal investments are in the following large public utility companies, summaries of operations of which, for the year 1931, follow:

(1) Pacific Gas and Electric Company and Subsidiaries: Electric and gas service in San Francisco, Oakland, Fresno, Sacramento, Stockton, San Jose, and extensive territory in California; annual electric plant capacity, 1,259,744 kilowatts; electric customers, 740,467; annual electric output, 4,655,557,762 kilowatt hours; gas customers, 516,169; annual gas output, 51,640,415,200 cubic feet.

(2) North American Light & Power Company and Subsidiaries: Electric and-or gas service in Des Moines, Decatur, Danville, La Salle, Ottawa, East St. Louis, Topeka, Atchison, Salina, Hutchinson, Jef-

erson City, and extensive territory in Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska; electric plant capacity, 320,590 kilowatts; electric customers, 353,897; annual electric output, 1,028,838,524 kilowatt hours; gas customers, 167,493; annual gas output, 26,837,938,000 cubic feet.

(3) The Detroit Edison Company: Electric service in Detroit and extensive territory in Michigan; plant capacity, 846,160 kilowatts; customers, 549,151; annual output, 2,170,254,600 kilowatt hours; Gas service in Port Huron and 28 other communities; customers, 11,400; annual output, 443,094,000 cubic feet.

KANSAS CITY POWER & LIGHT COMPANY.

ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE YEAR 1931.

Kansas City, Missouri,
February 18, 1932.

To the Stockholders of the
Kansas City Power & Light Company:

The close of the year 1931 witnesses the practical completion of the extensions, improvements and additions set forth in report of 1930.

The first eighteen floors of your new office building, located at the corner of 14th Street and Baltimore Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, were occupied on November 14, 1931, exactly fifty years from the date of the first contract for the use of the patents of Prof. Elihu Thomson and Prof. Edwin Houston in Jackson County, Missouri, and Wyandotte County, Kansas, executed by L. R. Moore, J. S. Chick, et al., upon behalf of The Kawsmouth Electric Light Company, one of your predecessor companies. The remaining twelve floors of the building will be occupied by tenants until the requirements of business necessitate your using the entire building. Tenant alterations in these twelve floors (three floors now occupied) will be made as rental contracts are executed. This adds another SERVICE UNIT to your properties. These properties, now in completed units, are in excellent physical condition and rendering service to your customers at reasonable rates.

Investment in plant extensions and improvements each year for the past seven years together with the increase in net earnings each year over the previous year, available for depreciation and return, are shown in the following tabulation:

	Invested	Increase (Net)
1925	\$3,060,660.89	\$618,401.42
1926	2,285,787.04	371,186.73
1927	5,198,338.08	541,029.34
1928	7,348,564.20	499,135.95
1929	5,235,741.34	449,372.34
1930	5,916,538.51	384,666.57
1931	7,004,687.04	611,563.46
	<u>\$36,050,317.10</u>	<u>\$3,475,355.81</u>

The final results from the operations of your Company for the year 1931 were reasonably satisfactory in spite of adverse conditions, although there was a decrease of 1/2 of 1% in the gross earnings, as compared with the year 1930.

Gross earnings from various sources, operating expenses, taxes and depreciation, as well as interest, amortization of discounts and premiums and dividends for the years 1929, 1930 and 1931 are as follows:

	1931.	1930.	1929.
	\$	\$	\$
<i>Earnings—</i>			
Electric Sales	13,669,076.03	13,618,962.82	13,360,187.23
Steam Sales	449,713.85	450,220.86	508,603.89
Miscell. Operating Revenue	292,630.75	376,567.09	220,375.90
Miscell. Non-Operating Revenue	332,878.32	380,025.97	477,630.45
Earnings of Other Utilities	66,395.21	57,874.17	46,850.01
Gross Earnings	<u>14,810,694.16</u>	<u>14,883,650.91</u>	<u>14,613,647.48</u>
<i>Operating Expenses—</i>			
Electric, Including Maintenance	5,405,468.57	5,640,124.04	5,810,418.00
Steam, Including Maintenance	312,236.61	322,157.72	362,702.58
Other Utilities, Including Maintenance	40,287.89	35,524.78	29,137.56
Operating Expenses and Maintenance	<u>5,757,993.07</u>	<u>5,997,806.54</u>	<u>6,202,258.14</u>
Gross Income Before Taxes	<u>9,052,701.09</u>	<u>8,885,844.37</u>	<u>8,411,389.34</u>
Taxes, Excl. of Income Taxes	<u>748,585.15</u>	<u>743,214.23</u>	<u>657,706.62</u>
Gross Income After Taxes, Exclusive of Income Taxes	<u>8,304,115.94</u>	<u>8,142,630.14</u>	<u>7,753,682.72</u>
<i>Deductions—</i>			
Interest	1,339,303.73	1,326,523.07	1,224,525.92
Amortization of Discount and Premiums	190,297.72	186,642.54	185,149.92
Total Deductions	<u>1,529,601.45</u>	<u>1,513,165.61</u>	<u>1,409,675.84</u>
Surplus Available for Depreciation, Income Taxes and Dividends	<u>6,774,514.49</u>	<u>6,629,464.53</u>	<u>6,344,006.88</u>
<i>Appropriations—</i>			
Depreciation	2,144,811.96	2,036,361.61	1,824,735.38
Income Taxes	112,730.03	562,807.69	558,526.84
Dividends on First Pref. Stock	240,000.00	240,000.00	240,000.00
Dividends on Common Stock	3,675,000.00	3,138,000.00	2,810,500.00
Total Appropriations	<u>6,172,541.99</u>	<u>5,977,169.30</u>	<u>5,433,762.22</u>
Balance Transferred to Surplus	<u>601,972.50</u>	<u>652,295.23</u>	<u>910,244.66</u>

As a result of the rearrangement of your bond structure during 1931, you were able to effect a saving in income taxes for the year, and therefore the surplus available for dividends during 1931 exceeded those of 1930 in the amount of \$486,677.27, even though the results from operations, without considering income taxes, were substantially the same as in 1930. This rearrangement of bonded indebtedness not only resulted in a saving in annual interest charges, but placed your Company in even better position for favorable future financing.

The amount charged to operating expense, maintenance, depreciation, replacement and obsolescence in 1931, was \$2,933,906.11, or 20% of the gross earnings, as compared with \$2,847,000.43, or 19% of gross earnings for 1930. The withdrawals of property from plant account during 1930 amounted to \$1,725,681.00, the balance \$419,130.96 was carried to replacement account for future needs.

The average rate per kilowatt hour of electric energy has gradually decreased until the average for 1931 was 2.673c per kilowatt hour, a reduction of 1.05c per kilowatt hour over the showing of 1921.

The average residence customer in 1931 used 71.9% more electric energy than in 1921, although the average bill of such customer only increased 23.9%.

The number of meters in service as of December 31, 1931, was 135,565.

Your stockholders at a special meeting under date of March 30, 1931, authorized an increase in the bonded indebtedness of the Company and your Board of Directors in compliance of such authority issued \$30,000,000 First Mortgage Gold Bonds, 4 1/2% Series due 1961, the proceeds from the sale of which were used for the retirement of \$25,000,000 First Mortgage 30-year 5% Gold Bonds, Series A, and the balance was used for corporate purposes of your Company.

The corporate structure of your Company as of December 31, 1931, consists of \$6,000,000 par value First Mortgage 30-year 4 1/2% Gold Bonds, Series B, maturing January 1, 1957; \$30,000,000 First Mortgage Gold Bonds, 4 1/2% Series due 1961; 40,000 shares of First Preferred Stock, without nominal or par value, entitled to dividends at the rate of \$6.00 per share per annum; and 525,000 shares of Common Stock without nominal or par value. Your Company has no bonded maturities before January 1, 1957. Your securities, both bonds and preferred stock, enjoy an excellent market.

Your Company, a Missouri corporation, is qualified to do business under the laws of the State of Kansas and uses no subsidiaries in its operations.

The Balance Sheet, Income and Surplus Account, certified by Messrs. Ernst & Ernst, certified public accountants, are set forth in detail and reflect the financial condition of your Company.

The relations of your Company with your employees and customers continue harmonious, and the outlook for 1932 inspires confidence.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

JOSEPH F. PORTER,
P.

ERNST & ERNST
ACCOUNTANTS AND AUDITORS
SYSTEM SERVICE

Kansas City
Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.

February 18, 1932.

Kansas City Power & Light Company,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

We have examined the accounts pertaining to the assets and liabilities of KANSAS CITY POWER & LIGHT COMPANY, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, as of December 31, 1931, and Balance Sheet as of that date, together with statement of income and surplus account for the year then ended, is submitted herewith.

Plant and property accounts are stated at the book values. Changes in these accounts during the year for additions, improvements and removals, resulted in a net increase of \$5,279,006.04 for the year, which amount includes the cost to December 31, 1931 of the Kansas City Power & Light Company building. The additions for the year were supported by authorizations on file and were reviewed by us with the Company's engineering department. Depreciation charges to operations for the year, computed at the rate of 3½% on plant and property used in operations, amounted to \$2,144,811.96, while charges for replacements and adjustments amounted to \$1,492,833.56 resulting in a net increase of \$651,978.40 for the year in the reserve for depreciation and replacements.

Materials, supplies for maintenance of plant and operating purposes, and merchandise are stated at cost or at estimated residual value as indicated by the records. Cash balances were verified by direct correspondence, and based upon our examination of notes and accounts receivable shown by the records and information obtained by us, it appears that these items are properly stated.

Unamortized financing costs on bonds now outstanding and on retired issues of bonds and capital stock amounting to \$6,665,496.96 are being amortized by annual charges against earnings and surplus account. The charge against earnings for the year 1931 was \$190,297.72, while an additional amount of \$45,379.29 was charged directly against surplus account.

Provision has been made on the books for all ascertained liabilities of the Company at December 31, 1931, with the exception of an approximate liability of \$450,000.00 to contractors for uncompleted work on the Kansas City Power & Light Building. First mortgage 30-year 4½% gold bonds of the par value of \$30,000,000.00 were issued during the year, the proceeds of which were used in retirement of first mortgage 30-year 5% gold bonds in the amount of \$25,000,000.00 and for other corporate purposes. Outstanding preferred and common stocks have been certified to us by registrars.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that the annexed Balance Sheet and statement of income and surplus account are in accordance with the books and, in our opinion, correctly reflect the financial position of the Company at December 31, 1931 and the operations for the year then ended.

ERNST & ERNST

INCOME AND SURPLUS ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 1931.

Operating Earnings:		
Electric Sales.....		\$13,669,076.03
Steam Sales.....		449,713.85
Water and Ice Sales.....		66,395.21
Other Operating Earnings.....		292,630.75
Gross Operating Earnings.....		\$14,477,815.84
Operating Expenses:		
Electric.....	\$5,405,468.57	
Steam.....	312,236.61	
Water and Ice.....	40,287.89	
		\$5,757,993.07
General Taxes.....		752,693.82
		6,510,686.89
Income from Operations.....		\$7,967,128.95
Other Income:		
Net Profit on Merchandise Sales.....	\$132,083.49	
Sundry Non-Operating Income.....	50,739.38	
Interest Earned.....	127,190.22	
Discount Earned.....	22,642.93	
Dividends Received.....	222.30	
		332,878.32
Gross Income.....		\$8,300,007.27
Other Deductions:		
Interest Charges.....	\$1,339,303.73	
Amortization of Financing Expense.....	190,297.72	
Depreciation of Physical Properties.....	2,144,811.96	
		3,674,413.41
Net Income Before Deducting Income Taxes.....		\$4,625,593.86
Federal and State Taxes on Income Before		
Special Deductions.....	\$580,407.27	
Tax Reduction Resulting from Deduction		
of Financing Costs.....	471,785.91	
		108,621.36
Net Income for the Year.....		\$4,516,972.50
Surplus Account:		
Balance, December 31, 1930.....	\$3,748,318.02	
Deduct Charge to Surplus:		
Amortization of Financing Expense.....	45,379.29	
		\$3,702,938.73
Add Net Profit for the Year Ended Decem-		
ber 31, 1931.....	4,516,972.50	
		\$8,219,911.23
Deduct Cash Dividends:		
On Preferred Stock.....	\$240,000.00	
On Common Stock.....	3,675,000.00	
		3,915,000.00
Surplus December 31, 1931.....		\$4,304,911.23

BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1931.

ASSETS.	
Plant and Property:	
Electric Department.....	\$66,704,098.06
Steam Heating Department.....	2,454,208.69
Water and Ice Department.....	485,238.04
Coal Mining Rights, Town-	
site, etc.....	891,389.40
	\$70,534,934.19
Construction in Progress.....	1,129,434.03
	\$71,664,368.22
Material and Supplies:	
Construction, Maintenance and Operating	
Materials, Supplies and Merchandise.....	\$801,580.36
Fuel-Oil and Coal.....	161,093.75
Other Material and Supplies.....	79,840.38
	1,042,514.49
Investments:	
Notes Receivable—Deferred Payments.....	\$53,964.73
Sundry Stocks, Bonds, Memberships, etc.....	4,095.00
Sundry Deposits.....	22,081.10
	80,140.83
Current Assets:	
Cash on Hand, on Deposit, and in Transit.....	\$808,749.32
Notes & Accounts Receivable:	
Consumers' Accounts.....	\$1,193,394.24
Other Notes and Accounts.....	227,949.27
	\$1,421,343.51
Less Allowance for Losses, etc.....	\$123,378.87
	\$1,297,964.64
Accrued Earnings (estimated).....	629,887.54
	1,927,852.18
Affiliated Companies—Accounts Receivable.....	2,736,601.50
4,966.68	
Deferred:	
Sundry Work in Progress.....	\$59,754.77
Prepaid Taxes, Insurance, Rents, Int., etc.....	196,488.94
	256,243.71
Unamortized Financing Expense:	
Commissions, Expense and Premiums Being	
Amortized:	
On Bonds Outstanding.....	\$2,045,280.14
On Retired Issues of Bonds and Capital	
Stock.....	4,620,216.82
	6,665,496.96
	\$82,450,332.39

LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock and Surplus:	
Capital Stock:	
Consisting of 40,000 shares of Cumulative	
First Preferred Stock, Series "B" and	
525,000 shares of Common Stock, all	
without nominal or par value but with	
aggregate stated value of.....	\$28,395,000.00
Surplus:	
Balance December 31, 1931.....	4,304,911.23
	\$32,699,911.23
Bonded/Indebtedness:	
First Mortgage 30-Year 4½% Gold Bonds	
maturing February 1, 1961.....	\$30,000,000.00
First Mortgage 30-Year 4½% Gold Bonds	
Series "B," maturing January 1, 1957.....	6,000,000.00
	36,000,000.00
Note Payable:	
Affiliated Company.....	475,000.00
Accounts Payable:	
For Purchases, Expenses, etc.....	\$565,492.27
Affiliated Companies.....	20,646.65
	586,138.92
Accrued Accounts:	
Federal and State Income Taxes.....	\$108,621.36
General Taxes.....	268,966.94
Interest.....	566,900.22
Other Expenses.....	9,148.02
	953,636.54
Consumers' Deposits.....	419,266.61
Deferred Earnings.....	13,849.66
Reserves:	
For Depreciation and Replacement of	
Physical Properties.....	\$10,574,492.13
For Injuries and Damages.....	728,037.30
	11,302,529.43

(NOTE).—This Balance Sheet is subject to the comments contained in our "Certificate," included in and made a part of this report.

The provision made for taxes is subject to any necessary adjustment upon determination of the final liability of the Company therefor.

\$82,450,332.39

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, March 11 1932.

COFFEE on the spot was quiet with prices 7 to 7½c. for Rio 7s and 8½ to 9½c. for Santos 4s. Maracaibo, Trujillo, 9¼ to 10¼c.; fair to good Cucuta, 11 to 11½c.; prime to choice, 11½ to 12¼c.; washed, 11 to 11½c. Colombian, Oceana, 10½ to 11c. Bucaramanga, natural, 11¼ to 11¾c.; washed, 11½ to 12c.; Honda, Tolima and Giradot, 11¼ to 11½c.; Medellin, 12¼ to 12½c.; Manizales, 11¼ to 11½c.; Mexican washed, 14½ to 15½c. Ankola, 26 to 34c. Mandeheling, 27 to 32c.; genuine Java, 23 to 24c.; Robusta washed, 8¼ to 8½c.; Mocha, 13 to 14c.; Harrar, 12 to 12½c.; Abyssinian, 9½ to 9¾c.; Salvador washed, 11¼ to 12¼c.; Guatemala, Bourbon, 10 to 10½c. Colombia will give an export bonus of 10% on coffee. This was regarded as rather unfavorable by some here. On March 7 a Comtelburo cable placed Victoria regulating warehouse stocks as of Feb. 29 at 383,000 bags. The National Coffee Council has destroyed for the week ended March 5 81,000 bags of Santos coffee, 31,000 bags of Rio coffee and no bags of Victoria coffee. The total of 112,000 bags destroyed last week compares with 102,000 in the previous week and 107,000 two weeks ago. The arrivals of mild coffee in the U. S. last week were 83,448 bags and the deliveries 111,799 bags. Stock of mild in the U. S. on March 7 was 367,197 bags, against 395,548 a week ago and 269,410 a year ago.

On the 8th there were fair offerings at unchanged prices to about 10 points higher. Prompt shipment Santos Bourbon 2s were offered at 9.55c.; 2-3s at 9.20 to 9.55c.; 3s at 8.80 to 9.50c.; 3-4s at 8.90 to 9.25c.; 3-5s at 8.75 to 9.00c.; 4-5s at 8.70 to 8.85c.; 5s at 8.60 to 8.85c.; 6s at 8.20 to 8.60c.; 6-7s at 8.40c.; 7s at 8.15c.; 7-8s at 8.30c.; Peaberry 3s at 8.85 to 9.25c.; 4s at 8.80 to 9.00c. and 5s at 9.00c. Rio 7s were offered at 6.95c.; 7-8s at 6.85c. and Victoria 7s at 6.90c. and 8s at 6.75 to 6.80c. For March-April shipment, Bourbon 2-3s were offered at 8.95c.; 3-4s at 8.75c., while for shipment in equal quantities from March to August, Bourbon 4s were offered at 8.80c. Here the spot market remained dull and nominal prices of 9 to 9½c. for Santos 4s and 7 to 7½c. for Rio 7s. On March 9 cost and freight offerings included same offerings, prompt shipment Santos Bourbon 2-3s were offered at 9.20 to 9.45c.; 3s at 8.85 to 9.50c.; 3-4s at 8.90 to 9.10c.; 3-5s at 8.75 to 9.00c.; 4-5s at 8.70 to 8.90c.; 5s at 8.60 to 8.85c. On the 10th prices were said to be irregular. For prompt shipment, Santos Bourbon 2-3s were here at 9.20 to 9.55c.; 3s at 8.80 to 9.50c.; 3-4s at 8.90 to 9.15c.; 3-5s at 8.80 to 9.00c.; 4-5s at 8.75 to 8.90c.; 5s at 8.60 to 8.85c.; 5-6s at 8.30 to 8.75c.; 6s at 8.20 to 8.45c.; 7s at 8.15 to 8.35c.; 7-8s at 8.30c.; Peaberry 3s at 8.85c.; 4s at 8.90c. and 5s at 9c. Spot on New York dull and latter weaker. Santos 4s, 8½ to 9½c. Rio 7s, 7 to 7½c.

To-day copies of cables sent from New York to Rio and the reply were posted on the Exchange: The reply indicates that a cable of March 8 should have read that the Coffee Council, rather than the Federal Government, had paid for 10,740,000 bags of coffee up to March 5, valued at 631,000 contos. To-day cost and freight offers from Brazil were unchanged to 5 points lower. Prompt Santos Bourbon 2-3s were here at 9.20 to 9.45c.; 3s at 8.85 to 9.50c.; 3-4s at 8.85 to 9.10c.; 3-5s at 8.75 to 9.00c.; 4-5s at 8.70 to 8.90c.; 5s at 8.60c.; 5-6s at 8.75c.; 6s at 8.20 to 8.45c.; Peaberry 3s at 8.85c.; 4s at 8.90c. and 5s at 9c.

To-day London cabled: "According to an Athens dispatch, the Greek Government is reported to have signed an agreement in Paris with representatives of the Brazilian Coffee Syndicate for five years' supply of coffee to Greece, at current market prices. Payment is to be made five years after delivery, Greece being assured of the Brazil market for wine, tobacco and cigarettes." On the 5th inst., futures here were very dull with prices 1 point lower to 3 higher with sales of 4,000 bags in all. On the 7th inst. Rio futures here closed 1 point off to 1 point up with sales estimated at 4,000 bags. Santos futures here closed 1 point lower to 6 points higher. On the 8th inst. Rio futures here closed 2 points lower to 1 point higher; sales estimated at 2,000 bags. Santos futures here opened unchanged to 6 points higher and ended unchanged to 5 points higher; sales 9,000 bags.

On the 9th inst. Rio futures here closed 2 to 7 points net lower with sales of 8,000 bags. Santos closed 6 points off to 2 up with sales of 8,000 bags. The report of an export bonus of 10% from Columbia had no effect it was said. On the 10th inst. Rio futures here closed unchanged to 2 points higher with sales of 4,000 bags. Santos closed 1 point off to 2 up with sales of 8,000 bags. To-day futures closed unchanged to 2 points off on Rio and 2 lower to 2 points higher on Santos with sales of 7,000 Rio and 12,000 Santos.

Final prices are unchanged to 9 points lower for the week on Rio and unchanged to 14 higher on Santos.

Rio coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot (unofficial).....	7½ @	July.....	6.15 @ nom.
March.....	6.26 @ nom.	September.....	6.16 @ nom.
May.....	6.28 @ nom.	December.....	6.16 @ nom.

Santos coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot (unofficial).....	9 1-16 @	July.....	8.34 @
March.....	8.28 @ nom.	September.....	8.39 @
May.....	8.31 @ nom.	December.....	8.40 @ nom.

COCOA to-day ended unchanged to 3 points higher with sales of 323 lots. March ended at 4.43c.; May, 4.53c.; July, 4.73c., and Sept., 4.87c. Final prices are 12 to 14 points higher for the week. To-day Liverpool futures at 1.30 p.m. net unchanged to 1½d. higher. Liverpool and London spot both opened unchanged. New York licensed warehouse stocks on March 10 were 269,583 bags, against 270,229 on March 9 and 174,247 last year. Arrivals in New York since March 1 175,190 bags against 29,139 a year ago.

SUGAR.—Cuban spot raws early in the week were down to 81c., a new low record price, later 79c. Some 6,000 bags of Porto Rico sold at this equivalent and 4,150 tons of Porto Rico prompt at 2.81c. delivered. Futures on the 5th inst. were generally 2 to 5 points lower with sales of 30,000 tons. Hedge selling by Cuban interests swelled the transactions. Thomas L. Chadbourne left Havana for New York. A meeting of Cuban planters was announced for March 7th when a final decision was to be reached as to the size of the next Cuban crop. Refined was 4.15c. with a small business. On March 5th London closed easy at ¼ to 2½d. decline. Liverpool closed ½d. off. Another London cable said: London market steady in view of uncertainty. Think situation discounted. On the 7th inst. futures closed 3 points lower to 3 higher with sales estimated at 14,051 tons. There was less pressure to sell and some hedges were covered as the actual sugar was sold. On the 7th inst. sales of actual sugar included 3,000 tons of Philippines due March 14th and 3,000 tons due March 19th at 2.81c., 25,000 bags of Cuba at .83c. and on the 8th inst. a cargo of Porto Rico due nearby sold to an outpost refiner at 2.86c. On the 7th London ¼d. up for May, but 1 to 3d. lower for later deliveries. Liverpool opened 1 to 1½d. off. London cabled on the 7th: Terminal market steady at decline. Refiners decline threatens. Parcel 5s. 10½d. done and sellers after cargo 6s. and 5s. 9d. Trade waiting. On March 7 Havana cables the week's statistical position in Cuba as follows: Arrivals 130,841 tons; exports, 72,320 tons; stock, 1,050,234 tons. The exports were distributed as follows: To New York, 24,033 tons; Philadelphia, 3,027; Boston, 3,410; Baltimore, 4,391; New Orleans, 5,168; Galveston, 8,163; Norfolk, 2,124; Charleston, 961; Interior U. S., 164; United Kingdom, 18,285 tons. Amsterdam cabled: Apparently the Javanese contingent to the Paris sugar conference which opens March 14 will not back down in their attitude of not reducing their 1932 export quota which Cuba is demanding as the price of a further reduction in her 1932 crop. The Javanese have sent a notification along these lines to the International Sugar Council stating that Cuba's demands will not be agreed to.

On the 8th inst. futures closed unchanged to 3 points higher; sales 26,300 tons. A bullish factor was reports from Havana that the Cuban Sugar Institute would continue negotiations with other members of the International agreement at Paris conferences scheduled for Mar. 14 provided that an agreement is reached not later than Mar. 20. Covering and support by producing interests plainly had a bracing effect. On the 8th inst. 28,000 bags of Cuba prompt sold at 85c. and about 4,100 tons of Porto Rico nearby at 2.86c. delivered. Thomas L. Chadbourne arrived in New York from Cuba and was quoted as stating that he will not attend the International Sugar Conference at Paris on Mar. 14 but that he will continue as Chairman of the National Sugar Export Corp. On the 8th London sugar market opened ¼ to ½d. up. Liverpool opened unchanged to ½d. advance. London terminal at 3:15 p. m. was barely steady ½d. lower to ¼d. higher than the opening quotations. Other cables reported the market there quiet but steady with Cubas for April shipment said to have been sold at 5s. 9d. The Sugar Institute, Inc. stated the total melt and total deliveries of 14 U. S. Refiners up to and including the week ending Feb. 27 1932 and same period for 1931 as follows: Melt—1932, Jan. 1 to Feb. 27, 510,000 long tons; 1931, Jan. 1 to Feb. 28, 575,000. Deliveries—1932, Jan. 1 to Feb. 27, 450,000; 1931, Jan. 1 to Feb. 28, 530,000. On the 9th inst. futures closed unchanged to 6 points lower with sales of 21,800 tons. Pressure from Cuban and trade commission house sources caused the decline; also lower London prices. Sales were made of 15,000 tons of Philippines at 2.80 to 2.81c., 1,000 tons at 2.83c.; 7,700 tons Porto Ricos prompt at 2.81c.; 1,000 tons of Cubas from store at

2.78c. duty paid and 25,000 bags of Cuba prompt at 79c. c. & f. On the 9th London opened 1 3/4 to 2d. lower. Liverpool opened quiet and unchanged. London at 3:15 p. m. was easy at unchanged to 1d. lower than opening prices. London cabled: "Terminal market influenced by exchange. Raws sellers 5s. 8 1/4d. Trade, refiners waiting. Java sold 39,000 tons Whites. It is rumored that the Trust is increasing limits on account of the advance in sterling."

On the 10th inst. prices closed 2 to 3 points lower, with sales of 45,750 tons. Cuba and the trade sold steadily. Some 15,500 bags of Cuba for delivery the second half of March sold to Philadelphia at .79c., 4,500 tons of Philippines early April arrival at 2.76c. and 3,000 tons for late March at 2.75c. There were also reports that the Cuban Export Corporation had sold sugar to China; some said three cargoes sold at around .78c. f.o.b. Cuba, while others said that only one cargo sold at either .74 or .75c. f.o.b. On the 10th London opened irregular at unchanged to 3/4d. decline, except next March which was 1/4d. higher. Liverpool opened unchanged to 1/2d. higher. London sugar market at 3:15 p.m. was weak, 1 1/2d. to 2 1/2d. lower than opening quotations. London cabled: "Terminal market weak, Chadbourne fear. Fair quantity offered firm, 5s. 6d. Not interested over 5s. 5 1/4d." The Sugar Club of Havana reports the Cuban sugar production to the end of February at 1,161,000 tons, against 1,522,000 tons in the same period of 1931. To-day futures closed 2 to 3 points lower with sales of 38,350 tons. A sale of 1,500 tons of Cubas ex-store to the American at 2.76c. was reported. The British Board of Trade returns were considered rather favorable. Final prices are 8 to 10 points lower than a week ago. British Board of Trade figures for February are as follows: Imports in February 212,000 tons, against 96,000 in February, 1931; consumption 196,000, against 112,000 in 1931 and stocks 236,000 tons, against 384,000 in February 1931. To-day Havana cabled that there were 125 sugar mills grinding in Cuba at the present time compared with 138 at this time a year ago. London cable said: "Market weak. Yesterday parcel sold 5s. 4 1/2d., April cargo 5s. 3d. Believed sellers over. The above prices are estimated at 75 and 73c. f.o.b. Cuba. London opened barely steady, 1/2d. off to 1/4d. up. Liverpool opened 1/2d. up." Closing quotations follow:

Spot (unofficial)-----	0.76@	September-----	0.91@0.92
March-----	0.73@ bid	December-----	0.97@0.98
May-----	0.78@	January-----	0.99@1.00
July-----	0.85@		

LARD.—On the 5th inst. futures ended unchanged to 2 points higher. Hogs advanced 5 to 10 cents. Western receipts were 26,400 against 25,900 a year ago. Liverpool lard was unchanged to 6d. lower. Cash prime Western, 5.25 to 5.35c.; refined to Continent, 5 1/2c.; South America, 5 3/4c.; Brazil, 6 1/2c. Production of lard for January, as officially reported, was 171,331,000 lbs., as against 186,062,000 lbs. last year. The five-year average was 184,448,000 lbs. On the 7th inst. futures ended 3 points off to 2 higher. Hogs were 10c. up. Liverpool lard was unchanged to 6d. lower. Exports of lard last week were 5,852,000 lbs., against 3,698,000 the week before. On the 8th inst. futures advanced 3 to 8 points with hogs up 10 to 15c. On the 10th inst. futures closed 3 to 8 points higher. Hogs were very steady and receipts at all Western points were only 64,600, against 88,400 a year ago. Only 19,000 were received at Chicago. Liverpool lard was 9d. to 1s. 3d. higher. Exports of lard were 609,000 lbs. to Manchester, Belfast, Glasgow and Hamburg. Prime Western, 5.40 to 5.50c.; refined Continent, 5 3/4c.; South America, 5 7/8c.; Brazil, 6 3/4c. To-day futures declined 7 to 8 points, but show an advance for the week of 5 to 10 points. Hogs were up to the highest prices seen in four months, the top being 5.10c., and the tone strong.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

March-----	Sat. 4.77	Mon. 4.77	Tues. 4.80	Wed. 4.92	Thurs. 4.95	Fri. 4.87
May-----	4.90	4.92	4.97	5.00	5.07	5.00
July-----	5.10	5.07	5.15	5.17	5.22	5.15

Season's High and When Made—		Season's Low and When Made—	
March	6.97	March	4.67
May	7.00	Nov. 14 1931	4.80
July	5.50	Feb. 1 1932	5.00

PORK dull; mess, \$17; family, \$17.75; fat backs, \$15 to \$16.50. Ribs, Chicago cash, 6c. Beef steady; mess nominal; packer, nominal; family, \$14.12 1/2 to \$14.62 1/2; extra India mess nominal; No. 1 canned corned beef, \$2; No. 2, \$3.75; six pounds, South America, \$10.50; pickled beef tongues, \$50 to \$55. Cut meats steady but quiet; pickled hams, 10 to 12 lbs., 11 3/4c.; 14 to 16 lbs., 10c.; pickled clear, 8 to 12 lbs., 8 1/2c.; 6 to 8 lbs., 8 3/4c.; bellies, clear, dry salted, boxed, 18 to 20 lbs., 7 1/2c.; 14 to 16 lbs., 7 3/4c. Butter, lower grades to higher than extra, 19 1/2 to 24 1/2c. Cheese, flats, 11 1/2 to 19c.; daisies, 12 1/2 to 16c.; Young American, 13 to 17 1/2c.; lower grades of all sorts, 10 to 12 1/4c. Eggs, medium to special packs, 11 1/2 to 17 1/2c.

OILS.—Linseed was quoted by large producing and selling interests at 6.8c. for carlots. Concessions of two points were still available, however, on a firm bid for large quantities. Coconut, Manila coast tanks, 3 3/8c.; tanks New York, 3 1/2 to 3 3/4c.; China wood, New York drums, carlots, spot, 7 1/4 to 7 1/2c.; tanks, 6 1/4 to 6 3/8c.; Pacific Coast tanks, 5 7/8 to 6c.; corn, crude tanks f.o.b., Western mills, 3 3/8 to 3 1/2c.; soya bean, tank cars f.o.b. Western mills, 3c.; carlot, delivered New York, 4 1/2c.; l.e.l., 5 to 5 1/2c.; edible olive, \$1.65 to \$2.15; lard, prime, 9 3/4c.; extra strained winter, New York, 7c. Cod, Newfoundland, 21 to 26c. Turpen-

tine, 45 to 50c. Rosin, \$3.50 to \$6.75. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, including switches, 18 contracts; crude S.E., 3 1/4c.

Prices closed as follows:

Spot-----	4.00@	August-----	4.45@4.53
March-----	4.26@	September-----	4.55@4.57
May-----	4.32@	October-----	4.55@4.60
July-----	4.45@4.46		

PETROLEUM.—Bunker oil was firmer. In at least one instance grade C bunker fuel oil was quoted at 45c. in the Gulf. Business could still be done, however, on a firm bid at 40c. Locally the market was firm at 60c. at refineries. Domestic heating oil was steady. Gasoline was steady with above 65 octane gasoline 6 to 6 1/4c. and United States motor below 65 octane 5 1/2 to 5 3/4c. refinery. It is doubtful if any price advances will take place during the immediate future. California gasoline is reported to be coming here. It was learned that at least two large tankers with a capacity of approximately 9,000 tons each have been chartered to transport gasoline from California to the Atlantic seaboard. It is understood that one of these tankers will make five trips at 40c. a barrel. Kerosene was in rather better demand and steady.

Tables of prices usually appearing here will be found on an earlier page in our department of "Business Indications," in an article entitled "Petroleum and Its Products."

RUBBER.—On the 5th inst. prices advanced 4 to 10 points with sales of 460 tons of No. 1 standard and no business in new "A" closing with No. 1 standard Mar. at 3.58c.; May at 3.72 to 3.73c.; July, 3.82 to 3.83c.; Sept., 3.97 to 4.02c.; Dec., 4.18 to 4.20c.; Jan., 4.28 to 4.29c.; new "A" Mar., 3.58c.; April, 3.65c.; May, 3.72c.; June, 3.77c. Outside prices: plantation R. S. sheets, spot and Mar., 3 9-16 to 3 5/8c.; April, 3 9-16 to 3 11-16c. On the 5th London opened unchanged to 1-16d. advance and closed steady, and unchanged to 1/2d. up; Mar., 2 7-16d.; April, 2 1/2d.; May, 2 1/2d. Singapore closed 1-16 to 1/2d. up; Mar., 2 1/2d.; April-June, 2 3-16d. On the 7th inst. prices closed 2 to 4 points higher with sales of 430 tons of No. 1 standard and no business in new "A." No. 1 standard closed with May, 3.68 to 3.72c.; Sept., 3.93c.; Dec., 4.15 to 4.20c.; Jan., 4.24c.; Feb., 4.33c.; new "A" Mar., 3.56c.; April, 3.62c.; May, 3.68c.; June, 3.74c.; July, 3.80c. Outside prices: spot, and Mar., 3 9-16 to 3 3/8c.; April, 3 9-16 to 3 11-16c.; April-June, 3 3/4c.; July-Sept., 3 15-16c.; Oct.-Dec., 4 1/8c. On the 7th London opened quiet and unchanged to 1-16d. decline and at 2:35 p. m. was quiet, 1-16 to 1/2d. decline; Mar. and April, 2 3/8d. London's stock, Mar. 5 was 65,459 tons, a decrease of 464 tons from the previous week. Liverpool's increased 420 tons to 60,288 tons. The net decrease of 44 tons in the British stocks was somewhat less than expected, unofficial estimates last Friday. Singapore closed dull and unchanged; Mar., 2 1/2d. On the 7th London closed steady, unchanged to 1-16d. off; Mar., 2 7-16d.; April, 2 7-16d.; May, 2 1/2d.

On the 8th inst. prices ended 5 to 10 points lower with sales of 790 tons of No. 1 standard and none of new "A." Standard March ended at 3.56c.; May, 3.64c.; July, 3.78 to 3.79c.; Sept., 3.92 to 3.95c.; Dec., 4.10 to 4.14c.; Jan., 4.19c.; new "A" March, 3.51c.; April, 3.55c.; May, 3.59c. Outside prices: Spot and March, 3 1/2 to 3 11-16c.; April, 3 9-16 to 3 11-16c.; April-June, 3 3/4c.; July-Sept., 3 15-16c.; Oct.-Dec., 4 1/8c. On the 8th London closed at 1/2d. decline; March, 2 3/8d.; April, 2 5-16d.; May, 2 3/8d.; June, 2 7-16d.; July-Sept., 2 1/2d.; Oct.-Dec., 2 3/8d. and Jan.-March, 2 13-16d. Singapore closed steady at 1-16d. decline; March 2 1-16d.; April-June, 2 1/2d.; July-Sept., 2 1/2d. Amsterdam cabled: "It is officially reported that the representative of the Dutch East Indies at the conference on the crude rubber situation now being held at the Hague has expressed the opinion that restriction of output is not advisable. It is the feeling here that the idea of restriction has been absolutely abandoned." On the 9th inst. March advanced 4 points net but other months were 4 to 6 points lower with sales of 700 tons of No. 1 standard, closing with March, 3.60c.; May, 3.60 to 3.62c.; July, 3.74c.; Sept., 3.88c.; Oct., 3.95c.; Dec., 4.04 to 4.05c.; Jan., 4.14c. New "A" March, 3.57c.; April, 3.57c.; May, 3.57c.; no sales. Outside prices: Spot and March, 3 1/2 to 3 11-16c. On the 9th London opened at 1/8 to 3-16d. decline; at 2:36 p.m. was quiet; March, 2 3-16d.; April, 2 3-16d. The London rubber market closed steady, 1-16d. to 3-16d. decline; March, 2 3-16d.; April, 2 1/4d.; May, 2 5-16d.; June, 2 3/8d.; July-Sept., 2 7-16d.; Oct.-Dec., 2 9-16d.; Jan.-March, 2 11-16d. Production of cars and trucks in U. S. during February was 118,559 units, according to the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce. This output was 3 7-16% under preceding month and 48% below February 1931. Singapore closed at 1-16d. to 1/2d. decline; March, 1 15-16d.; April-June, 2d.

On the 10th inst. prices declined early 1 to 7 points but rallied later on more bullish restriction rumors and ended 8 points off to 1 higher but generally unchanged with sales of 270 tons of No. 1 standard, closing with May, 3.60 to 3.63c.; July, 3.74c.; Sept., 3.87 to 3.90c.; Dec., 4.05 to 4.10c.; Jan., 4.14c.; New "A" March, and April, 3.49c.; May, 3.57c.; June, 3.64c. Outside prices: Spot and March, 3 1/2 to 3 11-16c.; April, 3 9-16 to 3 11-16c.; April-June, 3 3/4c.; July-Sept., 3 15-16c.; Oct.-Dec., 4 1/8c.; spot, first latex thick, 4 5/8c.; thin pale latex, 4 5/8c.; clean thin brown No. 2, 3 1/2c.; rolled brown crepe, 3 3-16c.; No. 2 amber, 3 9-16c.; No. 3, 3 3/8c.; No. 4, 3 1/4c.; Paras, up-river fine spot 5 1/4c. On March 10 London opened quiet, and 1-16d. off to 1-16d.

up; at 2:40 p.m. was quiet; March and April, 2½d.; May, 2 5-16d. The London rubber market closed steady, unchanged to 1-16d. advance; March and April, 2 5-16d.; May, 2 5-16d.; June, 2¾d.; July-Sept., 2 7-16d.; Oct.-Dec., 2 9-16d. and Jan.-March, 2 11-16d. Dealers stocks in the Far East at the end of Feb. totaled 52,287 tons compared with 53,650 tons at the end of Jan. and 44,105 tons Feb. last year. Singapore and Penang Harbor Board stocks at the end of Feb. were 5,189 tons compared with 7,113 tons in Jan. and 5,178 tons at the end of Feb. last year. Singapore closed quiet and 1-16d. decline; March 1½d.; April-June, 1 15-16d. Liverpool cabled: "Restriction British-Dutch Committee continues sittings; Dutch bankers pressing for decision threatening withdrawal of financial accommodations." To-day futures closed 8 to 19 points higher with March, 3.71c.; May, 3.70c.; July, 3.85c. and Sept., 3.96c. Final prices are 3 to 21 points higher for the week the latter on March. To-day London opened unchanged to 1-16d. up; at 2:37 p.m. was quiet at 1-16d. to ¼d. advance; March, 2¾d. London closed steady at ½ to 3-16d. advance; March and April, 2 7-16d.; May, 2½d.; June, 2 9-16d.; July-Sept., 2½d.; Oct.-Dec., 2¾d. Singapore closed 1-16d. to ½d. up; March 2d.; April-June, 2 1-16d.; July-Sept., 2 3-16d. Unofficially, it was estimated that stocks in London for the week ending March 12, will decrease 600 tons; in Liverpool an increase of 600 tons. To-day Jonkheer DeGraaf, the Dutch Colonial Minister, announced in the lower Chamber that a decision regarding rubber restriction will shortly be taken, according to advices from the Hague to the Exchange here.

HIDES.—On the 5th inst. futures ended 10 points lower to 10 higher, closing as follows: June, 7.05c.; July, 7.25c.; September, 7.75c. On the 7th inst. prices closed 10 points off to 10 up; March, 5.10 to 5.75c.; May, 6.50c.; June, 7 to 7.05c., and July, 7.20c. On the 8th inst. the trading was light and prices ended unchanged to 5 points lower. Spot hides were quiet. Futures closed on the 8th inst. with April, 6c.; May, 6.50c.; June, 7 to 7.05c.; July, 7.20c.; September, 7.65 to 7.75c. On the 9th inst. prices closed unchanged to 14 points net lower with sales of 640,000 lbs., ending with June 6.86 to 6.90c.; September, 7.55 to 7.59c. and December, 8.16 to 8.30c. Spot sales included 2,000 February extremes at 7¼c., 2,000 February cows at 8¼c. and 2,500 March light frigorifico extremes at 7½c. City packer hides were quiet. Common dry Cucuta, 10c.; Orinocos, 8¼c.; Santa Marta, 8¼c.; Central America, La Guayra, Maracaibo, Ecuador and Savanillas, 7½c.; native steers, 6½c.; New York City calfskins, \$1.30 to \$1.40; 7-9s, 70 to 80c.; 5-7s, 50 to 60c. On the 10th inst. at one time prices were 4 points higher to 10 points lower, but later rallied and closed unchanged to 1 point net lower with sales of 520,000 lbs.; some 1,600 February-March frigorifico steers sold at 7 15-16c. March ended at 5.10 to 5.75c.; May, 6.40c.; June, 6.85 to 6.90c.; September, 7.55 to 7.60c. To-day futures closed 10 to 40 points lower with sales of 50 lots; May, 6c.; June, 6.55c.; September, 7.30c.; December, 7.95c. Final prices are 50 points lower for the week on May.

OCEAN FREIGHTS.—There was a small trade at one time. Later came a rather better market. Towards the end of the week the trading broadened.

CHARTERS included grain on berth: 20 loads Rotterdam at 5c.; 14 to Liverpool at 1s. 6d. and 1 load Havre-Dunkirk 9c.; 9 loads to Antwerp at 6c. and 3 to Rotterdam at 5c.; some small Continent parcels and 2 loads Dublin at 2s. 6d.; 20 loads Antwerp, 6¼c.; 7 to Manchester at 1s. 7d., 2 to Liverpool at 1s. 6d. and some to Hamburg at 6c. some; Gulf corn, 15 loads heavy Atlantic range to Rotterdam at 5¼c. and 7 loads Liverpool at 1s. 6d. Grain fixed: 22,000 qrs. to French ports from Atlantic range 9c. and 9¼c. Time: prompt, West Indies round 55c. 60c., 65c.; prompt West Indies round 65c.; West Indies round trips, Plotbek, 87¼c.; Jersbek, \$1; Reinbek, 90c.; Maud, 75c. and Dampen, 70c. Sugar: Cuba, late Mar., Santo Domingo 15s., Cuba 16s. 9d., United Kingdom: Mar., Cuba to United Kingdom-Continent, £5 14s. 6d.; clean, first half April; United Kingdom-Continent, Cuba, 16s. 8d., Santos Domingo, 14s. 6d.; April, Cuba, United Kingdom-Continent, 15s. 3d.; April, Cuba, United Kingdom-Continent, 16s. 6d. Tankers: Three, March, dirty tankers fixed for north of Hatteras at 14c.; San Pedro fuel and (O4) gas, San Pedro North of Hatteras, March, 40c.; Black Sea, March, United Kingdom-Continent, 7s.; Black Sea, April, Baltic, 7s. 9d.; clean, beginning San Pedro, March, 5 trips, Baltimore, 40c.; Tiverton, 42c.; gas oil, San Pedro, March, Baltimore, 30c.; San Pedro, March, clean, North Hatteras, 40c.; 2 trips to north of Hatteras, beginning March, 14c.; Gulf crude, 17c., Tampico, one trip, similar but at 15 and 18c.

COAL.—Colder weather at the West and Northwest favored trade. Later the cold wave caused a sharp increase in the domestic demand.

TOBACCO.—There is a moderate trade in progress here but there are no especially interesting features. Some recent activity in Spanish Regie is stressed in some quarters. Large sales of this sort were recently reported in Havana at rising prices for the low grades. It appears that in Louisville last week some 14,500,000 pounds of Regies were sold after a lull in the trading in such tobacco of several years. Some regarded this as an encouraging feature. Hereafter it is stated that Regie will buy in Cuba by sealed bids only. In this country it is said there will be a considerable reduction in the acreage of all kinds of tobacco.

Mayfield, Ky., to the "United States Tobacco Journal": Offerings in the Western Fired Dark district were again light, and consisted principally of the common to medium qualities; while in the Eastern Fired district offerings were relatively larger, with prices in both districts reflecting slightly lower averages. Sales at Mayfield, 740,665 lbs. for the week, average \$2.68 or 28c. lower than in the preceding week. At Paducah, 420,175 lbs., averaging \$2.65, or 70c. lower. At Murray, 179,915 lbs., averaging \$3.26, or 91c. lower. At Hopkinsville, 1,482,375 lbs. of dark

tobacco, an average of \$4.28, and 571,510 lbs. of burley at average \$3.93; dark, 76c., and burley, 41c. lower. At Clarksville, 1,825,500 lbs., average \$5.49, or 5c. lower. At Springfield, 1,170,485 lbs., averaging \$6.56, or off 20c. At Owensboro, 2,296,000 lbs. of dark tobacco, average \$2.75, and 545,090 lbs. of burley tobacco, average \$3.74; dark, 54c., and burley, \$1.38 lower. At Henderson, 473,315 lbs., average \$3.78, or 7c. higher. The One Sucker District sold 1,012,740 lbs. of dark tobacco at an average of \$2.35, and 87,085 lbs. of burley at \$3.16; dark 89c., and burley, \$1.19 lower. At Lynchburg, 306,685 lbs., average \$6.73, or \$1.78 higher.

Havana cabled: "The past week has been active. Large quantities of bales of leaf tobacco have been examined and received by buyers. Only a relatively small amount has been of new purchases, the bulk being of previously contracted parcels of low grades. Barring a small percentage of old tobacco, the balance was of the 1932 crop. Leaf changing hands consisted of 18,414 bales of Remedios, 5,503 of Vuelta Abajo and 339 of Partido, a total of 24,256 bales." Richmond, Va.: "Virginia markets sold 28,297,635 lbs. of producers' tobacco in January 1932, at an average price of \$5.76 per 100 pounds, according to recent warehouse reports. Total sales for the season to Jan. 31, were 91,200,096; average season price was \$6.91, against 110,086,498 at an average of \$9.32 prior to Jan. 31 1931. Nearly 75% of the estimated sales for the season has been sold by Jan. 31, against 83.4% sold to the same day last year and 88.8% two years ago." Edgerton, Wis. "A slow buying movement has been going on in this State, and probably 80% of the tobacco grown by independent farmers has been taken up at very low prices. In Northern Wisconsin 9 and 10 cents is being paid for binder crops. No buying of binder tobacco has been done in the Southern section. Prices paid for damaged tobacco range from 3 to 5 cents per pound and for sound tobacco suitable for stemming at 5 to 6 cents."

SILVER.—On the 5th inst. futures closed 30 points lower to 5 higher with sales of 200,000 ozs. March ended at 30.45c.; May at 30.90 to 30.98c.; Oct., 32 to 32.10c. and Dec., 32.30c. On the 7th inst. prices closed 5 points lower to 20 higher; sales 775,000 oz. March ended at 30.40c.; May at 30.92 to 31.13c.; July, 31.30 to 31.55c.; Sept., 31.74 to 31.91c.; Oct., 32 to 32.18c. On the 8th inst. futures closed 2 to 35 points lower; sales, 275,000; March, 30.38 to 30.65c.; May, 30.85 to 31c.; July, 31.25 to 31.55c.; Sept., 31.60c.; Oct., 31.85 to 32c. On the 9th inst. prices closed 50 to 60 points lower with sales of 925,000 oz., ending with March at 29.80 to 30c.; May at 30.35 to 30.48c.; July, 30.75 to 30.85c.; August, 30.90c.; Sept., 31c.; Oct., 31.35 to 31.50c. and Dec., 31.65c. On the 10th inst. prices closed 15 points off to 10 up with sales of 1,375,000 oz., closing with May, 30.34c.; July, 30.76c.; August, 30.95c.; Sept., 31.05c.; Oct., 31.20c. and Dec., 31.50c. To-day futures closed 3 to 11 points lower with sales of 775,000 ozs. March ended at 29.90c.; May at 30.29 to 30.30c.; July, 30.65 to 30.80c.; Oct., 31.13 to 31.44c. Final prices are 31 to 86 points lower for the week.

COPPER was tending lower. The export price was marked down 1 to 6½c. but sales on the 10th inst. were only 183 tons or a little better than the previous day. The domestic price was 6c. but second hand copper was sold at 5½c. or at the all-time low reached early in the week. London on the 10th inst. was higher. There was no trading in standard copper futures on the exchange here that day; closing prices were Mar., 5 to 5.25c.; April, 5.05 to 5.25c. and 5 points per month higher in both bid and asked prices. To-day futures were unchanged; no sales. Mar. ended at 5c.; April 5.05c. and May, 5.10c.

TIN was lower. Small sales of spot Straits were made on the 10th inst. at 22½c., but at the close that day 21.90c. was generally asked. Demand was small. London on the 10th inst. advanced 10s. on all descriptions at the first session, but at the second session declined £1 10s. on standard tin; sales, 610 tons. Futures here declined 30 to 40 points, with no sales. To-day futures closed unchanged with sales of 5 tons; March, 21.85c.; April, 22c., and May, 22.15c.

LEAD was in good demand and steady at 3.25c. New York and 3.05c. East St. Louis. About 60% of March requirements and 30% of the estimated April needs, it is said, have been sold. Corroders were good buyers. London on the 10th inst. rose 1s. 3d. on spot to £12 13s. 9d.; futures unchanged at £13 3s. 9d.; sales 50 tons spot and 450 futures; at the second session prices fell 1s. 3d. on sales of 150 tons futures.

ZINC was steady at 2.80c. East St. Louis. London on the 10th inst. advanced 1s. 3d. to £12 16s. 3d. for spot and £13 5s. for futures; sales 50 tons spot and 400 futures.

STEEL was still quiet. The demand, such as it was, centered on structural and railroad steel. For the second month in succession the rate of production of steel ingots in this country increased slightly in Feb. according to the monthly compilation of the American Iron and Steel Institute. In Feb., that is, it was 27.57% of plant capacity, against 26.54% in Jan., 23.58% in Dec. and 49.08% in Feb. 1931. The steel backlog of the United States Steel Corp. has dropped to a record low. Feb. unfilled orders fell 102,521 tons to 2,545,629 tons.

PIG IRON.—There was some selling for the second quarter. In general business remained dull. In northern

Ohio there was said to be a slight improvement owing to the buying of castings by the Ford Co.

WOOL.—Boston wired a government report on March 8 which said: "Inquiries from several sources are being received on 48-50s of both fleece and territory wools. However, very little business has as yet developed as a result of recent interest. Asking prices on all grades of domestic wools are mostly unchanged from last week. Bulk of current sale is on 64s and finer Western wools, but the volume of business is very moderate." Nominal Boston prices were as follows:

Ohio & Penn. fine delaine, 23c.; fine clothing, 18½ to 19c.; ¼ blood combing, 23c.; ½ blood clothing, 19 to 20c.; ¾ combing, 23c.; ¾ clothing, 21c.; ¼ combing, 21½ to 22c. Territory clean basis, fine staple 57c.; fine, fine medium, French combing, 53c.; fine, fine medium clothing, 48c.; ½ blood, 53c.; ¼ blood, 39 to 40c. Texas, clean basis, fine 12 months, 54 to 56c.; fine 8 months, 46 to 48c.; fall, 36 to 38c.; pulled, scoured basis, A super, 48 to 50c.; B, 43 to 47c.; C, 38 to 40c.; Mohair, original Texas adult, 22 to 25½c.; fall, kid, 48 to 52c.; spring kid, 40 to 44c.

On March 10 Boston wired a government report as follows: "Only limited quantities of any line of domestic wools are selling and prices are irregularly weaker. Strictly combing 64s and finer fleeces have sold at around 55c. on an estimated scoured basis. Further easing is apparent in the ideas of values on all the lower grades of fleeces. Good French combing 64s and finer territory wools are bringing 50 to 52c., scoured basis, while short French combing original bag lines are available at 48 to 50c." Prices at the present London wool sales which opened on March 1st are mostly 1c. to 1¼c. a pound lower, on a scoured basis, than they were at the close of the previous series of sales on Feb. 2 according to a cable received by the foreign service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

In London on March 4 offerings 7,074 bales of Colonial wool. Demand better from home and Continental sources. Prices firmer. A poor selection of 2,512 bales of English wool was offered, but half of the lot was withdrawn. Washed lambs ranged from 5d. to 8d., greasy 4¾ to 7½d. Details:

Sydney, 303 bales; greasy merinos, 8 to 11d. Queensland, 473 bales; greasy merinos, 9¾ to 11d. Victoria, 193 bales; greasy merinos, 9¾ to 10¾d. South Australia, 82 bales; greasy merinos, 8¾ to 10¾d. West Australia, 1,401 bales; greasy merinos, 7 to 11¾d. Tasmania, 128 bales; greasy merinos, 10 to 15d. New Zealand, 3,276 bales; scoured merinos, 11½ to 16d.; scoured crossbreds, 14½ to 16½d.; greasy, 5 to 10½d. Cape, 722 bales; scoured merinos, 10½ to 17¾d.; greasy merinos, 5½ to 10d. New Zealand slipse ranged from 5¾ to 11d., latter halfbred lambs.

In London on March 7 offerings 8,715 bales, mostly New Zealand and South American greasy crossbreds. New Zealand was taken by Yorkshire and the South American by the Continent. Prices were frequently in sellers' favor, especially on medium grades. Details:

Sydney, 224 bales; greasy merinos, 9 to 10½d. Queensland, 894 bales; scoured merinos, 17½ to 19½d.; greasy, 8 to 10½d. Victoria, 226 bales; scoured merinos, 9½ to 16d.; greasy, 10½ to 13½d. New Zealand, 2,949 bales; greasy crossbreds, 4¾ to 9½d. Puntas, 3,755 bales; greasy crossbreds, 6½ to 11d. Falklands, 653 bales; greasy crossbreds, 6 to 12d.

In London on March 8 it was decided to close the sales on March 16 instead of March 18, as originally planned. Offerings 8,330 bales. Home and Continental interests bought freely. Medium and coarse grades of greasy crossbreds recovered most of the opening decline of 10% and are now par to 5% below January levels. Details:

Sydney, 677 bales; scoured merinos, 9½ to 13½d.; greasy, 9 to 10¾d. Victoria, 639 bales; scoured merinos, 15 to 16d.; greasy, 10½ to 12½d. Queensland, 577 bales; scoured merinos, 18 to 22d. West Australia, 503 bales; greasy merinos, 8 to 10¾d. New Zealand, 3,942 bales; scoured merinos, 9¾ to 10¾d.; greasy crossbreds, 4¾ to 11d. Cape, 1,194 bales; scoured merinos, 15 to 15½d.; greasy, 5½ to 9d. Falklands, 800 bales; greasy crossbreds, 4½ to 10¾d. New Zealand slipse ranged from 5¾ to 10¾d., latter halfbred lambs.

In London on March 9 offerings 9,720 bales were readily distributed to Yorkshire and the Continent at the recent level of values. Speculators' lots were frequently withdrawn at firm limits. Details:

Sydney, 1,746 bales; scoured merinos, 9½ to 17½d.; greasy merinos, 8½ to 13d. Queensland, 1,269 bales; scoured merinos, 17½ to 20d.; greasy, 8½ to 13½d. Victoria, 690 bales; scoured merinos, 13 to 18½d.; greasy, 9 to 12½d. South Australia, 764 bales; scoured merinos, 10½ to 13½d.; greasy, 9 to 11d. West Australia, 850 bales; greasy merinos, 7½ to 11½d. Tasmania, 70 bales; greasy merinos, 11½ to 14¾d. New Zealand, 3,339 bales; scoured merinos, 15½ to 17d.; greasy crossbreds, 4¾ to 10¾d. Cape, 933 bales; scoured merinos, 14½ to 15½d.; greasy, 6½ to 9d. New Zealand slipse ranged from 5½ to 11¾d., latter halfbred lambs.

In London on March 10 offerings 6,630 bales mostly greasy crossbreds. Recently improved levels of values was firmly maintained. Demand good especially from Yorkshire. Details:

Sydney, 522 bales; greasy merinos, 9¾ to 10¾d. Queensland, 495 bales; scoured merinos, 17 to 20d. Victoria, 269 bales; scoured merinos, 12½ to 17½d.; greasy, 10 to 11d. South Australia, 110 bales; greasy merinos, 9¾ to 10¾d. West Australia, 489 bales; greasy merinos, 7 to 12d. Tasmania, 12 bales; greasy merinos, 11½ to 14d. New Zealand, 4,754 bales; greasy merinos, 9½ to 11½d.; greasy crossbreds, 4¾ to 11½d. New Zealand slipse ranged from 6½ to 11¾d., latter halfbred lambs.

At Adelaide on March 4 sales 31,500 bales offered and met with good competition on all classes except super grades, which were irregular. Yorkshire was the chief buyer. Australia, France and Japan also bought. Prices were about equal to the latest Australian sales but compared with Adelaide sales on Jan. 21, best wools were 10% lower and skirtings 5% lower.

At Invercargill on Mar. 5, 28,300 bales were offered and 20,000 sold. Crossbreds were representative but the merino selection was poor. Competition from Yorkshire was irregular and the Continent was quiet. Compared with Dunedin sales on Mar. 1 crossbreds were 7½ to 10% lower and merinos were 5% lower. Fine crossbreds were wanted and medium and coarse grades were neglected, closing weak. Prices realized; Merinos average 6 to 7d.; crossbreds, 50-56s, 7 to 8¾d.; 48-50s, 4½ to 6½d.; 46-48s, 5 to 5½d.; 44-46s, 3 to 5d. At Sydney on Mar. 7 the sixth series of sales opened. An average to good selection met a good demand

from Yorkshire and the Continent. Japan was quieter. Compared with the close of the previous sales merinos were 5 to 10% lower and comeback greasy and crossbreds were unchanged. In Liverpool on Mar. 8 the East India carpet wool sales opened with prices firm. Offerings 17,500 bales. Bidding was on a par with that of the previous sale.

WOOL TOPS futures to-day closed quiet and unchanged with Mar., 65.50c.; April, May, June, 66c.; July, Aug. and Sept., 66.50c.; Oct. to Jan., 67c. Roubaix closed quiet at a decline of 10 to 20 centimes, with sales of 88,000 lbs. Boston spot market unchanged at 71.50c. Antwerp unchanged to ¼d. lower with sales of 204,000 lbs.

SILK on the 10th inst. closed 2 points lower to 1 higher; sales 250 bales. Mar. ended at 1.45 to 1.49c.; April 1.47 to 1.49c.; May 1.49 to 1.50c.; June 1.50 to 1.52c.; July 1.53 to 1.56c.; Aug., Sept. and Oct. 1.56 to 1.57c. To-day futures closed 2 points lower to 2 points higher with sales of 230 bales. Mar. ended at \$1.47 to \$1.48; April \$1.47 to \$1.49; May \$1.49 to \$1.50; Aug. \$1.54 to \$1.57; Sept. and Oct. \$1.56 to \$1.57. Final prices show a decline for the week of 3 to 6 points.

COTTON

Friday Night, March 11 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 158,701 bales, against 184,065 bales last week and 161,669 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1931 8,488,920 bales, against 7,894,175 bales for the same period of 1930-31, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1931 of 594,745 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	5,028	5,938	10,042	7,340	2,599	3,762	34,709
Texas City						6,287	6,287
Houston	3,320	7,368	5,684	3,791	3,130	11,083	34,376
Corpus Christi	144	204	52	874	77	85	1,436
New Orleans	23,732	5,446	23,765	4,024	3,559	2,632	63,158
Mobile	1,681	777	836	1,029	786	2,538	7,647
Pensacola				150	281	762	912
Jacksonville					846	722	5,899
Savannah	1,365	1,047	1,339	580	2	160	622
Charleston	171	20	229				40
Lake Charles						1,471	1,471
Wilmington	104	40	124	256	147	42	1,073
Norfolk	108	44	165	53	34	160	564
Boston	60						60
Baltimore						206	206
Totals this week.	35,713	21,244	42,236	18,099	11,619	29,790	158,701

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 Mar. 11.	1932-31.		1931-30.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1931.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1930.	1932.	1931.
Galveston	34,709	2,104,607	15,704	1,330,257	862,896	592,392
Texas City	6,287	214,172	406	109,700	70,329	40,530
Houston	34,376	3,013,062	17,828	2,760,763	1,532,985	1,297,814
Corpus Christi	1,436	422,314	969	569,009	78,035	71,623
Beaumont		17,086	491	23,435		
New Orleans	63,158	1,559,573	27,264	1,247,017	1,087,805	790,942
Gulfport						
Mobile	7,647	392,429	12,069	530,608	222,320	246,171
Pensacola	912	54,166	1,822	56,300		
Jacksonville	281	25,562	8	493	16,952	1,360
Savannah	5,899	292,447	9,954	662,124	277,552	366,064
Brunswick		28,228		49,050		
Charleston	622	106,518	2,805	279,436	130,332	168,978
Lake Charles	1,471	131,360		56,649	62,139	
Wilmington	1,073	46,119	1,746	59,060	18,741	18,238
Norfolk	564	59,437	1,109	139,055	66,477	88,824
Newport News				1,125	208,164	229,383
New York				2,355	13,011	2,928
Boston	60	825	218	16,727	2,593	1,268
Baltimore	206	21,014	1,084	12	5,213	5,213
Philadelphia						
Totals	158,701	8,488,920	93,477	7,894,175	4,654,544	3,921,728

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	34,709	15,704	10,634	32,975	22,722	61,313
Houston	34,376	17,828	12,614	22,033	12,364	56,298
New Orleans	63,158	27,264	11,788	30,279	17,465	53,037
Mobile	7,647	12,069	2,396	6,013	2,814	5,846
Savannah	5,899	9,954	2,312	3,909	8,567	19,689
Brunswick						
Charleston	622	2,805	1,872	555	1,397	11,175
Wilmington	1,073	1,746	107	3,417	3,431	3,289
Norfolk	564	1,109	689	2,215	1,159	6,378
N'port News						
All others	10,653	4,998	2,507	4,954	3,315	11,625
Total this wk.	158,701	93,477	44,919	106,350	73,234	227,560
Since Aug. 1.	8,488,920	7,894,175	7,440,168	8,303,359	7,168,963	11,144,657

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 170,272 bales, of which 24,955 were to Great Britain, 14,493 to France, 54,077 to Germany, 5,939 to Italy, nil to Russia, 56,824 to Japan and China and 13,984 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 154,784 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 6,146,100 bales, against 5,161,921 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week:

Week Ended Mar. 11 1932. Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Ger- many.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston	---	6,278	5,481	3,631	---	11,175	7,453	34,018
Houston	---	6,033	21,089	---	---	4,457	5,390	36,969
Texas City	---	---	587	---	---	---	568	1,155
Corpus Christi	---	2,182	---	---	---	---	60	2,232
New Orleans	17,728	---	19,201	2,308	---	25,088	389	64,714
Mobile	4,059	---	5,510	---	---	---	134	9,733
Jacksonville	---	---	109	---	---	---	---	109
Pensacola	762	---	150	---	---	---	---	912
Savannah	---	---	---	---	---	5,000	---	5,000
Charleston	2,151	---	---	---	---	---	---	2,151
Norfolk	---	---	330	---	---	---	---	330
Los Angeles	225	---	400	---	---	11,104	---	11,729
Lake Charles	---	---	1,220	---	---	---	---	1,220
Total	24,955	14,493	54,077	5,939	---	56,824	13,984	170,272
Total 1931	11,554	14,198	28,010	8,200	---	68,780	24,042	154,784
Total 1930	16,214	14,521	13,530	8,614	---	16,579	6,918	76,376

From Aug. 1 1931 to Mar. 11 1932. Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Ger- many.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston	206,692	73,301	185,659	142,525	---	786,225	208,347	1,602,749
Houston	181,751	145,970	471,278	182,390	---	830,095	259,299	2,070,783
Texas City	16,689	7,598	32,425	9,191	---	34,885	9,736	110,524
Corpus Christi	74,177	15,804	24,718	29,370	---	129,415	32,595	306,079
Beaumont	7,070	1,480	3,916	60	---	---	1,532	14,048
New Orleans	180,026	34,776	133,609	112,923	---	265,947	66,489	793,770
Mobile	70,934	3,150	86,178	4,834	---	153,084	18,101	347,281
Jacksonville	4,937	---	5,752	---	---	---	122	9,941
Pensacola	11,640	---	52,943	174	---	5,304	705	70,766
Savannah	67,442	129	78,628	750	---	179,616	6,162	332,727
Brunswick	4,167	---	23,611	---	---	5,000	450	33,228
Charleston	46,676	---	41,465	---	---	26,555	15,377	130,073
Wilmington	---	---	9,688	15,900	---	---	1,458	27,046
Norfolk	16,959	22	6,339	---	---	6,758	42	30,120
New York	2,249	175	1,029	---	---	16,974	2,044	22,471
Boston	126	---	42	---	---	---	1,345	1,613
Baltimore	8	---	---	---	---	---	---	8
Los Angeles	4,070	460	11,843	1,842	---	134,502	3,496	156,213
San Francisco	1,025	---	142	---	---	36,053	766	38,016
Seattle	---	---	---	---	---	---	380	380
Lake Charles	5,325	8,171	20,998	5,713	---	---	8,157	48,364
Total	907,093	291,036	1,190,263	505,662	---	2,615,443	636,603	6,146,100
Total 1930-31	910,570	831,185	1,351,191	376,783	29,279	1,108,231	554,682	5,161,921
Total 1929-30	1,115,636	731,734	1,487,777	553,779	78,040	973,299	561,684	5,501,949

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:

Mar. 11 at—	On Shipboard Not Cleared for—					Total.	Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Ger- many.	Other Foreign	Coast- wise.		
Galveston	9,500	5,000	5,500	48,000	2,000	70,000	792,896
New Orleans	7,368	3,033	7,983	34,884	2,500	55,768	1,032,037
Savannah	6,000	---	---	---	200	6,200	271,352
Charleston	---	---	---	---	---	---	130,332
Mobile	9,153	150	---	4,050	350	13,703	208,617
Norfolk	---	---	---	---	---	---	66,477
Other ports *	4,000	4,000	8,000	56,000	3,000	75,000	1,932,162
Total 1932	36,021	12,183	21,483	142,934	8,050	220,671	4,433,873
Total 1931	17,524	6,070	23,295	66,521	2,405	115,815	3,805,913
Total 1930	22,081	8,370	14,311	86,116	4,008	134,886	1,869,772

* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery was small and prices drifted downward moderately. Like all commodity markets, cotton is neglected by the outside public. Its only support is trade buying, home and foreign. It seems plain enough, too, that the acreage will not be adequately reduced. Recent temperatures over much of the belt, far below the freezing point, may have hit the weevil. Cotton goods are dull and apparently inclined to weaken. Manchester, on the other hand, is doing a much better business than seemed possible a month or two ago, both with India and China. Sterling has advanced sharply. Exports are not far from 1,000,000 bales ahead of last year. The consumption is plainly larger than then. What cotton needs is an awakening of speculation on the part of the outside public. On March 5 prices declined slightly, with Liverpool some 15 American points lower than due on Bombay liquidation, and a drop in Alexandria of 10 to 44 points. Here the South, New Orleans, local traders, and possibly the co-operatives, sold. But the decline was only 4 to 6 points, and part of this was recovered, ending unchanged to 6 points net lower. This was buying by Liverpool, the Continent, Japanese and the American trade. Stocks were higher. Sterling was up to the highest point of the year. The spot basis was firm, especially on the better sorts of short staple. Interior offerings were small. Not a little rain fell over much of the belt. Field work is already badly behindhand. Cotton goods were steady, but, as a rule, quiet. Fertilizer sales in 13 Southern States in February were only 60% of those in February last year and 34% of those in February 1930. Manchester reported a fair demand for yarns for the home trade and export. The revival of the export business in cloths at Manchester is one of the features of the world's cotton trade, and if it continues is expected to have stimulating repercussions on this side of the water.

On the 7th inst. prices were irregular, and fluctuated within narrow limits, closing unchanged to 8 points lower. Liverpool was lower than due, under hedging sales, liquidation of straddles, and general selling, with sterling higher. But New York's response to Liverpool's weakness was cool. Liverpool was covering straddles here, and American and Continental trade interests also bought. It was foreign buying that barred the way to any important decline. But Wall Street and New Orleans also bought. The selling came from the South, in the shape of a rather larger amount of hedging in the distant deliveries, and apparently selling

by co-operatives. The speculation was not aggressive either way. Stocks were lower. Spot cotton was in brisk demand, and firm, but short staple 1 to 1½-inch, it was said, weakened. Worth Street was quiet and steady, with curtailment by Southern mills supposedly a protective feature. Unwanted rains fell in the Eastern belt and in the Mississippi Valley; temperatures were low, and the forecast was mostly unfavorable rather than otherwise. Manchester reported a better business in cloth with the Continent and South America. While it is believed that planters are disposed to put in as large an acreage as possible, they are confronted by the determination of banks and merchants to refuse advances to those who do not pledge themselves to reduce acreage a full third.

On the 8th inst. price movements still kept within a narrow groove and closed at a net decline of 2 to 4 points. At one time, on most months, they were 3 to 5 points higher. Distinctive and outstanding factors were few or entirely lacking. Many prefer to feel their way awaiting more light on what they consider a rather enigmatical situation. Liverpool closed 20 to 21 points off. Naturally that was something of a wet blanket. It was traceable to higher exchange, lower prices for Egyptian cotton, and hedge selling. Sterling exchange jumped 20c. to the highest point since last December. Worth Street was mostly quiet, though in the main rather steady, supported by mill curtailment at the South. The weather was very cold, but that cut two ways. It might delay field work, but if it should continue it would be destructive to weevil. But a factor standing out in clear relief against anything bearish in the situation, such as the very large supplies, is the growing evidence of a noteworthy increase in the world's consumption of American cotton. A measure of the extent to which foreign spinners have been taking American cotton in place of Indian, because of the relative cheapness of the American staple, is found in figures on exports by the United States and India, the New York Cotton Exchange Service points out. The United States exported 889,000 bales in January this season against 520,000 last season, and during the six months to the end of January 4,894,000 against 4,468,000 in the same period last season. India, lagging well behind, exported only 168,000 bales in January against 439,000 in the same month last year, and in the six months to Jan. 31 only 987,000 bales against 1,784,000 in the same period last season. This great difference in the exports from the United States is due chiefly to shipments to the Orient. In the first six months of this season, as shown by the Exchange Service, the United States shipped 2,125,000 bales to the Orient compared with only 876,000 last season. India shipped only 684,000 bales this season against 1,189,000 last season. In other words, exports to the Orient by the United States this season are more than twice as large as last season, while exports to the Orient by India this season are only a little more than half as large as last season, a difference of practically a whole diameter to the good in favor of the United States. The total stock of Indian cotton in all hands in India on Jan. 31, including the estimated unpicker portion of the crop, was 3,456,000 running bales of 400 pounds each against 4,703,000 on the same date last year, and 5,293,000 two years ago. The small supply this year is due to the small current crop, which is tentatively estimated at only 4,000,000 running bales compared with last year's crop of 5,731,000, and the crop two years ago of 6,222,000. Consumption by mills of India is high. Manchester on the 8th inst. reported a good inquiry and a fair business in cloth with India and China. Some are beginning to wonder whether it may not be England which will blaze the trail for the world back to universal prosperity with sterling exchange nearly half a dollar higher than it was last December and the East Indian boycott of British goods apparently dying out. Spot cotton on this side was in a good demand, and a premium generally demanded. There has been very little weevil-killing weather this winter. Stocks and bonds were higher, some bonds reaching new highs for the year.

On the 9th inst. prices in the end hardly wavered from a straight unchanged line. There was an early drop of 2 to 4 points. Later came a trifling rally, ending with prices one point lower to two points higher. Analyzing such fluctuations seems at first sight a little like splitting hairs. But underneath it showed a continuance of the steadiness noticeable for two months past. That seems to be the real point of the recent sluggish movement of prices. Supplies are large. But proverbially demand as well as supply enters into the making of prices. On the other hand, bulls are not at all aggressive. The market gets its support not from outside speculation but from persistent trade buying, home and foreign, and the refusal of the South to sell with its old-time docility. The South sold to some extent; also New Orleans and local interests. Goods were dull and in some cases lower. Minimum temperatures at the South were low, i.e., 12 to 28 degrees. That interrupts work, but may hit the weevil. Liverpool reported heavy general selling though there was some buying for a rally. Alexandria dropped 105 to 170 points. Silver futures fell 65 to 86 points early. Stocks and grain reacted. But the trade, the Continent, Liverpool and Japanese interests bought. Dallas wired that there was a good demand from France and Germany but no business as their basis was too low.

On the 10th inst. prices ended practically unchanged after being 3 to 6 points higher early. They refused really to give way but made a very cool response to a firm Liver-

pool market, to a rise in futures at Alexandria of 73 to 100 points and to a reduction in the Bank of England rate of discount of 1% to 4. Minimum temperatures of 10 to 16 degrees in the belt passed unregarded. Dallas, Tex., wired that 70% of the Corpus Christie section had been planted and 60% was up but that the ground covered with snow will be replanted. One Corpus Christie wire said that 75% of the cotton planted will have to be replanted. Manchester reported a fair amount of cloth business with India. Another Manchester cable said that yarns were in better demand. Worth Street was quiet, with large offerings from second hands and 80 squares from such sources 5½c.; mills asked 5¾c. Some mills it was said eased prices a little. Meanwhile Bombay was supposed to be selling here through Liverpool. The speculation here was still slow. Most of the buying was "calling" by American, English and Continental spinners. They did not care to follow the market up much. There was less arbitrage trading here. It was supposed that the co-operatives sold moderately.

To-day prices ended 1 to 3 points lower after opening 1 to 4 points higher. The cables were firm, but the demand was not at all aggressive. The South sold hedges to a moderate extent. Liverpool was a seller supposedly against purchases in its own market. The co-operatives it is understood sold the distant months. The decline in the stock market had some effect. But it was largely a case of deadlock; that is only another way of saying that prices acted very well. Again the trade at home and abroad was a buyer. The Continent and Far Eastern interests bought. Liverpool closed strong at the highest prices of the day. Manchester reported that the cloth demand from India and China was sustained. In Liverpool there was local and foreign buying. British Board of Trade returns showed exports of cloth in February of 180,000,000 yards against 146,000,000 in February last year; and 13,000,000 lbs. of yarn against 9,000,000 in February last year. The Cotton Exchange Service estimated the consumption of all cotton in this country during February at 447,000 bales against 435,000 in January and 434,000 in February last year. The daily rate in February was about 19,600 bales against 18,700 in January and 20,000 in February last year. Spinners takings for the week were stated in one report at 307,000 bales against 266,000 last week and 210,000 last year; total 8,975,000 bales or 729,000 larger than thus far last year; exports for the week 172,000 bales against 157,000 last year; total thus far 6,197,000 bales, according to one account or an increase thus far this season of 962,000 bales over last year. Final prices show a decline for the week of 8 to 15 points. Spot cotton ended at 7.05c. for middling or unchanged for the day, but a decline for the week of 10 points.

The official quotations for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week have been:

March 5 to March 11—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling upland.....	7.15	7.10	7.05	7.05	7.05	7.05

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Mar. 5.	Monday, Mar. 7.	Tuesday, Mar. 8.	Wednesday, Mar. 9.	Thursday, Mar. 10.	Friday, Mar. 11.
March—	6.93-7.02	6.94-6.99	6.88-6.94	6.88-6.90	6.90-6.95	6.90-6.95
Range—	6.98	6.94	6.91	6.90	6.91	6.90
Closing—	6.98	6.94	6.91	6.90	6.91	6.90
April—	7.03	6.99	6.93-6.96	6.96	6.96	6.94
Range—	7.06-7.15	7.02-7.11	7.00-7.09	6.98-7.04	7.02-7.08	6.99-7.06
Closing—	7.09-7.10	7.04-7.05	7.02-7.03	7.02-7.03	7.02-7.04	6.99-7.00
May—	7.17	7.12	7.09	7.10	7.10-7.10	7.08
Range—	7.24-7.31	7.19-7.27	7.17-7.25	7.15-7.21	7.20-7.24	7.17-7.22
Closing—	7.25-7.26	7.20-7.21	7.17-7.18	7.19	7.20-7.21	7.17-7.18
June—	7.32	7.28	7.25	7.30-7.30	7.27	7.24
Range—	7.38	7.36	7.32	7.35	7.34	7.31
Closing—	7.44-7.53	7.40-7.50	7.37-7.49	7.36-7.43	7.41-7.46	7.38-7.43
July—	7.44-7.47	7.44	7.40	7.42	7.41-7.43	7.38
Range—	7.54	7.52	7.48	7.49	7.49	7.46
Closing—	7.64-7.69	7.59-7.66	7.55-7.63	7.53-7.58	7.57-7.61	7.54-7.58
August—	7.65	7.60	7.57	7.57	7.57	7.64
Range—	7.72-7.77	7.64-7.72	7.62-7.70	7.59-7.65	7.63-7.67	7.61-7.65
Closing—	7.73	7.65	7.63	7.64	7.63	7.61

Range of future prices at New York for week ending Mar. 11 1932 and since trading began on each option:

Option for—	Range for Week.		Range Since Beginning of Option.			
Feb. 1932—			6.25 Nov. 30 1931	6.96 Nov. 10 1931		
Mar. 1932—	6.88 Mar. 8	7.02 Mar. 5	5.76 Oct. 6 1931	11.59 Apr. 6 1931		
Apr. 1932—	6.93 Mar. 8	6.96 Mar. 8	6.80 Nov. 4 1931	6.99 Nov. 6 1931		
May 1932—	6.98 Mar. 9	7.15 Mar. 5	5.96 Oct. 5 1931	11.40 June 27 1931		
June 1932—	7.10 Mar. 10	7.10 Mar. 10	6.62 Nov. 23 1931	9.74 July 27 1931		
July 1932—	7.15 Mar. 9	7.31 Mar. 5	6.15 Oct. 5 1931	9.15 Aug. 1 1931		
Aug. 1932—	7.30 Mar. 9	7.30 Mar. 9	6.67 Nov. 27 1931	7.57 Oct. 30 1931		
Sept. 1932—			6.75 Jan. 5 1932	7.68 Oct. 30 1931		
Oct. 1932—	7.36 Mar. 9	7.53 Mar. 5	6.67 Dec. 10 1931	7.67 Nov. 9 1931		
Nov. 1932—			7.32 Feb. 11 1932	7.32 Feb. 11 1932		
Dec. 1932—	7.53 Mar. 9	7.69 Mar. 5	6.96 Jan. 5 1932	7.77 Feb. 19 1932		
Jan. 1933—	7.59 Mar. 9	7.77 Mar. 5	7.20 Feb. 10 1932	7.84 Feb. 19 1932		

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows: Foreign stocks as well as afloat are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening. (Friday) we add the item of exports from the United States, including in it the exports of Friday only.

March 11—	1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.
Stock at Liverpool.....	654,000	924,000	911,000	1,006,000
Stock at London.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stock at Manchester.....	197,000	212,000	100,000	103,000
Total Great Britain.....	851,000	1,136,000	1,011,000	1,109,000
Stock at Hamburg.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stock at Bremen.....	315,000	484,000	488,000	551,000
Stock at Havre.....	175,000	390,000	303,000	260,000
Stock at Rotterdam.....	27,000	13,000	7,000	18,000
Stock at Barcelona.....	89,000	116,000	101,000	86,000
Stock at Genoa.....	85,000	67,000	64,000	45,000
Stock at Ghent.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stock at Antwerp.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total Continental stocks.....	691,000	1,070,000	963,000	960,000
Total European stocks.....	1,542,000	2,206,000	1,974,000	2,069,000
India cotton afloat for Europe.....	41,000	173,000	203,000	204,000
American cotton afloat for Europe.....	402,000	309,000	272,000	356,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat for Europe.....	87,000	94,000	71,000	91,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	684,000	693,000	495,000	439,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	521,000	959,000	1,384,000	1,130,000
Stock in U. S. ports.....	4,654,544	3,921,728	2,004,658	1,839,084
Stock in U. S. interior towns.....	1,961,116	1,420,753	1,228,666	814,522
U. S. exports to-day.....	21,067	18,464	.....	3,300
Total visible supply.....	9,913,727	9,794,945	7,632,324	6,945,906
Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:				
American—				
Liverpool stock.....	299,000	468,000	410,000	722,000
Manchester stock.....	113,000	92,000	67,000	78,000
Continental stock.....	637,000	960,000	878,000	906,000
American afloat for Europe.....	402,000	309,000	272,000	356,000
U. S. port stocks.....	4,654,544	3,921,728	2,004,658	1,839,084
U. S. interior stocks.....	1,961,116	1,420,753	1,228,666	814,522
U. S. exports to-day.....	21,067	18,464	.....	3,300
Total American.....	8,087,727	7,189,945	4,860,324	4,178,906
East Indian, Brazil, &c.—				
Liverpool stock.....	355,000	456,000	501,000	284,000
London stock.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Manchester stock.....	84,000	120,000	33,000	25,000
Continental stock.....	54,000	110,000	85,000	54,000
Indian afloat for Europe.....	41,000	173,000	203,000	204,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat.....	87,000	94,000	71,000	91,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	684,000	693,000	495,000	439,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	521,000	959,000	1,384,000	1,130,000
Total East India, &c.....	1,826,000	2,605,000	2,772,000	2,227,000
Total American.....	8,087,727	7,189,945	4,860,324	4,178,906
Total visible supply.....	9,913,727	9,794,945	7,632,324	6,945,906
Middling uplands, Liverpool.....	5.51d.	6.09d.	8.05d.	11.14d.
Middling uplands, New York.....	7.05c.	10.70c.	14.70c.	21.55c.
Egypt, good Sakel, Liverpool.....	8.65d.	10.25d.	14.45d.	20.64d.
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool.....	.....	.....	13.50d.	14.50d.
Braoch, fine, Liverpool.....	5.23d.	4.77d.	5.95d.	9.60d.
Tinnevely, good, Liverpool.....	5.36d.	5.62d.	7.30d.	10.75d.

Continental imports for past week have been 103,000 bales.

The above figures for 1932 show a decrease from last week of 144,646 bales, a gain of 118,782 over 1931, an increase of 2,281,403 bales over 1930, and a gain of 2,967,821 bales over 1929.

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts for the week and since Aug. 1, the shipments for the week and the stocks to-night, and the same items for the corresponding period of the previous year, is set out in detail below:

Towns.	Movement to Mar. 11 1932.				Movement to Mar. 13 1931.			
	Receipts.		Shtp-ments.		Receipts.		Shtp-ments.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Mar. 11.	Week.	Season.	Week.	Mar. 13.
Ala., Birming'm	472	69,471	1,668	31,312	905	92,870	893	32,281
Eufaula.....	51	12,236	193	8,441	27	25,347	143	14,736
Montgomery.....	245	37,944	1,329	62,093	531	66,635	619	64,820
Selma.....	885	83,852	3,875	71,822	772	97,494	3,544	52,705
Ark., Blytheville	1,433	115,896	3,920	53,612	97	76,628	1,751	24,338
Forest City.....	576	32,338	743	19,623	6	13,676	285	7,606
Helena.....	1,381	73,158	1,914	49,373	15	41,043	1,194	22,278
Hope.....	741	58,639	1,177	15,700	100	32,089	536	5,898
Jonesboro.....	198	20,743	171	5,656	59	26,001	188	3,356
Little Rock.....	2,439	168,797	3,031	68,086	1,191	99,744	3,158	41,101
Newport.....	591	47,370	1,577	19,720	18	27,531	.....	6,224
Pine Bluff.....	3,009	161,111	3,450	61,306	1,614	85,060	3,709	22,725
Walnut Ridge	219	46,444	948	11,511	14	23,730	155	3,718
Ca., Albany.....	.....	5,254	20	4,324	14	7,379	6	3,800
Athens.....	875	36,399	400	41,115	750	43,916	.....	32,555
Atlanta.....	8,940	71,071	1,041	164,918	3,805	185,967	2,360	155,250
Augusta.....	2,314	172,997	2,294	129,231	5,157	308,438	5,004	102,155
Columbus.....	1,009	56,112	1,059	27,798	250	47,830	1,300	16,960
Macon.....	269	30,764	270	37,757	1,347	90,079	486	33,993
Rome.....	360	13,041	250	10,468	65	20,741	350	15,057
La., Shreveport	484	108,174	6,450	91,010	245	105,642	2,184	72,699
Miss., Clarksdale	2,372	185,044	3,999	95,308	355	111,363	2,566	41,601
Columbus.....	.....	21,205	.....	14,138	128	24,828	216	13,513
Greenwood.....	276	160,739	4,918	97,918	127	137,322	2,082	59,448
Meridian.....	.....	25,652	.....	28,785	373	59,904	804	23,752
Natchez.....	47	12,157	288	7,631	38	11,781	181	8,007
Yicksburg.....	170	40,670	764	18,122	4	34,817	578	15,135
Yazoo City.....	20	46,824	699	22,583	9	32,696	572	12,456
Mo., St. Louis.....	2,412	115,019	2,363	1,121	6,828	188,138	8,974	11,189
N. C., Greensboro	111	16,472	246	20,645	2,205	41,922	664	37,012
Oklahoma—								
15 towns*.....	5,627	602,599	9,432	68,727	1,177	529,576	4,458	49,059
S. C., Greenville.....	7,583	127,955	5,383	75,039	2,697	124,421	3,849	64,994
Tenn., Memphis.....	35,294	747,453	47,448	439,770	24,252	1,178,524	35,617	304,928
Texas, Abilene.....	622	54,426	850	602	107	26,743	88	183
Austin.....	187	27,953	498	3,674	75	24,887	166	605
Brenham.....	240	19,174	750	7,047	52	19,327	405	5,336
Dallas.....	1,287	139,145	2,780	28,246	924	141,810	2,161	15,488
Paris.....	878	95,289	1,611	12,464	31	63,212	372	2,593
Robstown.....	1	31,116						

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS:

1932	7.05c.	1924	28.90c.	1916	11.80c.	1908	11.40c.
1931	10.80c.	1923	30.75c.	1915	8.85c.	1907	11.35c.
1930	14.50c.	1922	18.65c.	1914	13.10c.	1906	11.10c.
1929	21.45c.	1921	11.40c.	1913	12.40c.	1905	7.90c.
1928	21.45c.	1920	41.00c.	1912	10.80c.	1904	16.65c.
1927	14.20c.	1919	26.85c.	1911	14.65c.	1903	10.15c.
1926	19.25c.	1928	33.25c.	1910	15.10c.	1902	9.12c.
1925	25.90c.	1917	18.25c.	1909	9.80c.	1901	8.75c.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

	Spot Market Closed.	Futures Market Closed.	SALES.		
			Spot.	Contr'ct	Total.
Saturday	Steady, unchanged.	Barely steady.	948	---	948
Monday	Quiet, 5 pts. dec.	Quiet.	---	---	---
Tuesday	Steady, 5 pts. dec.	Barely steady.	1,700	---	1,700
Wednesday	Steady, unchanged.	Steady.	300	---	300
Thursday	Quiet, unchanged.	Barely steady.	800	200	1,000
Friday	Quiet, unchanged.	Barely steady.	686	---	686
Total week	---	---	4,434	200	4,634
Since Aug. 1	---	---	110,258	103,100	213,358

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

	1931-32		1930-31	
	Week.	Aug. 1.	Week.	Aug. 1.
Shipped—	---	---	---	---
Via St. Louis	2,363	120,305	8,974	190,951
Via Mounds, &c.	546	22,635	1,265	45,460
Via Rock Island	---	458	---	1,322
Via Louisville	348	6,838	452	14,351
Via Virginia points	3,206	119,261	3,453	122,509
Via other routes, &c.	15,329	319,588	32,056	393,976
Total gross overland	21,792	589,085	46,200	768,569

	1931-32		1930-31	
	Week.	Aug. 1.	Week.	Aug. 1.
Deduct Shipments—	---	---	---	---
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c.	266	22,096	1,302	20,219
Between interior towns	160	8,568	320	9,827
Inland, &c., from South	5,469	165,866	14,054	210,372
Total to be deducted	5,895	196,530	15,676	240,418

Leaving total net overland*—15,897 392,555 30,524 528,151

* Including movement by rail to Canada. The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 15,897 bales, against 30,524 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 145,596 bales.

	1931-32		1930-31	
	Week.	Aug. 1.	Week.	Aug. 1.
In Sight and Spinners' Takings.	---	---	---	---
Receipts at ports to March 11	158,701	8,488,920	93,477	7,894,175
Net overland to March 11	15,897	392,555	30,524	528,151
Southern consumption to Mar. 11	90,000	2,880,000	85,000	2,600,000
Total marketed	264,598	11,761,475	209,001	11,022,326
Interior stocks in excess	*36,793	1,171,089	*41,083	859,058
Excess of Southern mill takings over consumption to Feb. 1	---	628,334	---	414,027
Came into sight during week	227,805	---	167,918	---
Total in sight March 11	---	13,560,893	---	12,295,411
North, spinn's's takings to Mar. 11	30,678	701,365	26,001	904,156

* Decrease.

Movement into sight in previous years:

Week—	Bales.	Since Aug. 1—	Bales.
1930—Mar. 15	140,828	1929-30	13,117,800
1929—Mar. 16	218,384	1928-29	13,593,588
1928—Mar. 17	173,509	1927-28	11,968,741

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.—Below are the closing quotations for middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Week Ended Mar. 11.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wed. day.	Thursd. y.	Friday.
Galveston	7.05	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
New Orleans	7.00	6.93	6.93	6.97	6.97	6.97
Mobile	6.70	6.65	6.65	6.65	6.65	6.65
Savannah	6.99	6.94	6.93	6.94	6.94	6.90
Norfolk	7.08	7.00	6.96	6.96	7.00	7.00
Baltimore	7.15	7.15	7.10	7.10	7.05	7.05
Augusta	6.94	6.88	6.88	6.88	6.88	6.88
Memphis	7.00	6.95	6.95	6.95	6.95	6.95
Houston	6.25	6.19	6.16	6.16	6.16	6.16
Little Rock	6.40	6.35	6.30	6.30	6.30	6.30
Dallas	6.60	6.55	6.55	6.55	6.55	6.50
Port Worth	---	6.55	6.55	6.55	6.55	6.50

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

	Sat. Mar. 5.	Mon. Mar. 7.	Tue. Mar. 8.	Wed. Mar. 9.	Thu. Mar. 10.	Fri. Mar. 11.
March	6.95-6.97	6.90 Bid.	6.93	6.92 Bid.	6.91-6.93	6.92
April	---	---	---	---	---	---
May	7.10	7.06	7.03-7.04	7.02	7.03	7.01
June	---	---	---	---	---	---
July	7.26	7.22	7.19-7.20	7.18	7.20	7.18
August	---	---	---	---	---	---
September	---	---	---	---	---	---
October	7.44-7.45	7.41-7.42	7.37-7.38	7.37 Bid.	7.37-7.38	7.35 Bid.
November	---	---	---	---	---	---
December	7.62 Bid.	7.58-7.59	7.54-7.55	7.54 Bid.	7.55-7.56	7.52-7.53
January '33	7.69 Bid.	7.64	7.62	7.61 Bid.	7.66-7.63	7.58-7.60
February	---	---	---	---	---	---
March	---	---	---	---	---	---
Time	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.
Spot	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.
Options	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening denote that temperatures have averaged very low. Snow and frozen ground in many localities put a stop to farm work.

Memphis, Tenn.—It has snowed on three days and farm work has been suspended.

	Rain.	Rainfall.	Thermometer
Galveston, Texas	3 days	0.34 in.	high 71 low 30 mean 51
Abilene, Texas	1 day	0.04 in.	high 70 low 20 mean 45
Brownsville, Texas	4 days	1.74 in.	high 80 low 32 mean 56
Corpus Christi, Texas	3 days	0.50 in.	high 74 low 30 mean 52
Dallas, Texas	2 days	0.80 in.	high 74 low 20 mean 47
Del Rio, Texas	1 day	0.04 in.	high 78 low 30 mean 54
Houston, Texas	3 days	0.19 in.	high 76 low 28 mean 52
Palestine, Texas	2 days	0.18 in.	high 88 low 22 mean 55
San Antonio, Texas	1 day	0.12 in.	high 78 low 26 mean 52
New Orleans, La.	2 days	0.32 in.	high 78 low 20 mean 43
Shreveport, La.	4 days	1.32 in.	high 65 low 20 mean 50
Mobile, Ala.	3 days	0.54 in.	high 71 low 24 mean 46
Charleston, S. C.	3 days	0.60 in.	high 77 low 24 mean 50
Charlotte, N. C.	3 days	2.99 in.	high 76 low 28 mean 52
Memphis, Tenn.	3 days	0.08 in.	high 73 low 17 mean 40
Charleston, N. C.	3 days	0.08 in.	high 54 low 14 mean 32

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:

	Mar. 11 1932.	Mar. 13 1931.
	Feet.	Feet.
New Orleans	Above zero of gauge.	18.7 2.8
Memphis	Above zero of gauge.	18.1 13.0
Nashville	Above zero of gauge.	13.8 12.1
Shreveport	Above zero of gauge.	21.1 17.6
Vicksburg	Above zero of gauge.	47.9 19.6

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Week Ended	Receipts at Ports.			Stocks at Interior Towns.			Receipts from Plantations		
	1931.	1930.	1929.	1931.	1930.	1929.	1931.	1930.	1929.
Nov. 20	402,386	338,371	262,509	2,176,891	1,712,633	1,441,290	527,239	366,807	294,423
27	317,628	298,028	268,195	2,200,307	1,770,725	1,448,310	341,044	356,120	275,215
Dec. 4	312,183	255,569	282,747	2,209,002	1,797,998	1,451,947	320,878	282,842	285,384
11	227,112	222,908	281,398	2,205,718	1,815,747	1,461,857	223,823	240,657	291,308
18	283,817	210,864	260,772	2,214,853	1,811,062	1,476,899	292,457	306,478	375,814
24	191,637	161,383	187,785	2,217,292	1,800,744	1,493,015	194,046	151,068	204,101
31	218,440	122,377	154,364	2,219,563	1,777,081	1,476,971	220,741	98,714	138,320
Jan. 1932.	1931.	1930.	1932.	1931.	1930.	1932.	1931.	1930.	
8	353,609	115,570	137,699	2,206,968	1,750,859	1,477,345	341,014	89,348	138,073
15	274,657	106,805	104,523	2,198,054	1,725,164	1,456,833	265,743	81,110	84,011
22	240,478	80,428	98,388	2,175,407	1,696,148	1,432,387	218,831	51,412	73,942
29	280,442	115,045	87,594	2,158,461	1,658,372	1,403,107	263,496	77,269	58,314
Feb. 5	223,645	105,953	82,277	2,123,944	1,627,316	1,311,825	189,128	74,897	34,701
12	249,848	106,196	53,503	2,122,990	1,588,721	1,326,078	228,894	67,552	23,972
19	175,417	113,438	65,886	2,080,961	1,556,997	1,306,633	113,888	81,673	46,440
26	161,669	119,362	58,748	2,082,312	1,514,682	1,288,139	133,200	77,407	37,255
Mar. 4	184,095	118,671	50,312	1,997,909	1,461,830	1,256,075	149,662	65,725	19,248
11	158,701	93,477	44,919	1,961,116	1,420,753	1,228,666	121,908	41,083	17,510

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1931 are 9,593,353 bales; in 1930 were 8,731,135 bales, and in 1929 were 8,434,911 bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 158,701 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 121,908 bales, stock at interior towns having decreased 36,793 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 41,083 bales and for 1930 they were 17,510 bales.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.

Cotton Takings, Week and Season.	1931-30.		1930-29.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply March 4	10058373	---	9,819,683	---
Visible supply Aug. 1	---	6,892,094	---	5,302,014
American in sight to March 11	227,805	13,560,893	167,918	12,295,411
Bombay receipts to March 10	81,000	1,081,000	117,000	2,238,000
Other India ship's to March 10	12,000	233,000	23,000	395,000
Alexandria receipts to March 9	24,000	1,216,000	29,000	1,195,900
Other supply to March 9	10,000	393,000	12,000	467,000
Total supply	10413178	23,375,992	10168,601	21,893,325
Deduct—	---	---	---	---
Visible supply March 11	9,913,727	9,913,727	9,794,945	9,794,945
Total takings to March 1-a	499,451	13,462,265	373,656	12,098,380
Of which American	335,451	9,989,265	267,656	8,512,480
Of which other	164,000	3,473,000	106,000	3,585,900

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c.
 a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 2,880,000 bales in 1931-32 and 2,600,000 bales in 1930-31—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 10,582,265 bales in 1931-32 and 9,498,380 bales in 1930-31, of which 7,109,265 bales and 5,912,480 bales American.
 b Estimated.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.

March 10. Receipts at—	1931-32.		1930-31.		1929-30.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Bombay	81,000	1,081,000	117,000	2,238,000	116,000	2,452,000
Exports from—						
For the Week.						
Since August 1.						
	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.	Great Britain.	Continent.
Bombay—	1,000	2,000	16,000	19,000	15,000	105,000
1931-32	---	---	---	---	---	---
1930-31	6,000	24,000	30,000	60,000	95,000	480,000
1929-30	---	22,000	---			

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 36,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 52,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show a decrease of 1,209,000 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

Alexandria, Egypt, Mar. 9.		1931-32.	1930-31.	1929-30.
Receipts (Cantars)—				
This week	-----	120,000	145,000	120,000
Since Aug. 1	-----	5,840,426	5,823,076	6,780,405

Export (Bales)—	This Week.		Since Aug. 1.		This Week.		Since Aug. 1.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
To Liverpool	6,000	147,321	---	93,719	4,000	114,192	---	---
To Manchester, &c.	7,000	117,209	4,000	84,670	3,000	112,237	---	---
To Continent and India	11,000	412,275	18,000	384,813	8,000	330,555	---	---
To America	1,000	17,832	1,000	10,815	---	72,790	---	---
Total exports	25,000	694,637	23,000	574,017	15,000	629,864		

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weight about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ended Mar. 10 were 120,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 25,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in both yarns and in cloths is steady. Demand for yarn is improving. We give prices to-day below and leave those of previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

	1931.				1930.				Cotton Midd'l'g Up'd's.
	32s Cop Twist.	8 1/4 Lb. Shrt-tngs. Common to Finest.	Cotton Midd'l'g Up'd's.	32s Cop Twist.	8 1/4 Lb. Shrt-tngs. Common to Finest.	Cotton Midd'l'g Up'd's.	32s Cop Twist.	8 1/4 Lb. Shrt-tngs. Common to Finest.	
Nov. 20	d. 8 1/4 @ 10 1/2	s. d. 8 0 @ 8 4	d. 4.89	d. 9 1/2 @ 10 1/2	s. d. 8 6 @ 9 2	d. 5.98			
Dec. 27	8 1/4 @ 10 1/2	8 0 @ 8 4	4.90	9 1/2 @ 10 1/2	8 6 @ 9 2	5.91			
4	8 1/4 @ 10 1/2	8 0 @ 8 4	5.14	9 @ 10	8 6 @ 9 2	5.70			
11	8 1/4 @ 11	8 0 @ 8 4	5.21	8 1/4 @ 9 1/2	8 5 @ 9 1	5.43			
18	8 1/4 @ 10 1/2	8 0 @ 8 4	5.20	8 3/4 @ 9 1/2	8 5 @ 9 1	5.32			
24	8 1/4 @ 10 1/2	8 0 @ 8 4	5.30	8 1/2 @ 9 1/2	8 5 @ 9 1	5.31			
31	8 1/4 @ 10 1/2	8 0 @ 8 4	5.39	8 3/4 @ 9 1/2	8 5 @ 9 1	5.33			
Jan. 8	8 1/4 @ 10 1/2	8 0 @ 8 4	5.33	8 1/2 @ 9 1/2	8 5 @ 9 1	5.40			
15	8 1/4 @ 10 1/2	8 0 @ 8 4	5.41	8 1/2 @ 9 1/2	8 5 @ 9 1	5.41			
22	8 1/4 @ 10 1/2	8 0 @ 8 4	5.52	8 1/2 @ 9 1/2	8 4 @ 9 0	5.63			
29	8 1/4 @ 10 1/2	8 1 @ 8 4	5.50	8 1/2 @ 9 1/2	8 4 @ 9 0	5.63			
Feb. 5	8 1/4 @ 10 1/2	8 1 @ 8 4	5.58	8 1/2 @ 9 1/2	8 4 @ 9 0	5.72			
12	8 1/4 @ 10 1/2	8 1 @ 8 4	5.59	9 @ 10	8 4 @ 9 0	5.85			
19	9 @ 10 1/2	8 1 @ 8 4	5.95	9 1/4 @ 10 1/2	8 4 @ 9 0	6.04			
26	9 @ 10 1/2	8 1 @ 8 4	5.79	9 1/2 @ 10 1/2	8 4 @ 9 0	6.18			
Mar. 4	9 @ 10 1/2	8 1 @ 8 4	5.73	9 1/2 @ 10 1/2	8 4 @ 9 0	6.09			
11	8 1/4 @ 10 1/2	8 0 @ 8 3	5.51	9 @ 10	8 4 @ 9 0	5.97			

SHIPPING NEWS.—Shipments in detail:

NEW ORLEANS—To Liverpool—Mar. 2—West Ekong, 5,809.....	Bales.	11,584
Mar. 5—Dakotian, 3,890.....		
Mar. 9—Edgehill, 1,885.....		
To Manchester—Mar. 2—West Ekong, 3,157.....		
Mar. 5—Dakotian, 2,150.....		
Mar. 9—Edgehill, 812.....		
To Japan—Mar. 1—Romulus, 6,900.....		6,119
Mar. 7—Fernihill, 2,975; Tai Ping, 14,913.....		32,438
To London—Mar. 9—Elmsport, 25.....		25
To Bremen—Mar. 4—City of Joliet, 11,550.....		11,551
Mar. 29—Cranford (additional), 1.....		139
To Rotterdam—Mar. 8—Kentucky, 139.....		1,390
To Genoa—Mar. 5—American Press, 1,390.....		300
To Naples—Mar. 5—American Press, 300.....		560
To Venice—Mar. 5—American Press, 560.....		58
To Trieste—Mar. 5—American Press, 58.....		300
To China—Mar. 7—Fernihill, 300.....		100
To Oslo—Mar. 7—Tampa, 150.....		100
To Gydna—Mar. 7—Tampa, 150.....		50
MOBILE—To Manchester—Feb. 27—Dramatist, 1,519.....		1,519
To Liverpool—Feb. 27—Dramatist, 2,570.....		2,570
To Bremen—Feb. 27—Hendonhall, 5,510.....		5,510
To Rotterdam—Feb. 27—Hendonhall, 50.....		84
To Ghent—Feb. 27—Hendonhall, 84.....		330
NORFOLK—To Bremen—Mar. 5—City of Baltimore, 100.....		3,766
Mar. 11—City of Norfolk, 230.....		2,267
HOUSTON—To Havre—Mar. 4—Youngstown, 3,766.....		718
To Dunkirk—Mar. 4—Youngstown, 625; Vasaholm, 1,642.....		51
To Hamburg—Mar. 4—Hedderheim, 718.....		1,102
To Oslo—Mar. 4—Vasaholm, 51.....		600
To Rotterdam—Mar. 9—Boschdijk, 1,102.....		265
To Gotenburg—Mar. 4—Vasaholm, 600.....		350
To Copenhagen—Mar. 4—Vasaholm, 265.....		19,771
To Gydna—Mar. 4—Vasaholm, 350.....		3,597
To Bremen—Mar. 4—Elsa Menzell, 3,268.....		3,866
Mar. 5—Gotha, 3,590.....		25
Mar. 7—Winston Salem, 6,299.....		591
Hedderheim, 4,418; Neidensfels, 2,196.....		3,597
To Barcelona—Mar. 5—Lafcom, 3,597.....		3,866
To Japan—Mar. 9—Liverpool Maru, 3,866.....		25
To Ghent—Mar. 9—Boschdijk, 25.....		591
To China—Mar. 9—Liverpool Maru, 591.....		5,000
SAVANNAH—To China—Mar. 5—City of Bedford, 5,000.....		2,778
GALVESTON—To Havre—Mar. 5—Lancaster Castle, 2,778.....		100
To Antwerp—Mar. 5—Lancaster Castle, 100.....		1,118
To Ghent—Mar. 5—Lancaster Castle, 1,118.....		4,906
To Bremen—Mar. 4—Gotha, 1,744.....		3,631
Mar. 5—Elsa Menzell, 2,367.....		3,500
Mar. 3—Winston Salem, 795.....		1,035
To Genoa—Mar. 5—Maddalena Odero, 3,631.....		575
To Dunkirk—Mar. 8—Vasaholm, 3,500.....		4,826
To Copenhagen—Mar. 8—Vasaholm, 1,035.....		10,175
To Gotenburg—Mar. 8—Vasaholm, 575.....		1,000
To Oslo—Mar. 8—Vasaholm, 374.....		
To Barcelona—Mar. 8—Lafcom, 4,826.....		
To Japan—Mar. 8—Yuri Maru, 10,175.....		
To China—Mar. 8—Yuri Maru, 1,000.....		
LOS ANGELES—To Liverpool—Mar. 5—Delftdijk, 28.....		225
Mar. 10—Gothic Star, 100.....		400
To Bremen—Mar. 5—San Francisco, 400.....		
To Japan—Mar. 5—President Hoover, 3,324.....		11,104
Sanyo Maru, 1,500.....		150
Mar. 10—Granville, 3,972.....		700
PENSACOLA—To Bremen—Mar. 7—Yaka, 150.....		62
To Liverpool—Mar. 10—Maiden Creek, 700.....		424
To Manchester—Mar. 10—Maiden Creek, 62.....		1,727
CHARLESTON—To Liverpool—Mar. 8—Shickshinny, 424.....		2,082
To Manchester—Mar. 8—Shickshinny, 1,727.....		100
CORPUS CHRISTI—To Havre—Mar. 7—Bayou Chico, 2,082.....		50
To Dunkirk—Mar. 7—Bayou Chico, 100.....		109
To Ghent—Mar. 7—Bayou Chico, 50.....		157
JACKSONVILLE—To Bremen—Mar. 9—Liberty Gio, 109.....		588
TEXAS CITY—To Bremen—Mar. 5—Elsa Menzell, 587.....		1,220
To Barcelona—Mar. 8—Lafcom, 588.....		
LAKE CHARLES—To Bremen—Mar. 9—Griesheim, 1,220.....		
Total bales		170,272

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	Feb. 19.	Feb. 26.	Mar. 4.	Mar. 11.
Sales of the week	-----	-----	-----	-----
Of which American	-----	-----	-----	-----
Sales for export	-----	-----	-----	-----
Forwarded	49,000	51,000	55,000	59,000
Total stocks	658,000	655,000	649,000	654,000
Of which American	302,000	304,000	304,000	299,000
Total imports	42,000	56,000	70,000	60,000
Of which American	26,000	47,000	42,000	34,000
Amount afloat	181,000	191,000	180,000	172,000
Of which American	114,000	109,000	116,000	107,000

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Spot.	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.
Market, 12:15 P. M.	Quiet.	Moderate demand.	Moderate demand.	A fair business doing.	Good demand.	Quiet.
Mid-Up'd's	5.62d.	5.59d.	5.48d.	5.31d.	5.43d.	5.51d.
Sales	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Futures.	Barely stdy 4 to 6 pts. decline.	Quiet, 1 pt. dec. to 2 pts. adv.	Steady, 2 to 4 pts. decline.	Easy, 17 to 22 pts. decline.	Steady, 7 to 9 pts. advance.	Steady, 7 to 10 pts. advance.
Market, 4 P. M.	Quiet but steady, 6 to 8 pts. dec.	Steady, 2 to 3 pts. decline.	Barely stdy 20 to 21 pts. decline.	Steady, 6 to 9 pts. decline.	Steady, 9 to 10 pts. advance.	Steady, 13 to 14 pts. advance.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

March 5 to March 11.	Sat.		Mon.		Tues.		Wed.		Thurs.		Fri.	
	12.15	12.30	12.15	4.00	12.15	4.00	12.15	4.00	12.15	4.00	12.15	4.00
	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.
New Contract.	d. d.	d. d.	d. d.	d. d.	d. d.	d. d.	d. d.	d. d.	d. d.	d. d.	d. d.	d. d.
March	5.35	5.31	5.32	5.20	5.12	5.03	5.06	5.15	5.15	5.23	5.29	5.29
April	5.33	5.29	5.31	5.18	5.10	5.01	5.04	5.13	5.14	5.20	5.27	5.27
May	5.32	5.28	5.30	5.17	5.09	5.00	5.03	5.12	5.13	5.19	5.26	5.26
June	5.32	5.27	5.29	5.16	5.08	4.99	5.02	5.11	5.12	5.19	5.25	5.25
July	5.32	5.27	5.29	5.16	5.08	4.99	5.02	5.11	5.12	5.19	5.25	5.25
August	5.33	5.28	5.30	5.17	5.09	5.00	5.03	5.12	5.13	5.20	5.26	5.26
September	5.35	5.30	5.32	5.19	5.11	5.01	5.04	5.12	5.14	5.21	5.27	5.27
October	5.37	5.31	5.34	5.21	5.13	5.02	5.05	5.13	5.15	5.22	5.28	5.28
November	5.39	5.33	5.36	5.23	5.15	5.04	5.07	5.15	5.17	5.25	5.30	5.30
December	5.42	5.36	5.39	5.26	5.18	5.07	5.10	5.18	5.20	5.28	5.33	5.33
January (1933)	5.44	5.38	5.41	5.28	5.20	5.08	5.12	5.20	5.22	5.29	5.35	5.35
February	5.46	5.40	5.43	5.30	5.22	5.10	5.14	5.22	5.24	5.31	5.37	5.37
March	5.49	5.42	5.46	5.33	5.25	5.13	5.16	5.24	5.26	5.33	5.39	5.39

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, March 11 1932.

FLOUR was quiet and only barely steady part of the time. On the 7th inst. Southern spring grades were reported a little lower. Later in the week the tone became steadier. On the 9th inst. feed advanced 50c.

WHEAT has, on the whole, acted well. If it could not advance it refused to decline much. Export trade, in the main, has been disappointing, but crop complaints have come from the Southwest, where the snow covering is not everywhere sufficient. Many still hope that export trade will soon take on larger proportions. On the 5th inst. prices advanced 1/2 to 5/8c. on a cold wave and higher stock market and the strength of rye. The sharp drop in the temperatures was the main feature. It was below zero in Western Nebraska. Parts of the belt have no snow covering. Short covering and scattered buying signalized the trading. The export sales were only 200,000 bushels, but the belief persisted in some quarters that a better foreign demand may be expected before long. Meanwhile there were inquiries for rye from Europe as well as for Canadian oats and barley. Others were discouraged by the absence of any business for export in wheat and were not inclined to set much store by mere predictions of better things to come. Also selling against offers and week-end liquidation stopped the advance. A Chicago dispatch said that a conference between Red Cross officials and the Millers' National Federation would be held on Thursday, March 10, to devise a plan for handling the 40,000,000 bushels of wheat voted by Congress for relief of the needy. The Federal Farm Board, it is understood, has wheat stored at 400 points, and Red Cross officials say it is impossible for them to confer individually with the mills. If no provision has been made for paying transportation costs for the wheat and flour, some of the wheat will probably have to be sold out. The cost of grinding and the furnishing of bags will also have to be considered. On the 7th inst. prices declined 1/2 to 3/4c. net after an early advance of 3/8 to 5/8c. The United States visible supply increased 4,037,000 bushels, which was a bearish factor. The total is now 207,477,000 bushels against 197,878,000 a year ago. Export sales were only moderate. Italy took more than 2,000,000 bushels of wheat afloat. The weather was very cold, but it had only a transient effect. Washington wired that the joint resolution of Congress, under which 40,000,000 bushels of wheat now held by the Farm Board will be distributed among the country's needy was signed by President Hoover.

On the 8th inst. prices advanced 1/2 to 5/8c. net. A rise of 20c. in sterling exchange had only a passing effect. Chicago wired that the Grain Stabilization Corporation had sold about 5,000,000 bushels of cash wheat to mills and others in the last few days, according to a report confirmed by George S. Milnor, President of the Corporation. It was rumored that the mills gave futures for the cash grain possibly 59c. for Kansas City December. This news virtually fell flat. So did the announcement that the Red Cross had started to load out Farm Board wheat at Omaha for

shipment into South Dakota for relief purposes in the 40,000,000 bushels plan. The sensational rally in sterling exchange caused local operators to take the buying side of wheat futures here at the start, but outsiders did not come in and a drop of about a cent followed, partly on stop orders. On the break there was buying against bids and prices rallied 1 to 1/4c. on covering and firmness of rye.

On the 9th inst. prices closed 1/8 to 1/2c. net lower after an early advance of 1/4c. There was selling of wheat against buying of corn. The export sales were estimated at 750,000 bushels, largely to France. Some export business was also done in durums and in American hard winter. It was not enough to inject real life and snap into the market. A bearish statement of farm reserves was expected. It came after the close. Wheat on farms, March 1, was estimated by the Department of Agriculture at 207,323,000 bushels, or 23.2% of the previous crop on March 1 1931 of 161,442,000 bushels. About 56% of the wheat stocks has been or is to be shipped out of the country where grown, compared with 60.4% a year ago and 70.8% two years ago.

On the 10th inst. prices closed 1/4c. lower to 1/8c. higher. In other words, it was a sort of deadlock. But for all the recent dullness the open interest has steadily increased to about 128,000,000 bushels, the largest since Nov. 20, and a rise of 16,000,000 bushels since early in February. July future has touched 63c. a bushel on 19 days in the last three weeks. May has ranged from 60 1/8 to 63c. since Feb. 16. Counterbalancing the big farm reserves, Liverpool came higher and ended 1/4 to 1/2c. up, despite the decline on this side on the 9th inst.

To-day prices closed 1/4 to 1/2c. lower, with trading light. There was only a little export business in Manitoba and a little by way of the Gulf. Foreign demand fell off for all grain. Winnipeg was off 5/8 to 3/4c. This and a lower stock market had some effect. Liverpool closed 5/8 to 3/4c. lower. World's shipments for the week are expected to approximate 17,500,000 bushels. The shipments from Argentine have been very large. Final prices show a decline for the week of 1/8 to 5/8c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF BONDED WHEAT AT NEW YORK. Table with columns for Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. and rows for May, July, October.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK. Table with columns for Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. and rows for No. 2 red.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO. Table with columns for Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. and rows for March, May, July, September.

Season's High and When Made - Season's Low and When Made - Table with columns for Month, Year, and Price.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG. Table with columns for Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. and rows for May, July, October.

INDIAN CORN has acted well, with some export business, the first for a long time. Hogs have latterly been strong at the highest prices seen for months past. But there is no pronounced bullish sentiment. On the 5th inst. prices closed 3/8 to 1/2c. higher on larger trading, with the weather bad for the movement. That counted for quite as much as the rise in wheat. It caused covering. Chicago handlers bought 34,000 bushels, which showed some increase in such business. On the 7th inst. prices closed 1/4 to 1/2c. lower, falling back with wheat. In the earlier trading corn was 1/4c. higher in some cases. Buying against bids checked the decline. The visible supply increased 2,236,000 bushels last week to 19,706,000 against 17,470,000 in the previous week and 20,285,000 in the same week last year. Country offerings were 31,000 bushels to arrive. Buenos Aires closed 1/2 to 5/8c. higher. On the 8th inst. prices ended 1/8 to 1/4c. higher, after fluctuating within a range of about 1c.

On the 9th inst. prices closed 1/8 to 1/4c. higher. Export sales of 120,000 bushels of Virginia corn were reported for shipment from Norfolk or Newport News, the first export business of importance in many months. But it was taken rather coolly. Early prices, it is true, were 3/4c. net higher. But wheat reacted and pulled corn back. On March 1 corn on farms totaled 1,103,691,000 bushels, or 43.2% of the previous crop compared with 703,529,000 bushels, or 34.1% of the previous crop on farms a year ago, and 958,111,000 bushels, or 37.8% of the crop of two years ago. About 15.5% of the crop has been or is to be shipped out of the country where grown, compared with 15.2% last year and 17.5% two years ago. The percentage of the 1931 corn crop which was of merchantable quality was 84.3% compared with 78.9% last year and 77.3% in 1931, and 77.3% in 1930. The disappearance of corn from Nov. 1 to March 1 is figured at 1,545,000,000 bushels compared with 1,428,000,000 in the same time last year, when the supply was abnormally short. The five-year average has been 1,767,000,000 bushels.

On the 10th inst. prices closed unchanged to 1/8c. higher. Prices were supported by reports of some business for export at the Gulf. The Southwest reported 100,000 bushels of kaffin corn had been sold for export on the 9th inst., besides other sales on previous days. Exporters bid at Memphis for corn to go to the Gulf for export. To-day prices ended 1/4 to 1/2c. lower, with moderate trading, the weather favorable,

only a little export demand from the Gulf, and the cables somewhat lower. The cash basis at Chicago is 1/4c. lower, though it is said that the industries were buying to some extent. Hogs advanced to 5.10c., the highest in four months. Final prices were unchanged to 1/2c. higher for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK. Table with columns for Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. and rows for No. 2 yellow.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO. Table with columns for Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. and rows for March, May, July, September.

OATS have advanced somewhat, with no pressure, and the cash demand good. On the 5th inst. prices closed 3/8 to 5/8c. higher, owing to the rise in corn and reports of a good demand for Canadian oats and barley. On the 7th inst. prices closed 1/8 to 1/4c. lower. The Northwest sold. On the 8th inst. prices closed 1/4 to 3/8c. higher, owing to the rise in other grain. Cold weather stopped field work in the West and Southwest. On the 9th inst. prices advanced 1/4 to 3/8c. early, but weakened later and closed unchanged to 1/8c. higher. September was the strongest.

Oats on farms March 1 totaled 372,136,000 bushels, or 33.5% of the previous crop, compared with 429,616,000 bushels, or 33.6% a year ago and 368,356,000 bushels, or 32.9% two years ago. About 15.8% of the crop has been or is to be shipped out of the country where grown. Barley on farms totaled 41,457,000 bushels, or 20.8% of the previous crop, compared with 80,162,000 bushels, or 26.3% a year ago and 67,280,000 bushels, or 24.0% two years ago. On the 10th inst. prices closed unchanged to 1/8c. higher. To-day prices closed 1/4c. lower, in sympathy with other grain. The trading was confined to professionals. Cash oats, however, were wanted. Final prices are 1/2c. higher for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK. Table with columns for Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. and rows for No. 2 white.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO. Table with columns for Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. and rows for March, May, July, September.

Season's High and When Made - Season's Low and When Made - Table with columns for Month, Year, and Price.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG. Table with columns for Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. and rows for May, July, October.

RYE has advanced under the spur of persistent reports of an export demand and scanty supplies in the United States. On the 5th inst. prices closed 1 to 1 1/4c. higher, being stronger than anything else on the grain list. A good foreign demand was reported, but it was mostly for Canadian rye. Winnipeg May on a gold basis was calculated at 3 1/2c. under Chicago May. On the 7th inst. prices advanced at first 3/4 to 1/2c., with talk of export business in Canadian rye. Cash and commission firms bought. On the 8th inst. rye showed more strength than any other grain. It closed 3/4 to 1 1/2c. net higher. Half a million bushels of Canadian rye, it was said, sold for export. It was added that it looked as though much of the stock of rye at the seaboard had sold. In any case prices were the highest since last November. Commission houses and Chicago traders sold. Firms with New York connections bought in Winnipeg. On the 9th inst. prices closed 1/8 to 3/4c. lower, under the influence of a decline in wheat. Prices advanced early 1/4 to 3/4c. on export talk, and reached a new high mark on this movement, but wheat was a drag on rye later. Rye on farms totaled 5,750,000 bushels, or 17.6% of the previous crop, compared with 9,231,000 bushels, or 20.3% a year ago and 4,602,000 bushels, or 13.2%, two years ago.

On the 10th inst. prices closed 1/2 to 1 1/8c. higher and attracted attention by its strength and independence. Winnipeg was quite as strong as Chicago. That plainly helped. Some export business was said to have been done, but no particulars appeared. To-day prices closed 3/4 to 1c. lower on "long" selling, due to a very noticeable falling off in the export inquiry, and also because of the weakness in other grain. Final prices, however, show an advance for the week of 5/8 to 2 1/2c., the latter on March.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO. Table with columns for Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. and rows for March, May, July, September.

Season's High and When Made - Season's Low and When Made - Table with columns for Month, Year, and Price.

Closing quotations were as follows: GRAIN. Table with columns for Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley and rows for various grades and locations.

FLOUR.

Spring pat high protein	\$4.80@	\$5.15	Rye flour patents	4.30@	\$4.70
Spring patents	1.55@	4.75	Semolina, bbl., Nos. 1-2	6.15@	6.90
Clears, first spring	4.30@	4.50	Oats goods	1.80@	1.85
Soft winter straight	3.30@	3.60	Corn flour	1.40@	1.45
Hard winter straight	3.80@	4.00	Barley goods		
Hard winter patents	4.20@	4.60	Coarse	3.20@	----
Hard winter clears	3.40@	4.00	Fancy pearl, Nos. 2,		
Fancy Minn. patents	5.30@	6.00	4 and 7	6.15@	6.50
City mills	5.30@	6.00			

For other tables usually given here, see page 1904.

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT'S REPORT ON CEREAL STOCKS.

The Agricultural Department's report on cereal stock, &c., was issued on March 9 as follows:

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

STOCKS ON FARMS MARCH 1.

Crop.	10-Year Average, 1920-1929.	5-Year Average, 1925-1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.
Corn	1,141,826,000	1,051,029,000	958,111,000	703,529,000	1,103,691,000
Wheat	143,988,000	124,977,000	129,402,000	161,442,000	207,328,000
Oats	453,400,000	451,515,000	368,356,000	429,616,000	372,136,000
Barley	46,332,000	53,623,000	67,280,000	80,162,000	41,457,000
Rye		5,902,000	4,602,000	9,321,000	5,750,000

STOCKS ON FARMS MARCH 1 AS PERCENTAGE OF PREVIOUS YEAR'S CROP.

Crop.	10-Year Average, 1920-1929.	5-Year Average, 1925-1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.
Corn	39.7	38.7	37.8	34.1	43.2
Wheat	17.0	15.0	15.9	18.8	23.2
Oats	36.5	35.2	32.9	33.6	33.5
Barley	24.9	23.9	24.0	26.3	20.8
Rye		13.5	13.2	20.3	17.6

PERCENTAGE OF PREVIOUS YEAR'S CROP SHIPPED OR TO BE SHIPPED OUT OF COUNTY WHERE GROWN.

Crop.	10-Year Average, 1920-1929.	5-Year Average, 1925-1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.
Corn	18.7	18.4	17.5	15.2	15.5
Wheat	67.4	72.2	70.8	60.4	56.0
Oats	25.1	23.6	20.9	16.2	15.8
Barley	35.2	34.4	27.5	23.9	15.1
Rye		62.7	53.9	41.6	21.3

PERCENTAGE OF PREVIOUS YEAR'S CROP WHICH WAS OF MERCHANTABLE QUALITY.

Crop.	10-Year Average, 1920-1929.	10-Year Average, 1925-1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.
Corn	80.3	74.4	77.3	78.9	84.3

COMMENTS CONCERNING CROP REPORTS.

The United States Department of Agriculture is issuing its crop report as of March 9, also gave out the following comments:

Corn.—The stocks of corn on farms March 1 are estimated at 1,103,691,000 bushels compared with the 5-year average (1925-1929) of 1,051,029,000 bushels. Following the small crop of 1930 the stocks of corn on farms on March 1 last year were only 703,529,000 bushels. The mild winter in most of the important corn producing States, together with low prices for corn has resulted in the holding on farms a relatively high percentage of the 1931 crop. The larger stocks in the East North Central States are partly offset, however, by the shortage of feed supplies in the Northern Great Plain States. The percentage of the 1931 corn crop on farms March 1 1932 is 43.2% of the 1931 production, compared with 34.1% last year and the 5-year average of 38.7%.

The merchantable quality of the 1931 corn crop is placed at 84.3%, which is the highest percentage shown since 1923 when it was 83.3%. The ten-year average quality is 80.3%.

Reports on March 1 of the percentage of the corn crop of 1931 shipped out of the county indicate that 15.5% of the 1931 corn crop has been or will be shipped, compared with 15.2% on March 1 1931, and the 5-year average of 18.4%.

Wheat.—Stocks of wheat on farms on March 1 1932, in the United States are estimated to have been 207,328,000 bushels. On March 1 1931 stocks were estimated at 161,442,000 bushels and on March 1 1930, at 129,402,000 bushels. Average stocks as of March 1 for the 5 years, 1925-1929 were 124,977,000 bushels. These estimates relate to the total quantity of wheat on farms for all purposes and include the amount being held on farms for seedling of spring wheat, for which purpose there has been utilized from 23,000,000 bushels to 27,000,000 bushels annually in recent years. Farm stocks of wheat in Minnesota, the Dakotas and Montana, the principal hard red spring and durum producing States were 15,229,000 bushels on March 1 1932, compared with 46,412,000 bushels a year earlier and 40,748,000 bushels two years ago. In the six principal hard winter wheat producing States, stocks on farms were 99,456,000 bushels on March 1 1932, 54,574,000 bushels on March 1 1931, and 41,171,000 bushels on March 1 1930. In the 12 principal soft winter wheat producing States from New York to Missouri, stocks were 74,082,000 bushels on March 1 1932, 35,483,000 bushels a year ago and 29,203,000 bushels two years ago.

The March 1 stocks of wheat in the United States represent 23.2% of the 1931 crop. This is the largest proportion of the previous year's crop remaining on farms on March 1 since March 1 1921, when 26.1% of the 1920 crop remained on farms. Last year the proportion was 18.8% and two years ago it was 15.9%. The ten-year average (1920-29) was 17.0%.

The percentage of the 1931 corn shipped or to be shipped is reported at 56.0%, compared with 60.4% of the 1930 crop and 70.8% of the 1929 crop. The 10-year average (1920-1929) was 67.4%.

Oats.—Supplies of oats on farms March 1 1932 are estimated as 33.5% of the preceding year's crop, or 372,136,000 bushels, compared with 33.6% of the 1930 crop, or 429,616,000 bushels on hand March 1 1931, and the five-year (1925-1929) average of 451,515,000 bushels. Slight increases in farm stocks compared with a year ago occurred in the East-North-Central States. Large increases took place in the South Atlantic and South hand, the stocks in the West North Central States and in the Western States were sharply lowered those of March 1 1931.

The percentage of the 1931 oats crop shipped or to be shipped out of the county where grown was reported at 15.8% of the crop, compared with 16.2% reported for the 1930 crop and the 10-year (1920-1929) average of 25.1%.

Barley.—Stocks of barley on farms on March 1 1932 were estimated at 41,457,000 bushels compared with 80,162,000 bushels on March 1 1931, and 67,280,000 bushels on March 1 1930. The percentage of the previous year's crop remaining on farms on March 1 1932, was 20.8%, compared with proportion of the 1931 crop shipped or to be shipped out of the county of 25.3% a year earlier and the five-year average (1925-1929) of 23.9%. The where grown is estimated at 15.1%, compared with 23.9% of the 1930 crop and 27.5% of the 1929 crop. The shortage of 1931 feed crops in the important barley producing areas is reflected in the rapid rate of disappearance remaining on farms. In some of the Southern States where an increased acreage of barley was planted in 1931 to provide an early feed crop, abundant supplies of feed were produced last year and stocks of barley are now greater than usual.

Rye.—Rye stocks on March 1 1932 amounted to 5,750,000 bushels of the previous year's crop or 5,750,000 bushels, compared with 20.3% or 9,321,000 bushels last March 1 and 5,902,000 bushels, the five-year (1925-1929) average. The sharply reduced production in 1931 in several States especially in the

West North Central group, was an important factor in the present short supplies. The total crop in 1931 was only 32,746,000 bushels, compared with 45,379,000 bushels in 1930.

Because of the light crop of 1931, and the increased local demand for feed grains in several of the North Central States, shipments out of the county where grown were sharply reduced. The reported percentage of the 1931 crop was 21.3%, compared with 41.6% for the 1930 crop.

Shipments of Grain Out of County Where Grown.—The percentage of crops reported shipped or to be shipped out of the counties where grown represent movement for processing for human consumption, or for other non-farm uses. Increases or decreases in local feed supplies, which may diminish or increase the need for in-shipments from other areas are important factors inducing changes. These figures, therefore, cannot correctly be interpreted either as a measure of total farm sales or of the movement of these products into terminal markets. Available data of other types gives more adequate measures of such movements.

Milk Production.—Milk production per cow on March 1 1932 in the United States was apparently about 2% lower than on that date in any of the last three years. Although more than the usual percentage of the cows are in production, and the weather during the latter part of February and the first part of March was unusually mild, production per cow has continued rather low. The lower rate of milk production is chiefly due to less intensive feeding in response to the lower prices being received for milk and cream. The decreased production of the cows that have freshened since the first of the year and the decreased proportion of the cows that are at the age of heaviest production are also partially responsible for the lower level of production per cow.

As the number of milk cows on farms continues to increase and is now about 3½% above the number on hand a year ago, total milk production in the country as a whole on March 1 appears to have been 1 or 2% heavier than at the same time last year, part of the increase being due to the temporary effect of the very mild weather in dairy sections at that time.

Although the increase in milk cows numbers is shared by practically all States, the increase in total milk production on March 1 compared with last year was limited to the Central and Southern parts of the country, including an area extending on the north through Virginia, Central Ohio, Michigan and Minnesota and on the West through the eastern portions of Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

In the whole Northeastern market milk area where milk is bringing low prices compared with the cost of purchased feeds, production continues low. In the Western States and Eastward to an irregular line stretching from North Dakota into Texas, production is being temporarily reduced by a shortage of feed, which is locally acute.

On March 1 the 21,700 crop correspondents who reported the daily production of their herds, secured an average of 13.45 pounds of milk per day per milk cow on hand, compared with averages of from 13.70 pounds to 13.76 pounds on that date in the previous three years. The percentage of the cows on hand that were reported as milked on March 1 averaged 67.9 in 1932 compared with averages of 66.1 to 66.6 on that date in the previous three years.

Poultry.—Hens have continued to lay well in most of the country East of the Mississippi River as well as in the South and in the Pacific Coast States, but they were not laying as freely as last year in the West North Central and Rocky Mountain States.

The number of hens and pullets on hand, which on Jan. 1 was about 5% less than in the previous January, appears to be only slightly less on March 1 than on that date last year, judging by preliminary examination. The March 1 returns for flocks belonging to the crop reporters of the United States Department of Agriculture. Marketings of hens during February were much lighter this year than last.

The number of eggs laid per 100 hens on March 1 was about 3% less for the country as a whole than the rather heavy layings on March 1 a year ago. They were about 6% less than the record layings for that date in 1930, but about 11% greater than the 5-year average for that date.

The decrease below last year in the number of eggs laid per hen on March 1 was due to sharp decreases below last year's figures in the West North Central and Rocky Mountain States where feed supplies were less abundant and February weather was less favorable to heavy layings than elsewhere.

WEATHER REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDED MARCH 9.

The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended March 9, follows:

Following an entire abnormally warm, pleasant winter, the outstanding feature of the weather of the week just closed was the severe storm that moved from the Gulf of Mexico northeastward along the Atlantic coast on March 5-7. The storm was attended by shifting gales and followed by abnormally cold weather, which brought the lowest temperature of the year to most places east of the Mississippi River. While the subzero line reached only to northern Illinois, Iowa, and southern Nebraska, freezing temperatures extended as far south as Savannah, Ga., northwestern Florida, and extreme southern Alabama. In the Middle Atlantic Coast States there was a drop to 16 deg. to 18 deg. above zero, while in the Ohio Valley the lowest reached was 6 deg. to 12 deg. above. In the Great Plains, southern Kansas had from 4 deg. to 7 deg. above and extreme northwestern Texas 12 deg. The lowest temperature reported for the week from a fixed station was 20 deg. below zero at Williston, N. Dak., on March 7.

The table on page 3 shows that the weekly mean temperatures in the interior valleys were 5 deg. to 11 deg. below normal and in the Northwest from 10 deg. to 19 deg. below. The warmth early in the week kept the average for the period near normal in Gulf coast sections and above normal in most Atlantic States, notwithstanding the subnormal temperatures the latter part. Also Pacific coast districts were, for the most part, warmer than normal, but the Rocky Mountain and Great Basin States were colder than usual for the season.

The table shows that precipitation was heavy rather generally in the more eastern States, with the heaviest amounts from New Jersey and Maryland southward to the Carolinas where the totals ranged from 2 to more than 3 inches. Most of the Cotton Belt had moderate to heavy rains, and there were substantial falls in the upper Mississippi Valley; otherwise, east of the Rocky Mountains the weekly totals were mostly moderate, running generally less than 1 inch. In the far West precipitation was heavy in most of the north Pacific area; otherwise it was light, with many districts reporting a rainless week.

The sudden change to abnormally cold weather was harmful to growing vegetation, principally to early fruit, and to tender truck crops in the South. The severity and extent of damage to fruit is, as yet, very largely undetermined, but appears to be confined to the earlier varieties, and is by no means general. The most unfavorable reports come from the southeastern portions of the country, comprising principally the lower Ohio Valley, the Ozark region and southeastern Missouri, northern Arkansas, and Oklahoma. Scattered reports of damage to a greater or lesser extent come from other sections of the South, but the commercial peach orchards in North Carolina and Georgia appear to have largely escaped, except for moderate harm in the northern part of the latter State. In this southeastern area peach buds were remarkably dormant, considering the mildness of the preceding weather. The harder fruits, especially apples, were mostly relatively undeveloped and, apparently, no serious harm has occurred. It is too early to state more definitely just what the effect of the cold weather on the fruit trees has been.

Tender truck crops suffered considerably from cold weather in the South, and the severe storm did much property damage along the Atlantic coast and harmed truck crops in the Southeast, especially in Florida; the rains in this State, however, were helpful to growing vegetation. Elsewhere in the South frequent rains and wet soil caused a rather general suspension of field work during the last half of the week, but considerable was accomplished during the early days of the period.

Light to moderate snow cover was rather general over the main Winter Wheat Belt during the prevalence of cold weather. Some local damage to wheat is indicated, but there is little evidence that serious harm has resulted to any considerable extent. The snow and cold were again hard on livestock in western grazing sections, with further reports of losses in a good many places. The weather was unusually favorable for agricultural and horticultural interests in Pacific Coast States.

The Weather Bureau furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

New England.—Boston: Warm, with considerable cloudiness. Ice disappearing rapidly and snow cover decreasing; precipitation mostly light.

New York.—Ithaca: Moderate temperatures; worst snowstorm of season on Sunday and Monday. Heavy snow caused much damage to telephone and power lines. Highways in central and north impassable and railroad traffic impeded.

New Jersey.—Trenton: Week averaged above normal in warmth, but closed with near-record low temperatures and general freezing of soil. Vegetation abnormally advanced.

Pennsylvania.—Philadelphia: Heavy precipitation over Atlantic drainage, accompanying severe coast storm near week-end. Northeast, shifting to northwest, gales; some damage. Sharp temperature drop to lowest for the year to date.

Maryland and Delaware.—Baltimore: Mild first half, with generous rains on 4th. Heavy rain, sleet, light to moderate snow, and damaging northwest gales on 6th, followed by clear weather and cold wave 7th and 8th. Activities first half of week were plowing, pruning fruit trees, and sowing clover seed and some oats. Grains were good and pastures fair to good when covered by snow on 6th. Fruit buds were swollen in south.

Virginia.—Richmond: Warm first half; cold latter half, with heavy precipitation. Satisfactory snow cover in northern half. Some oats and potatoes planted in southeast. Strawberries and tender truck damaged by freeze. Fruit buds heavy set; premature opening retarded by present cold; amount of damage to fruit undetermined.

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Heavy rain, accompanying severe storm Saturday night and Sunday, put out forest fires, but strong winds caused considerable damage in coast section, mainly to small craft and fishing interests. Cold wave following, with freezing to coast, also caused damage to truck, strawberries, and some tree fruits, but too early to determine extent; apparently not heavy to commercial peach orchards. Eastern rivers flooding.

South Carolina.—Columbia: Week mostly mild, but closing frosty. Apparently no serious tree-fruit damage as blooms not general. Winter cereals, truck, and pastures improved under abundant rains. Potato and garden planting continues. Considerable spring plowing done. Tobacco beds improved. Much hog butchering at week-end.

Georgia.—Atlanta: Weather quite warm, followed by decidedly colder at close of week, but temperatures not low enough to cause any great damage. Peaches practically uninjured in Fort Valley district and only moderate damage in northern peach centers; some damage to truck. Rains on 5-6th covered even coast section, which had remained very dry. In south planting early corn, truck, sugar cane, and melons and bedding sweet potatoes and transplanting tobacco made considerable progress.

Florida.—Jacksonville: Fore part of week dry and mild, with showers in south and moderately heavy rains in north and central Saturday. Saturday night much colder and Monday had local frosts to the Everglades. The Gulf storm Saturday night did much damage to truck and fruit; several lives were lost and marine damage considerable. Rains benefited oats, truck, melons, early corn, tobacco, and ranges. Shipping potatoes continued from Federal Point and Hastings districts.

Alabama.—Montgomery: Temperatures decidedly above normal first half, but decidedly below thereafter. Freezing to coast, with severe freeze in interior Sunday; coldest of season. Rainfall general and locally heavy; snow flurries in north. Some farm work accomplished early part of week and some corn and spring oats planted. Vegetation damaged slightly by freeze in coast counties; damage elsewhere believed considerable, but too early to definitely determine extent. Strawberries on vines badly damaged and early peaches and pears reported probably killed.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: Frequent precipitation, light on coast and mostly moderate, but occasionally heavy elsewhere, generally hindered due progress of farm activities. Snow Sunday and Monday in north. Cold wave Saturday night and unseasonable cold continuing, probably causing extensive damage to fruit and truck.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: Warm first half, but cold wave Saturday night, with below freezing in north and west; frost to coast Sunday, and cold thereafter. Freeze damaged truck and potatoes; strawberry crop halted, but growers believe ultimate benefit will result from better crop later. Moderate to heavy rainfall kept soil too wet for extensive farm operations. Oats good progress. Floods slowly receding.

Texas.—Houston: Fore part of week warm, followed by cold wave on 5-6th, bringing freezing weather to upper coast and light frost nearly to lower coast. Some damage to tender vegetation in south and to fruit and wheat and oats in north and west. Livestock stood cold well. Precipitation mostly light in western half, but moderate to heavy in eastern, deluging field work. Condition of pastures, wheat, oats, truck, strawberries, and citrus fair to good. Cold unfavorable for early corn. Abnormally warm winter favorable to insect activity, and premature maturity somewhat reducing yield of winter truck.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: Plowing and planting advanced rapidly early part of week, but field work suspended latter part account severe cold wave, with lowest temperatures of winter. Wheat set back, but not permanently damaged. Spring oats frozen and more or less injured. Early blooming fruits heavily damaged; full extent of injury not yet determined.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: Temperatures high first of week; low latter portion. Moderate rainfall in Northwest and rather heavy in south and east. Some plowing and sowing oats, but soil too wet in east and south. Favorable for winter grains. Peaches, plums, pears, and strawberries damaged considerably by low temperatures, except in south where doubtful.

Tennessee.—Nashville: Mild weather and light to moderate rains, followed by much below freezing, attended by sleet and snow. Wheat, oats, rye, and barley made rapid progress and showing excellent condition; none of these hurt by sudden thermal change. Peach, pear, and apple trees probably hurt, but no reports to date. Many fields sown to spring oats. Condition of stock good.

Kentucky.—Louisville: Warm first half, followed by severe freeze last half. Precipitation light, but frequent, with 1 to 2 inches of snow cover first two cold nights. Most forward wheat damaged, and serious injury to tree fruits, strawberries, ornamental trees, and shrubs; sprouting field seeds killed. Outdoor activities stopped. Some lambs lost. Early potatoes just planted endangered.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, March 11 1932.

The current cold snap, extending over large areas, has resulted in a material and in some cases quite unexpected extra movement of heavy weight apparel at retail, it is said, but has had a restraining influence on new offerings for spring. Until the past two days, the retail turnover in spring clothing has been disappointing, running, it is estimated, some 15% lower for the month so far, as compared with the same period in 1931. However, indications visible two or three days ago that pre-Easter buying was beginning to tend toward more normal proportions, have become more pronounced since, and the prevailing feeling appears to be now that substantial and well-sustained activity is possible between now and Easter, especially if the weather proves favorable. Meanwhile, in the distributing and primary divisions of the dry goods trade, the recent quietude has become pronounced, though sentiment has retained much of the hopefulness acquired with the recent institution of general financial restoratives to the economic structure at large. Subsequent indications, here and abroad, that the effects of such measures are already becoming discernible, instanced by the world-wide tendency toward easier credit, with central banks revising their rates downward; England proving her ability to repay large credits due this country and France, in advance; the decline in domestic bank failures; the apparent cessation of periodic deluges of forced liquidation of securities, and so forth, have not been lost upon the textile trade. There seems, in fact, to be a general realization that such developments constitute the logical precedents of genuine business revival, without implying that the latter need come immediately on the heels of the former. It is true that the current quietude in textiles has again brought out a crop of the trade evils that have nearly always accom-

panied such a condition in recent years. Forced liquidation of superfluous supplies of goods by sellers constrained by inadequate finances, tight credit, and the long drain imposed on their stamina by the protracted duration of the depression, continues to unsettle values of piece goods. Such offerings, picked up by retailers and featured by them as bargain offerings, have the further bad effect of enabling the latter to face regular sellers with the statement that they (the retailers) can obtain goods below the prices asked by the regular sellers. Producers are doing their best to hold up prices in the face of this condition and hope that the second half of March, like the same period in other recent years, will witness a decided upturn in retail activity, and a corresponding enlargement of the movement of goods from primary channels such as will at least temporarily eliminate the underselling. It is pointed out that stocks in mills are not generally heavy, and that consistent efforts to keep them in their present relatively favorable position will continue to be made.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—Cotton goods markets have continued uniformly quiet, with prices fairly well upheld notwithstanding, and producers waiting with some confidence for an early resumption of active buying for spring consumption. The recent institution of curtailment, the revelation of good statistical conditions in the trade, relatively steady raw cotton, somewhat freer credit, and the general enhancement of confidence pursuant to the Government's recent activities to strengthen the national financial structure, are all cited as contributing factors to the subdued cheerfulness and stubborn resistance against price-cutting which continues in evidence in spite of the protracted absence of activity. Slightly increased inquiry, and a fairly continuous though shallow stream of orders now being received at legitimate market prices, are taken as indication of the decidedly increased confidence which buyers of cotton goods have in internal conditions in the trade, and in the future of cotton goods. Meanwhile more active buying, as Easter looms ahead, is thought by many observers to be in the immediate offing, though, as far as gray goods are concerned, there is no indication to that effect yet visible, as buyers continue to limit their purchases to small quantities for spot or nearby delivery. Shipments of broadcloths, on orders booked in the past, continued full, with many mills still engaged for some time into the future by the business they have already contracted for. Prices on the latter have been well maintained, most manufacturers refusing bids of 1/16th under the market price. The movement toward a general raising of prices on cotton towelings continues to broaden, with the higher levels applying now not only on colored-border constructions, but also on crashes, hucks and white Turkish weaves, it is reported. Fine and fancy goods continue spotty. The seasonal movement of the latter has not yet gotten under way, the only business at present being placed being confined to a hand-to-mouth, filling-in character. Print cloths 27-inch 64x60's construction are quoted at 27c., and 28-inch 64x60's at 3c. Gray goods 39-inch 68x72's constructions are quoted at 4 1/2c., and 39-inch 80x80's at 5c.

WOOLEN GOODS.—In the women's wear division of woolsens and worsteds markets, business has continued relatively full, but otherwise demand has been slow and irregular at best, and many observers are thus certain in their own minds that as buyers have not yet taken anything approximating such a total as could be regarded as adequate, there is substantial buying still to be done. Sellers are thus waiting for the development of duplicating movement by buyers, and the prevailing opinion is that they will not have long to wait, though retail demand for clothing is, momentarily, very light. Tropical worsteds, flannels, and sportswear are expected to feature the demand for men's wear when it develops full strength. Meanwhile, some concern is manifested over indications that a decline is beginning to overtake volume in women's wear goods. Business in that line is not as brisk as it was last week, and producers are already anticipating their determination to shut down machinery and clean out stocks, on the first definite indication that demand is satisfied. Buyers are pressing rather more emphatically for concessions in some quarters, stressing the extremely low prices of retail offerings, and the correspondingly low bids they get from retailers for garments. The slight but noticeably more marked trend away from staples toward fancy effects is leading producers to hope that they will be able to feature fancies in the fall season, to the benefit, many of them believe, of the trade as a whole, on the theory that fancies make for diversification which should find some reflection in the extent of the personal wardrobe.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—Full volume of sales of French finished linens, for dresses, continued to feature domestic linen markets. Continuous shipments of these fabrics to the South and local buyers have greatly depleted stocks, which are said to be rapidly approaching the point of exhaustion. Cheap dress goods are available, buyers note, but the bulk of current business is being done on guaranteed fast-color goods. Men's suitings are rather slow, with an unsatisfactory Palm Beach season rendering buyers more cautious about laying in goods for spring. Household linens are doing rather better, with demand for damasks the feature. Bur-laps, after advancing earlier in the week, responsive to the sharp uprush in sterling, have reacted again rather sharply. Light weights are quoted at 3.45c., and heavies at 4.60c.

State and City Department

NEWS ITEMS

Arkansas.—*State Supreme Court Upholds Legality of \$400,000 Armory Bonds.*—According to a dispatch from Little Rock to the "Wall Street Journal" of March 9 the State Supreme Court has ruled that the authorization given the State Military Note Board to sell \$400,000 in notes for armory construction purposes was legally given. Last January the issuance of these notes had been enjoined by Chancellor Dodge—V. 134 p. 1060.

Connecticut.—*Changes in List of Legal Investments.*—A bulletin (No. 3) was issued by the State Bank Commissioner on March 10 showing the following changes in the list of investments considered legal for savings banks:

Additions.

Brooklyn Edison Co. gen. mtge. series E 5s, 1952.
Duquesne Light Co. first mortgage 4½s, 1957.

Deductions.

Northern Pacific System—All issues including equipment trusts.
New York Chicago & St. Louis RR.—All issues.

Kentucky.—*Legislative Bills Introduced to Refund State Debt by Bond Issue.*—Companion bills were introduced in the Legislature on Feb. 29 by Senator Gaines and Representative Munford, proposing to recognize as valid and binding debts against the State all outstanding State warrants, of which there are approximately \$14,000,000 at the present time, according to the Louisville "Courier-Journal" of March 1. The bonds would be issued without a vote of the people. No limitation is set up as to the amount of bonds that could be issued. The State Constitution fixes \$500,000 as maximum amount to be incurred without a vote of the people. The gist of the bill is to have the warrants recognized as a debt already created, although this would be contrary to court rulings, it is claimed, which have held that State warrants are not to be construed as a debt, which can be refunded with bond issues.

Los Angeles County, Calif.—*Report Made Public on Bonded Debt.*—On March 3 the County Auditor filed with the Board of Supervisors a statement showing the bonded indebtedness of the county as of Dec. 31 1931 to have been \$377,968,527.20, according to the Los Angeles "Times" of March 4, which carried the following report on the subject:

A statement of the bonded indebtedness of Los Angeles county as of Dec. 31 1931, amounting to \$377,968,527.20, out of original issues totaling \$490,129,692.05, covering all bonds of the general county, special county districts, elementary and high school districts and municipalities within the county's boundaries, was filed yesterday with the Board of Supervisors by County Auditor Payne.

Of the total of outstanding bonds in the county, 61.33%, or \$233,711,669.55, are obligations of municipalities. The city of Los Angeles, naturally, has the largest debt, amounting to \$168,511,961.15.

The Auditor's statement further shows that the outstanding indebtedness of school districts is \$102,307,520 out of original issues amounting to \$131,823,550.

County's Position.

The figures showing the bonded indebtedness of the general county government are declared to be exceptionally low for a county the size of Los Angeles County, being only \$6,400,000. This is an indication, according to county officers, that so far as the county government itself is concerned, most of the improvements made have been paid for at the time or soon after completing. This is said to be one of the things that gives the county such a high standing in the financial circles of the country at large.

In addition to Auditor Payne's report on the bonded indebtedness outstanding, the statement shows bonds authorized by voters but not issued, amounting to \$296,979,310, including the recent \$220,000,000 issue for the Metropolitan Water District.

The total of all bonds outstanding and those authorized but not issued for general county government, municipalities, school and special districts amounts to \$674,947,837.50.

Annual Payments.

The Auditor's statement fails to set forth the total to be paid each year on the bonded indebtedness outstanding. He states that the amounts vary in each city and district of the county and are governed by the terms of the bonds themselves.

New York City.—*Board of Estimate Adopts Plan to Rescind \$196,536,463.36 in Stock and Bond Authorizations.*—Detailed schedules were submitted by Assistant Mayor Charles F. Kerrigan and adopted by the Board of Estimate, meeting as a committee of the whole on March 8, calling for the rescinding of authorizations of corporate stock and serial bonds not yet issued amounting to \$196,536,463.36. In his report it was asserted by Mr. Kerrigan that through this drastic economy program the city can complete the year with a surplus of \$3,000,000 rather than the \$43,700,000 deficit estimated by Comptroller Charles W. Berry recently—V. 134, p. 879. These rescindments are said to be the largest by far in the history of municipal financing. The Board of Estimate will finance only public improvements urgently needed this year. This report was made public following weeks of study by a staff of engineers at the request of Mayor Walker.

New York State.—*Agreement Reached on \$30,000,000 Referendum Bond Issue to Relieve Unemployment.*—On March 9 Governor Roosevelt and the Republican legislative leaders reached agreement on a program for financing continued unemployment relief and for measures increasing the taxes on buses and heavy motor trucks. The plan for unemployment relief calls for an appropriation of \$5,000,000 at the present session and authorization of a bond issue of \$30,000,000 to be submitted to a vote of the people at the general election next fall. It is expected that the taxes on buses and trucks will be greatly increased in order to produce greater revenues. The \$30,000,000 bond issue plan was brought forward after conferences between the Governor and the legislative leaders to provide for the temporary emergency relief administration for the remainder of this

year and the full year of 1933. This plan will obviate the necessity of imposing a 10% amusement or other form of tax—V. 134, p. 1614, the proposing of which aroused a great deal of opposition. The \$5,000,000 to be appropriated at this session will be taken out of the available cash surplus to tide over the relief work through the summer and winter months. The life of the relief administration will be extended to Nov. 15, after the referendum on the large issue has been held.

Governor Signs Bill Dealing with Legal Investments.—A bill was signed by Governor Roosevelt on March 7 which would permit savings banks to invest in promissory notes secured by the assignment and pledge of mortgages on real estate.

Four-Year Term for Governor Defeated.—Among the measures embodying proposals of Governor Roosevelt and the Democratic program that were defeated in the Legislature on March 8 was the oft-recurring bill to establish a four-year term for Governor, with elections to be held in non-Presidential years.

State Comptroller's Annual Report Declares New York State in Sound Condition.—In his annual report to the Legislature, made on March 8 by State Comptroller Morris S. Tremaine, he declared that the credit of New York State has remained "impregnable," despite the business depression of the last two years. According to the report a total of \$1,647,500 in State funds was deposited in banks which failed during the last year, but the State did not lose a cent. The Comptroller also asserted that the obligations of the State have been affected in a smaller degree than those of any other government. The net debt of the State at the end of the fiscal year was \$306,595,557, that is to say, the gross debt is listed at \$419,388,000, but against that figure there is a sinking fund of \$112,792,442, according to the report.

It was reported from Albany on March 11 that the Democrats in the Senate had agreed to vote for a 65% increase in the registration tax on motor vehicles of more than one ton, net weight. This proposal is said to have been approved by the Republicans and the belief was expressed that the Legislature would adjourn on the night of March 11 as originally planned. This new tax, the last of four emergency measures sponsored by Governor Roosevelt to wipe out the anticipated deficit of \$126,000,000 as of June 30 1933, will be effective July 1 1932 and continue until June 30 1933. It is expected that the levy will yield \$6,500,000.

North Bergen, N. J.—*Court Places Township in Default on Certificate Debt.*—Two judgments by default have been entered against the above township in the Hudson County Court of Common Pleas, according to the New York "Sun" of March 8. It is stated that both of these judgments, amounting to \$443,640.81, were obtained on temporary improvement certificates issued by the township in June, August and December of 1930, drawing 6% interest and payable 1 year after date. One judgment was in favor of the Oak Securities Co. for \$192,770.40 and the other in favor of Edmund B. Hourigan of Weehawken for \$250,870.41.

Oakland and Macomb Counties, Mich.—*State Supreme Court Holds Drain Bonds Invalid.*—Opinions were handed down by the State Supreme Court on March 2, holding invalid some \$6,000,000 in outstanding drain bonds of Oakland and Macomb counties. The decisions were given in the case of the Nine Mile-Halfway drain in Macomb County and that of the Southfield storm sewer drain. It was the finding of the court that the bonds were issued for the purpose of financing drains, while the money was used to construct sewers. The decisions point out that at the time these securities were sold the law prohibited the use of the drain laws for the construction of sewers, thus making invalid the taxes levied for the payment of these bonds. The Detroit "Free Press" of March 3 had the following to say:

Oakland and Macomb County drains, totaling \$6,000,000 or more, were invalidated by two opinions of the Supreme Court to-day. The bondholders, apparently, are left with worthless securities and the taxpayers need no longer pay special assessments. The special levies paid by the property owners may be refunded.

Although the opinions were concerned directly with only the Nine-Mile-Halfway drain in Macomb County and the Southfield storm sewer drain, William Manning, head of the municipal bonds division of the State Treasury, said several other issues in both counties will be invalidated by the court's ruling. The outstanding bonds that now appear to be worthless may total more than \$6,000,000, he said. Among the other large issues affected by the opinion, he declared, are the Royal Oak drain bonds upon which no interest has been paid pending the court's action.

Bondholders' Suits Expected.—The effect of the ruling upon the bondholders and the taxpayers will not be known positively until the justices enter their decree or until the settlement of other lawsuits that are expected to follow. The decree probably will reveal whether special assessments shall be returned to the taxpayers. Bondholders are expected to sue the counties to determine whether their money must be returned to them.

However, the court stated clearly that the bonds in question are invalid. This decision was issued because the securities were issued for the purpose of financing drains, while the money was used to construct sewers. The court held that at the time the securities were sold, the law prohibited the use of the drain laws for the construction of sewers.

An effort was made by the last Legislature to remedy the defects by a law permitting the use of drain bond proceeds for sewers, but this act is not retroactive.

"Has No Authority."

"A drain commissioner may not by mere assumption of authority legally do what he has no authority to do," the Macomb County opinion, written by Justice William W. Potter, stated. "The Drain Commission has no jurisdiction to construct a sewer any more than to construct a Covert Road."

The opinion concluded that a decree sought by the taxpayers who instituted the litigation shall be issued. They asked that no further taxes be

levied, that the assessments they have paid be refunded and that the County be restrained from spending funds on hand to complete the Nine-Mile drain and sewage disposal project.

The Nine-Mile drain, and disposal plant, started in 1925, is seven and a half miles long. It cost \$2,338,835 of which 72 1/4% was levied in special assessment districts.

Judge Robert M. Toms, of Detroit, had held the bonds to be legal. *Can't Collect Taxes.*

In the Southfield drain case, the court reiterated a previous ruling that these bonds are illegal for the same reason as the Nine-Mile issue. The entire proceedings, the justices held, are null and void and no assessments can be collected, but the court said that inasmuch as no bondholder was a party to the litigation, the position of the bondholders could not be decided at this time.

Macomb County attempted to refinance its drain tax delinquencies by selling bonds secured by the overdue drain assessments to the State. State Treasurer Howard C. Lawrence refused to approve the proposal because of the litigation. He did, however, buy bonds secured by delinquent Covert taxes.

Port of New York Authority.—Annual Report Issued.—The eleventh annual report of the Port of New York Authority was made public on March 4, and it points out to the Governors and Legislatures of New York and New Jersey that the construction of the Midtown Hudson Tunnel is the next undertaking of importance. It is explained that this work will not be started immediately because of the generally unsettled business conditions but all preliminary operations will be completed as soon as possible. The report describes at some length the successful establishment and operation of existing transportation facilities, expressing satisfaction at the earnings for 1931 of the Holland Tunnel, the George Washington Bridge, and the Staten Island bridges. (A summary of operations for 1931 was made public last January—V. 134, p. 881.)

Texas.—Governor Sterling Opposed to Issuance of More Road Bonds.—The New York "Evening Post" of March 4 carried the following Austin dispatch regarding the opposition voiced by Governor Sterling toward the further issuance of road bonds by counties in the State:

Governor Ross Sterling has issued a warning to counties of Texas not to issue any more road bonds because people already are overburdened with taxes. He said:

"I have always maintained that the homes, farms, ranches and other real estate should not be called on to build State and Federal highways.

"I am still of the opinion that the counties should be refunded the money they have placed in State highways and that their outstanding bonds should be assumed by the State or other bonds issued in lieu thereof.

"Revenue derived from the gasoline tax, license fees and Federal aid is sufficient during such times as these to provide a construction fund and to maintain the highways without resorting to further county bond issues."

West Palm Beach, Fla.—Protective Committee Reports on Approval of Refinancing Plan.—The Bondholders' Protective Committees representing the holders of both the general and improvement bonds of this city, announced on March 8 that more than 99 1/2% of the aggregate amount of bonds deposited with them have assented to the plan of refinancing recently made public—V. 134, p. 1227. The Committees state that with this assurance of support they intend to push vigorously for the consummation of the plan. Holders of bonds not already on deposit are urged to lodge them with the Committees; the latter reserve the right at any time and without further notice to refuse to accept additional deposits.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS.

ABILENE, Taylor County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$120,000 issue of 5% semi-ann. refunding bonds that was recently authorized by the City Commission—V. 134, p. 538—has since been purchased by the Citizens National Bank of Abilene, at a price of 95.00, a basis of about 5.50%. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$4,000 from 1933 to 1962. (These bonds were registered by the State Comptroller on Feb. 18.)

ALLEGHENY COUNTY (P. O. Pittsburgh), Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Robert G. Woodside, County Controller, until 11 a. m. (eastern standard time) on March 15, for the purchase of \$4,500,000 4 1/4, 4 1/2, or 4 3/4% coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows:

- \$1,600,000 series 19-F bridge construction bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1 as follows: \$53,000 from 1933 to 1961, incl., and \$63,000 in 1962.
- 1,500,000 series 39 road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$50,000 on April 1 from 1933 to 1962, inclusive.
- 750,000 series 34-A7. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$25,000 on April 1 from 1933 to 1962, inclusive.
- 400,000 series 34-B6. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1 as follows: \$13,000 from 1933 to 1961, incl., and \$23,000 in 1962.
- 250,000 series 22 bridge construction bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1 as follows: \$8,000 from 1933 to 1961, incl., and \$18,000 in 1962.

Each issue is to be dated April 1 1932. Principal and semi-annual int. (April and October) are payable at the office of the Controller. Blank bidding form will be furnished upon application to the Controller. A certified check for \$90,000, payable to the order of the Board of County Commissioners, must accompany each proposal. Only bids for the entire \$4,500,000 bonds will be considered. The approving opinion of Reed, Smith, Shaw & McClay and Mortimer B. Leshner, special counsel, will be furnished the successful bidder.

(Previous mention of this offering was made in V. 134, p. 1809.)

Debt Statement (As of Dec. 31 1931).

Gross bonded debt	\$106,851,000.00
Gross floating debt	9,458,938.15
*Gross indebtedness	\$116,309,938.15
<i>Offsetting Assets</i>	
Bonds and cash in sinking fund	\$15,710,633.49
All other cash	7,081,931.39
Outstanding solvent debts	603,981.14
Estimated revenue for the year 1932, applicable to reduction of above debt	6,473,439.18
Total offsetting assets	\$29,869,985.20
Net indebtedness	\$86,439,952.95

* In the gross bonded debt as above stated there is included the total amount of bonds heretofore issued by authority of the electors of Allegheny County obtained at special public elections held April 22 1924, and June 26 1928, to-wit, \$52,869,000. The last triennial assessed valuation of the taxable property in said county is \$2,467,517,375.

Seven per cent. debt limit on said valuation is \$172,726,216.25. Two per cent. debt limit on said valuation is \$49,350,347.50. Population (census 1930). 1,374,622.

AMHERST, Erie County, N. Y.—DELAY IN PAYMENT OF BOND SERVICE ADJUSTED.—The M. & T. Trust Co. of Buffalo has agreed to loan the town \$238,000 on a 30-day note in order to provide for the payment of prin. and int. on town obligations which was due on March 1,

but not paid because of the fact that the assessment rolls due in January were not turned over to the town authorities for collection of taxes until Feb. 23 by the County Board of Supervisors, according to report. A further factor in the matter, it is said, is the fact that the treasurer of Erie County has \$167,000 in tax collection money which has been claimed by the town without avail. It is further stated that litigation is now pending in the courts to compel the county treasurer to make such payment to the town.

AMHERST COUNTY (P. O. Amherst) Va.—BOND ELECTION.—An election is said to be scheduled for March 23 in order to have the voters pass on the proposed issuance of \$60,000 in water system bonds.

ANGOLA SCHOOL CITY, Steuben County, Ind.—DATE OF AWARD IS CHANGED.—The date of award of an issue of \$80,000 coupon high school building construction bonds, originally set for March 15—V. 134, p. 1227—has been changed to March 19. Sealed bids for the bonds will be received until 1 p. m. on that day by the Board of School Trustees. The bonds will be dated March 19 1932 and bear interest at a rate not to exceed 5%. Due on June and Dec. 30 from 1933 to 1947 incl. Principal and interest (June and Dec. 30) will be payable at the Angola State Bank. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the school city, must accompany each proposal. It was at first intended that bids for the issue be submitted on the basis of an interest rate of 4 1/2%.

ARKANSAS, State of (P. O. Little Rock).—TEMPORARY FINANCING.—It was recently announced by the State Treasurer that the holders of \$1,350,000 in short-term notes that were issued last July by the State Construction Commission, have agreed to a renewal plan under which the State will pay \$120,000 in principal, and \$50,625 interest, leaving \$1,230,000 to be carried until conditions permit the sale of a long-term issue. The notes were issued to permit the continuance of construction on a State hospital.

ASBURY PARK, Monmouth County, N. J.—TAX RATE.—The tax rate for 1932, at \$3.19 per \$100 of valuation, will be the highest in the history of the city as a result of the order of Commissioner Walter R. Darby of the State Department of Municipal Accounts instructing the Monmouth County Tax Board to add \$210,690 to the budget figure for the city in 1932. The Commissioner's order was referred to in the Newark "News" of March 4 as follows:

"Darby's order climaxes a disagreement over the city's finances which began Jan. 23, when, in a letter to the city, he alleged there was a deficit of \$478,806.57 for which the city had failed to provide by budget. Inclusion of the amount ordered by Commissioner Darby will bring the amount to be raised by taxation to \$1,159,041.

"The city previously had announced decreases in all departmental costs and finally adopted a budget totaling \$1,372,041.31, with \$948,351.41 to be raised by taxation, exclusive of city school purposes."

ATLANTIC CITY, Atlantic County, N. J.—INSTALLMENT TAX PAYMENT PLAN APPROVED.—As a result of the approval of the plan on March 10 by the City Commissioners, hereafter tax payments may be made on the installment plan on the basis of not less than \$1 per month periodically throughout the year, according to the "Herald Tribune" of the following day. A discount of 1/2% a month for each month for which advance payments are made will be allowed.

ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS, Monmouth County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Ruby E. Hartorn, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on March 22 for the purchase of \$30,000 6% coupon or registered street improvement bonds. Dated April 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 on April 1 from 1934 to 1939 inclusive. Principal and interest (April and Oct.) payable at the Atlantic Highlands National Bank, Atlantic Highlands. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$30,000. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Borough Collector and Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

AUBURN, Cayuga County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—H. J. Lindsley, City Clerk, reports that an issue of \$32,000 5% registered unemployment relief bonds was sold on March 1 to the Auburn Savings Bank and the Cayuga County Savings Bank, both of Auburn, jointly, at a price of par. Dated March 1 1932. Due \$10,000 March 1 1933 and \$11,000 March 1 1934 and 1935. Interest is payable in March and September.

AVON LAKE, Lorain County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—W. R. Hinz, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on March 18 for the purchase of \$8,759.59 6% water supply improvement bonds. Dated Feb. 15 1932. One bond for \$759.59, others for \$500. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$500 in 1933; \$1,000 from 1934 to 1936 incl.; \$500 in 1937; \$1,000, 1938 to 1940; \$500 in 1941, and \$1,259.59 in 1942. Interest is payable 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 Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

BANNOCK COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 35 (P. O. Grace), Idaho.—BOND SALE.—A \$39,000 issue of school bonds is reported to have been purchased by the Department of Public Investments.

BAY COUNTY (P. O. Bay City) Mich.—COURT HOLDS BOND ISSUE VALID.—The State Supreme Court on March 2 affirmed the legality of an issue of \$375,000 court house construction bonds, concurring in the opinion previously given by Judge Charles B. Collingswood of Ingham County that all of the proceedings taken in the matter of submitting the bond issue at a popular election and adoption of the bond resolution by the board of supervisors were in accordance with existing statutes, according to press dispatches from Lansing. A block of \$355,000 of the bonds was sold on Aug. 20 as 4s to the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago.—V. 133, p. 2295.

BAYONNE, Hudson County, N. J.—OFFERING DATE CHANGED.—The Director of the Department of Revenue and Finance will receive sealed bids until April 5 for the purchase of \$1,016,000 4 1/4, 4 3/4 or 5% coupon or registered bonds. Originally it was intended to receive bids on March 15 for a total of \$1,027,000 bonds (V. 134, p. 1406). Included in the sale now proposed are the following issues:

- \$621,000 general impt. bonds of 1932. Due April 1 as follows: \$20,000 from 1934 to 1957, incl.; \$30,000 from 1958 to 1961, incl., and \$21,000 in 1962.
- 304,000 library construction bonds. Due April 1 as follows: \$10,000 from 1934 to 1956, incl.; \$15,000 from 1957 to 1960, incl., and \$14,000 in 1961.
- 91,000 school bonds. Due April 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1934 to 1958, incl., and \$4,000 from 1959 to 1962, incl.

Each issue will be dated April 1 1932.

BELLEVILLE, Essex County, N. J.—NOTE SALE.—The town sold on March 1 a total of \$100,000 tax revenue notes; \$65,000 to the First National Bank, of Belleville and \$35,000 to the Peoples National Bank & Trust Co., of Belleville.

BOONE COUNTY (P. O. Belvidere) Ill.—BOND SALE.—The \$85,000 4 1/2% coupon road bonds offered on March 3—V. 134, p. 1615—were awarded to the Central Republic Co., of Chicago, at a discount of \$4,992.90, equal to a price of 94.126, a basis of about 5.16%. Dated April 1 1932. Due May 15 as follows: \$5,000 in 1934, 1935, 1936 and 1943; \$10,000 from 1944 to 1946; \$15,000 in 1947, and \$20,000 in 1948. Bids received at the sale were as follows:

Bidder	Amt. Bid.
Central Republic Co. (successful bidder)	\$80,007.10
First Union Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago	80,006.00
C. W. McNear & Co., Chicago	78,800.00
Glaspell, Vieth & Duncan, Davenport	78,000.00

BOSTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Boston) Wayne County, Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$20,000 4 1/2% school bonds offered on Feb. 19—V. 134, p. 1228—was not sold, as no bids were received. Dated March 1 1932. Due semi-annually from July 1 1933 to July 1 1945.

BOSTON, Suffolk County, Mass.—LOAN BUDGET TOTALS \$3,913,000.—Mayor Curley has sent to the city council for approval his 1932 loan budget amounting to \$3,913,000, leaving a balance of \$524,298 in reserve for emergencies. The total borrowing capacity of the city this year amounts to \$4,437,298. Expenditures which the Mayor says are absolutely necessary follow: \$1,000,000 for sewers; \$750,000 for new streets; \$500,000

repairing existing streets; \$350,000 for a new municipal steamer; \$300,000 for new police stations; \$300,000 for new fire stations; \$200,000 for two branch libraries and \$513,000 for new buildings at the City Hospital.

BROCKTON, Plymouth County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A temporary loan of \$10,000 was sold privately on March 10 at 5 1/2% discount basis. The loan matures on Nov. 28 1932. At a public offering on that day of a \$400,000 loan bearing date of March 9 1932 and to mature Dec. 5 1932 no bids were submitted.

BROOKHAVEN (P. O. Patchogue), Suffolk County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Claude C. Neville, Town Supervisor, will receive sealed bids until 11:45 a. m. on March 12 (to-day) for the purchase of \$13,000 not to exceed 6% interest water bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$2,000 in 1933 and 1934, and \$3,000 from 1935 to 1937 incl. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable at the office of the Town Clerk. A certified check for 5% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Town, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

BUHL, St. Louis County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. on March 21 by John D. Turnquist, Village Recorder, for the purchase of a \$22,000 issue of refunding bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%, payable M. & S. Denom. \$1,000. Dated March 15 1932. Due on March 15 as follows: \$4,000 1935; \$10,000 1936, and \$4,000 1937 and 1938. A certified check for \$500, payable to Joseph Senese, Village Treasurer, must accompany the bid.

BURLINGTON, Skagit County, Wash.—BOND SALE POSTPONED.—We are informed that the sale of the two issues of not to exceed 6% semi-ann. water bonds, aggregating \$40,000, previously scheduled for April 6—V. 134, p. 1406—has been postponed until 8 p. m. on April 13. The issues are divided as follows: \$25,000 revenue bonds. Due from 1934 to 1953, incl. 15,000 general obligation bonds. Due from 1934 to 1953, incl. Denom. \$500. Dated Jan. 1 1932.

CALHOUN COUNTY (P. O. Marshall), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—James Threpleton, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. (Eastern standard time) on March 17 for the purchase of \$175,000 not to exceed 6% interest refunding bonds, issued to replace a like amount of road bonds, dated April 1 1917 and maturing April 1 1932. The bonds now offered will be dated April 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1 as follows: \$10,000 in 1933, and \$15,000 from 1934 to 1944, incl. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at a bank or trust company in Detroit or Chicago satisfactory to the successful bidder. The Board of County Supervisors reserves the right to sell only \$145,000 bonds, omitting the maturities of 1943 and 1944, and requests alternative bids for \$175,000 and \$145,000. A certified check for \$2,500 must accompany each proposal. The county will furnish the approving opinion of Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone of Detroit. Bonds are to be delivered on April 1 1932 and provision must be made by the purchaser to deposit the purchase price on that day in the Chase National Bank, New York, to meet the bonds being refunded.

CALIFORNIA, State of (P. O. Sacramento)—BOND SALE.—The \$1,225,000 issue of 4 1/2% semi-ann. Veterans' Welfare bonds offered for sale on March 10 (V. 134, p. 1809) was purchased at auction by a group composed of R. H. Moulton & Co. of San Francisco, the Chase Harris Forbes Corp. and the First National Old Colony Corp., both of New York, the American Securities Co. and Dean Witter & Co., both of San Francisco, and the Security First National Co. of Los Angeles, for a premium of \$8,050, equal to 100.657, a basis of about 4.41%. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Due from Feb. 1 1939 to 1944.

CALIFORNIA, State of (P. O. Sacramento)—BOND SALE PROPOSAL.—The following is a report from the San Francisco "Chronicle" of March 2 regarding a plan to sell approximately \$3,000,000 in school bonds: Director of Finance Roland Vandegrift returned from Washington, D. C., to-day with a plan by which more than \$3,000,000 worth of "frozen" school bonds issued prior to Jan. 2 1932, may be sold with the aid of loans from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Vandegrift said he would confer with financial interests in the endeavor to arrange for the purchase of these bonds by banks with moneys advanced by the finance corporation.

CALIFORNIA, State of (P. O. Sacramento)—OFFERING DETAILS.—The \$1,000,000 issue of 4% harbor impt. bonds scheduled for sale at public auction on March 24—V. 134, p. 1809—is further described as follows: Bonds are registerable as to principal and interest jointly and are not exchangeable for coupon bonds. No legal opinions furnished. Delivery of the bonds made at the office of the State Treasurer.

Official Financial Statement (Feb. 1 1922)

Recapitulation of Bonds—	
Total authorized	\$177,105,000
Total sold	158,622,000
Total unsold	18,483,000
Total redeemed	20,577,500
Total outstanding	138,044,500
Assessed valuation, 1931	\$9,397,909,983
Estimated population	5,398,457

CAMPBELL CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Mahoning County, Ohio. BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$43,000 6% refunding bonds offered on March 7—V. 134, p. 1406—was not sold, as no bids were received. Dated March 15 1932. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,000 in 1933 and 1934; \$4,000 1935; \$3,000 1936 and 1937; \$4,000 1938; \$3,000 1939 and 1940; \$4,000 1941; \$3,000 1942 and 1943; \$4,000 in 1944, and \$3,000 in 1945.

CAMPION WATER DISTRICT (P. O. Fort Collins), Larimer County, Colo.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Feb. 16—V. 134, p. 882—the voters approved the issuance of the \$14,000 in water works construction bonds.

CANTON, Norfolk County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Merchants National Bank, of Boston, purchased on March 9 a \$150,000 temporary loan at 5.47% discount basis. Due Nov. 10 1932. Bids received at the sale were as follows:

Bidder	Discount Basis
Merchants National Bank, Boston (successful bidder)	5.47%
Second National Bank, of Boston	5.80%
H. W. Briggs & Co. (for \$25,000)	6.00%

CHELSEA, Suffolk County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Manufacturers Trust Co., of New York, has purchased at 6% discount basis a temporary loan of \$30,000, to be payable from tax collections.

CHICAGO Cook County, Ill.—ADDITIONAL SCHOOL WARRANTS CALLED.—Lewis E. Myers, President of the Board of Education, has announced that the following educational, school building and school playground tax anticipation warrant notes will be paid on presentation through any bank, to the City Treasurer, Halsey, Stuart & Co., of Chicago, or the Guaranty Trust Co., New York: Building fund, 1928, Nos. B-3777 to B-3779, 6%, for \$5,000 each. Dated July 1 1929 and due June 30 1930. Building fund, 1930, Nos. B-226 to B-235, 5 1/2%, for \$1,000 each; Nos. B-236 to B-245, 5 1/2%, for \$5,000 each. Dated Sept. 1 1930. Playground fund, 1930, Nos. P-208 to P-210, 4%, for \$1,000 each. Dated Dec. 1 1931.

Interest accrual will stop on March 11, if foregoing described notes are not presented for collection on or before that date.

The following tax anticipation warrants will be paid on presentation to the City Treasurer or the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York:

Sinking fund for bonds and interest on bonds, dated April 30 1930, Nos. 214 and 215, for \$50,000 each; dated Nov. 1 1930, Nos. F-1 to F-29 for \$5,000 each.

Public Library, dated July 31 1930, No. 242, for \$25,000.

Municipal tuberculosis sanitarium, Nos. 235 to 238 incl., dated July 22 1930, for \$5,000 each.

Firemen's pension fund, dated July 31 1930, No. 292, for \$25,000.

Interest accrual will stop on March 18 1932 if foregoing described notes are not presented for payment on or before that date.

CHICOPEE, Hampden County, Mass.—BELATED BOND SALE REPORT.—Bond financing accomplished by the city during the year 1931 and reported in these columns from time to time, did not include the sale of \$35,000 3 1/2% water bonds which was made on July 20 to the First National Old Colony Corp., of Boston, at a price of par. Issue is dated July 1 1931 and matures on July 1 from 1932 to 1938 inclusive.

CLAY CENTER, Clay County, Kan.—BOND DETAILS.—The \$42,286.29 issue of street impr. bonds that was purchased by the Municipal Light & Water Plant Sinking Fund—V. 134, p. 1810—was awarded as 4s, at par. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due in from 1 to 10 years.

CLINTON COUNTY (P. O. Frankfort,) Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Arthur J. Spurgeon, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on April 2 for the purchase of \$8,421.74 6% Prairie Creek dredging bonds. Denom. \$842.18. Due on Feb. 12 from 1933 to 1942 incl. Interest is payable on Feb. and Aug. 12. A certified check for \$200, payable to the order of the County Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

COLUMBIA, Lancaster County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Luther Schroeder, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on March 19 for the purchase of \$125,000 4 1/2% sewer bonds. Dated April 1 1932. Denom. \$500. Due April 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1933 to 1942 incl.; \$4,000 from 1943 to 1952 incl., and \$5,500 from 1953 to 1962 incl. Interest payable in April and Oct. Bonds will be issued free of taxes in Pennsylvania, except succession or inheritance taxes. No bid for less than par will be considered. A certified check for \$500, payable to the order of the Borough, must accompany each proposal.

COLUMBIA, Richland County, S. C.—NOTE REFUNDING.—The following account of the refinancing of \$690,000 in 4 1/2% notes by New York bankers is taken from the Columbia "State" of March 9: "City Council yesterday morning ratified an agreement reached last week by three of its representatives for renewal of city notes to the amount of \$690,000 and announced a plan of retiring the floating debt in four years. No additional levy is contemplated to retire the deficit, which has accumulated over a period of years. Under the plan, notes of \$125,000 will be retired Dec. 15 1932, \$150,000 will be retired the same date in 1933, \$175,000 in 1934 and \$240,000 in 1935. Refinancing of the notes will be done through the Chase National Bank of New York. They will carry an interest rate of 6% per annum, whereas the notes now falling due carried only a 4 1/2% rate. Council, however, feels that a 6% rate is not unduly high considering the present financial condition and what other Governmental units are being required to pay. The notes have been renewed only until Jan. 31 1933, but the Chase National Bank, it was pointed out, would consider further renewal under the same conditions."

COLUMBUS, Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of bonds aggregating \$139,159 offered on March 10—V. 134, p. 1616—were awarded as 5 1/4s to Seasoncook & Mayer of Cincinnati, at par plus a premium of \$196, equal to a price of 100.14, a basis of about 5.22%: \$131,483 street impt. bonds. Due March 1 as follows: \$13,483 in 1934; \$14,000 in 1935, and \$13,000 from 1936 to 1943 incl. \$7,676 lighting system bonds. Due March 1 as follows: \$1,676 in 1934; \$2,000 in 1935 and 1936, and \$1,000 in 1937 and 1938. Each issue is dated April 1 1932.

COVERT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Van Buren County, Mich.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At an election held on March 4 the voters defeated the proposed \$20,000 school building extension bond issue by a vote of 178 to 127.

CRANSTON, Providence County, R. I.—CITY TO FUND SHORT-TERM DEBT.—The finance committee of the city council has under consideration a plan to ask permission of the General Assembly, at its present session, for authority to issue \$600,000 in bonds to take care of all of the outstanding floating indebtedness of the City. The bonds would mature serially over a period of from 1 to 10 years and provision be made in each annual budget to provide for the payment of maturing principal and interest charges. City Treasurer Lee has approved of the plan.

CRESTED BUTTE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Gunnison), Gunnison County, Colo.—BONDS VOTED.—It is reported that the voters recently approved the issuance of \$80,000 in school refunding bonds.

CUYAHOGA FALLS, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—J. E. Preston, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 M. (Eastern Standard time) on March 25 for the purchase of \$439,489.79 6% impt. bonds, divided as follows:

\$303,198.01 impt. bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$33,198.01 in 1933, and \$30,000 from 1934 to 1942 inclusive.
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\$6,912.78 city's portion improvement bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,191.26 in 1933, and \$500 from 1934 to 1942 inclusive.
\$3,721.52 improvement bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$564.34 in 1933, and \$200 from 1934 to 1937 inclusive.

Each issue is dated April 1 1932. Interest is payable 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 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. (Previous offering of the bonds was made for award on Feb. 29.—V. 134, p. 1229.)

DALLAS COUNTY (P. O. Adel), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—We are informed by T. C. Bengtson, County Treasurer, that a \$14,000 issue of 4 1/2% coupon funding bonds has been purchased by Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport, at par. Denom. \$500. Dated Sept. 1 1931. Due as follows: \$5,000 1933 and 1934, and \$4,000 in 1935. Interest payable J. & D. (This corrects the report given in V. 134, p. 1810.)

DANVILLE, Pittsylvania County, Va.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 4 1/2% semi-annual armory and auditorium bonds offered for sale on March 7—V. 134, p. 1810—was purchased by Halsey, Stuart & Co. of New York, at a price of 92.81, a basis of about 5.35%. Dated July 1 1931. Due \$6,000 from July 1 1932 to 1956 inclusive.

DECATUR, Macon County, Ill.—INJUNCTION AGAINST BOND ISSUE.—In answer to our request for information regarding a proposed \$500,000 water revenue bond issue—V. 134, p. 1407, City Clerk Jerome J. Heger under date of March 4 advises us as follows:

"This ordinance recommending the above issue was passed by a 3 to 2 vote of the City Council—and there is much opposition to this or any other bond issue. There is now on file in the Circuit Court of Macon County, Illinois and injunction to halt any further progress to complete this issue. The ordinance cannot be published and no official of the City can do any act tending to further its progress and therefore it is almost a certainty that the issue will never be completed."

DENVER (City and County), Colo.—BONDS SOLD.—We give the following sale report from the "Denver and Rocky Mountain News" of March 8:

"Sale of municipal building bonds since Saturday morning has totalled \$75,000, it was announced last night by J. H. Goode, Manager of the city bond department. A block of bonds valued at \$750,000 was sold yesterday to Sidlo, Simons, Day & Co. and Eastern associates at a price of 94.60, after brief negotiations. The bonds were sold on a basis to yield 4 1/2% 'less 1', or at 1 point less than the price at which the bonds can be sold to yield a return of 4 1/2%. There will be immediate delivery on the bonds. The rapid turnover of municipal bonds since Saturday climaxes steadily increasing demand for the securities that has been evident for three weeks. Total sales of the municipal courthouse bond issue of \$2,500,000 stood yesterday at \$1,400,000. Mr. Goode announced that he had sold \$1,000,000."

BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—On March 10 a \$750,000 issue of 4% coupon court house and city hall bonds was offered by Phelps, Fenn & Co. of New York, for public subscription at prices to yield 4.40%. Dated July 1 1931. Due on July 1 as follows: \$50,000 1941; \$150,000 1942 and 1943, and \$200,000 in 1944 and 1945. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer, or in New York. Legal opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City. (These are the bonds mentioned above.)

DENVILLE TOWNSHIP (P. O. Denville), Morris County, N. J.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—No bids were received at the offering on March 9 of \$100,000 5% coupon or registered water bonds—V. 134, p. 1616—despite the fact that eleven bond houses had made inquiry regarding the issue prior to the date set for the reception of bids. It is said that taxes delinquent for the past three years amount to \$75,000 and this fact is believed to have operated against bidding for the issue. Bonds are dated April 1 1932 and were offered to mature April 1 1938. Of the proceeds of the sale, \$27,500 was intended for redemption of notes and the remainder for water system construction purposes. Several local investors have indicated a willingness to purchase some of the bonds and Township Clerk David Soffield has been authorized to accept application in any amount asked for.

DESCHUTES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Bend), Ore.—NOTES NOT SOLD.—The \$60,000 issue of not to exceed 6% semi-annual notes offered on March 1—V. 134, p. 1616—was not sold as there were no bids received. We are informed that the State of Oregon has renewed the notes at 6%. Dated Jan. 3 1932. Due on Jan. 3 1933.

EAST CLEVELAND, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—PRICE PAID.—F. D. Green, Director of Finance, reports that a price of par was paid for the \$45,000 5% water works system bonds sold recently (V. 134, p. 1810). Dated April 1 1932. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1933 to 1954, incl., and \$1,000 in 1955.

EASTHAMPTON, Hampshire County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—George Evans, Town Treasurer, informs us that a temporary loan of \$34,000 has been sold to the First National Bank, of Boston, at 5½% a discount basis. The loan matures in about four months.

ELDORADO, Butler County, Kan.—BOND ELECTION.—It is reported that a special election will be held on March 25 in order to vote on the proposal to issue \$200,000 in gas distributing system bonds.

ELIZABETH, Union County, N. J.—\$500,000 BONDS SOLD—BIDS ASKED FOR REMAINDER OF ISSUE.—City Comptroller John A. Mitchell has been authorized to solicit sealed bids until April 7 for the purchase of \$4,498,000 bonds of an issue of \$4,998,000, of which the remaining \$500,000 have been sold to Dillon, Reed & Co., of New York, at 5.16% interest rate basis. The Comptroller stated that it is necessary to dispose of the bonds in order to provide for the retirement of a like amount of water notes which became due on March 8. An extension of 30 days was granted by the Chase National Bank, of New York, and J. S. Rippel & Co., of Newark, holders of the notes. Mr. Mitchell indicated it may be necessary to pay an interest rate of as high as 6% in order to dispose of the bonds.

BOND OFFERING.—John A. Mitchell, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on March 21 for the purchase of \$4,498,000 4½% coupon or registered water bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$85,000 from 1934 to 1938 incl.; \$95,000, 1939 to 1942; \$110,000, 1943 to 1947; \$120,000, 1948 to 1957; \$126,000 in 1958 and 1959; \$127,000, 1960 to 1964; \$122,000 from 1965 to 1971 and \$127,000 in 1972. Principal and interest (Jan. and July) are payable at the National State Bank, Elizabeth. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$4,493,000. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the Continental Bank & Trust Co., of New York, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the city, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Reed, Hoyt & Washburn, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder. These bonds are part of an issue of \$4,998,000 unsuccessfully offered on Dec. 28—V. 134, p. 162.

ELGIN, Kane County, Ill.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At an election held on March 1 the voters disapproved of a proposal to issue \$215,000 improvement bonds, the vote being 1,341 "for" and 1,821 "against."

ELK CITY, Beckham County, Okla.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$25,000 issue of sewage disposal plant bonds offered on Feb. 23—V. 134, p. 1407—was not sold.

BONDS RE-OFFERED.—Sealed bids were again received by W. E. Garrison, City Clerk, for the purchase of the above bonds, until 7:30 p. m. on March 7. Interest rate to be stated by the bidder.

ERIE, Erie County, Pa.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The City Council recently adopted ordinances providing for the issuance of \$185,000 4½% bonds, divided as follows:

\$165,000 sewer system construction bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 15 as follows: \$5,000 from 1933 to 1939, incl., and \$10,000 from 1940 to 1952, incl.

20,000 re-surfacing road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 15 as follows: \$1,000 from 1933 to 1942, incl., and \$2,000 from 1943 to 1947, incl.

Bonds to be dated April 15 1932. Principal and interest (April and Oct. 15) to be payable at the office of the City Treasurer.

ESSEX COUNTY (P. O. Newark), N. J.—BOND SALE.—The Board of Chosen Freeholders voted on March 10 to sell an issue of \$1,561,000 6% 5-year bonds to J. S. Rippel & Co., of Newark, and associates. The bonds will replace temporary improvement notes in that amount maturing on April 1.

FITCHBURG, Worcester County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—John B. Fellows, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on March 15 for the purchase at discount basis of a \$530,000 temporary loan. Dated Mar. 15 1932. Denoms. to suit purchaser. Payable Nov. 5 1932 at First National Bank, of Boston. The notes will be authenticated as to genuineness and validity by the First National Bank, of Boston, under advice of Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, of Boston.

FORT DODGE, Webster County, Iowa.—BOND SALE POSTPONED.—We are informed that the sale of the \$10,000 issue of not to exceed 5% semi-annual water works bonds scheduled for March 4 (V. 134, p. 1810) was postponed to March 12. Due from March 1 1935 to 1937, inclusive.

FREEPORTE, Brazoria County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—A \$10,000 issue of street improvement bonds is reported to have been purchased by the Freeport Levee District.

FREEPORTE, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Howard E. Pearsall, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 3:30 p. m. on March 16 for the purchase of \$278,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered, series B, sewer bonds. Dated March 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due March 1 as follows: \$9,000 from 1933 to 1954, incl., and \$10,000 from 1955 to 1962, incl. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of ¼ or 1/10th of 1% and must be the same for all of the bonds. Principal and semi-annual interest (March and September) are payable at the Freeport Bank. A certified check for \$5,500, payable to the order of the Village, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder. (On Aug. 26 award was made of an issue of \$290,000 sewer bonds as 3.90s. to Wallace, Sanderson & Co., of New York, at a price of 100.49, which was not consummated owing to irregularities in the issuing procedure. At the re-offering on Oct. 7 no bids were received.—V. 133, p. 2464.)

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation (1932).....	\$57,297,663
Special franchises.....	845,750
Total assessed value taxable property.....	58,143,413
Bonded debt (including this issue).....	3,124,900
Water bonds (included in above).....	509,000
Sinking funds.....	None
Floating debt other than tax anticipation.....	291,000
*Total debt exclusive of water bonds.....	3,106,900
Population, Jan. 1931, 19,475.....	
x \$159,000 of this amount is light bonds against the municipal plant.....	

GARY, Lake County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The Union Trust Co., of Indianapolis, purchased on Feb. 26 an issue of \$35,000 6% refunding bonds at a price of par. Dated March 1 1932. Denom. \$500. Due March 1 1942. Principal and interest (March and September) are payable at the office of the City Controller.

GLOVERSVILLE, Fulton County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$26,000 5% registered local improvement bonds offered on March 10—V. 134, p. 1617—were awarded at a price of par, jointly, to the City National Bank & Trust Co., Fulton County National Bank & Trust Co., and the Trust Company of Fulton County, all of Gloversville. Dated March 1 1932. Due as follows: \$8,000 in 1933; \$6,000 in 1934; \$4,000 in 1935, and \$4,000 in 1937 and 1938.

GRANT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Silver City), N. Mex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on April 2 by Gertrude Bell, County Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$22,500 issue of school bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%, payable J. & J. Denom. \$100. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check for not less than 5% of the amount bid, payable to the County Treasurer, is required.

GRATIOT COUNTY (P. O. Ithaca), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—John W. Young, County Drain Commissioner, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on March 16 for the purchase of \$6,500 6% drainage district bonds. Dated May 15 1932. Denom. \$325. Due \$325 annually on April 1 from 1933 to 1952, incl. The right is reserved, however, to call any bond for payment after 1937. Interest to be payable annually. A certified check for \$100 must accompany each proposal.

GREENWICH (P. O. Greenwich), Fairfield County, Conn.—BOND SALE.—The \$400,000 coupon or registered bonds offered on March 5—V. 134, p. 1811—were awarded to Phelps, Fenn & Co., of New York, at a price of 100.67, for \$200,000 as 4½% and \$200,000 as 5s, the net interest cost basis being about 4.849%. Included in the award were:

\$160,000 street widening bonds as 5s. Dated March 1 1932. Due \$10,000 on March 1 from 1933 to 1948, incl.

150,000 highway improvement bonds as 4½s. Dated Nov. 1 1931. Due May 1 as follows: \$10,000 in 1950, and \$35,000 from 1951 to 1954, inclusive.

50,000 drain bonds sold as 4½s. Dated March 1 1932. Due \$5,000, March 1 from 1933 to 1942, incl.

40,000 highway dept. equipment bonds as 5s. Dated March 1 1932. Due \$4,000 March 1 from 1933 to 1942, incl.

The successful bidders are offering the bonds for public investment as follows: \$150,000 4½s, due from 1950 to 1954, are priced at 100.25 and interest; the prices on the remaining \$250,000 4½% and 5% bonds vary to yield as follows: 1933 and 1934 maturity, 5.00%; 1935, 4.91%; 1936 and 1937, 4.75%; 1938 and 1939, 4.60%; and 4.50% for the maturities from 1940 to 1948. The bonds, according to the bankers, are legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in the States of New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut. Principal and interest are payable in New York City.

The following is an official list of the bids received at the sale:

Bidder	Interest rate	Amount Bid.
* Phelps, Fenn & Co.	\$160,000.00 @ 5%	} \$400,268.00
	40,000.00 @ 5%	
	50,000.00 @ 4½%	
	150,000.00 @ 4½%	
Estabrook & Co., and Putnam & Co., jointly	All @ 5%	401,240.00
Estabrook & Co., and Putnam & Co., jointly	All @ 4¾%	400,000.00
Wallace, Sanderson & Co.—All @ 4¾%		400,790.00
Salomon Bros. & Hutzler—All @ 4¾%		400,640.00
Guaranty Company of N. Y., and First National Old Colony Corp., jointly—All @ 4¾%		400,324.00
The National City Co.—All @ 5%		404,400.00
The National City Co.—All @ 5% except highway improvement bonds @ 4¾%		400,076.00
R. L. Day & Co.; Conning & Co.; F. R. Cooley & Co.; E. M. Bradley & Co., and The R. F. Griggs Co., jointly—All @ 5%		404,156.00
Halsey, Stuart & Co., and R. W. Pressprich & Co., jointly—All @ 5%		402,480.00
Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc.—All @ 5%		402,040.00
Bankers Trust Co. of N. Y.—All @ 5%		401,917.00

* Successful bidder.

GRENADA COUNTY (P. O. Grenada), Miss.—BOND DETAILS.—The \$30,000 issue of 6% semi-annual funding bonds that was purchased by Saunders & Thomas of Memphis (V. 133, p. 4356) was awarded at par and matures \$3,000 from Nov. 1 1932 to 1941, inclusive.

GROSSE POINTE PARK (P. O. Grosse Pointe), Wayne County, Mich.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—No bids were received at the offering on March 8 of \$85,000 not to exceed 6% interest tax anticipation notes, of which \$71,000 were to mature Oct. 1 1934 and \$14,000 on Oct. 1 1933. Each issue is dated March 1 1932.—V. 134, p. 1811.

HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Hamilton), Tex.—BOND DETAILS.—The \$65,000 issue of 5% court house bonds that was purchased by local investors—V. 134, p. 1617—was awarded at par. Interest payable February and June.

HAMTRAMCK, Wayne County, Mich.—BELATED BOND SALE REPORT.—On March 12 1931 the city sold an issue of \$250,000 5% welfare emergency bonds to Matthew Finn, of Detroit, at a price of 88.80 per \$100 bond, the net interest cost of the financing being about 7.85%. The bonds are dated March 2 1931 and mature March 2 1936. Previous mention of the sale of this issue was not made in these columns.

HAVERHILL, Essex County, Mass.—BELATED BOND SALE REPORT.—In addition to various other bond issues sold by the city during 1931 and reported in these columns, the city also sold \$10,000 3½% water bonds to the Haverhill Savings Bank. Dated Sept. 1 1931. Due \$2,000 annually from 1932 to 1936, inclusive.

HINTON, Summers County, W. Va.—BOND ELECTION.—It is stated that an election will be held in May to have the voters pass on the proposed issuance of \$100,000 in bonds divided as follows: \$70,000 gas distribution system and \$30,000 bridge bonds.

ILLINOIS (State of)—NOTE OFFERING.—It is announced that Edward J. Barrett, State Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on March 14, for the purchase of \$5,000,000 5% emergency unemployment relief revenue notes, which are part of a total of \$18,750,000 authorized by the State Legislature. These notes have been placed on the market for public subscription at a price of par, and subscriptions received up to March 3 were for \$10,761,300 of the issue. The notes now offered will be dated Feb. 25 1932 and be redeemable not earlier than Dec. 1 1932, after 15 days' public notice, at par and accrued interest from the proceeds of a bond issue, if voted, will be submitted at the general election in November 1932, also authorized by the Legislature, otherwise said notes will be paid from the proceeds of an emergency tax levied for the year 1932. Principal and accrued interest will be payable at the State Treasurer's office. Denoms. \$50,000, \$25,000, \$10,000, \$5,000, \$1,000, \$500 and \$100, without privilege of registration. Proposals to be accompanied by a certified check for 2% of the amount of notes bid for, payable to the order of the State Treasurer. Legality to be approved by Chapman & Cutler, of Chicago, at the expense of the purchaser. Further information regarding the authorization of the issue will be found in V. 134, p. 1226.

Financial Statement of the State of Illinois.
Assessed value as fixed by the State Tax Commission 1929—\$8,416,988,896
Total bonded debt.....192,607,500
Revenue notes outstanding.....7,500,000
Population, 1930 census, 7,630,654.

IOWA CITY, Johnson County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$2,267.05 issue of coupon sidewalk improvement bonds offered for sale on March 5—V. 134, p. 1811—was turned over to the contractors, as 5s, at par. Denom. \$251. Dated March 4 1932. Due from May 1 1932 to 1938, inclusive. Optional at any time prior to maturity. Int. payable May 1.

IPSWICH, Essex County, Mass.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The temporary loan of \$75,000 sold on March 3 to F. S. Moseley & Co. of Boston to bear interest at 5.85%—V. 134, p. 1811—is dated March 10 1932 and matures Oct. 10 1932.

IRON RIVER, Iron County, Mich.—BOND ELECTION.—At the primary election in April the voters will pass upon a proposal calling for the issuance of \$75,000 in bonds to finance the construction of a municipal electric light and power plant. This action was decided upon by the city commission as a result of the refusal of the Iron Range Light & Power Co. to grant a 25% reduction in rates demanded by the commission recently.—V. 134, p. 1811.

JEFFERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Jefferson), Union County, S. Dak.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$26,000 issue of not to exceed 7% semi-annual school bonds offered on Mar. 7 (V. 134, p. 1617) was not sold as there were no bids received.

BONDS RE-OFFERED.—Sealed bids will again be received for the purchase of the above bonds until 8 p. m. on Mar. 29 by Thomas S. Slattery, Clerk of the Board of Education. Dated Feb. 1 1932. Due in 20 years or less.

JOPLIN, Jasper County, Mo.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the special election on March 4—V. 134, p. 1408—the voters defeated the proposed bond issues, aggregating \$100,000, divided as follows: \$10,000 fire equipment; \$10,000 market square improvement; \$10,000 viaduct repair, and \$70,000 storm sewer bonds.

JORDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sandy), Salt Lake County, Utah.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on March 8 the voters approved the issuance of \$90,000 in school bonds, according to report.

KANE AND COOK COUNTIES UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 46 (P. O. Elgin), Ill.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$150,000 4½% school building construction bonds for which no bids were received at the offering

on Feb. 23—V. 134, p. 1811—was sold subsequently at a price of par by C. W. McNear & Co. of Chicago. Dated July 1 1931. Due July 1 as follows: \$12,000 in 1934 and 1935, \$15,000 in 1936, \$17,000 in 1937 and 1938, \$5,000 in 1939, and \$36,000 in 1940 and 1941.

LA CROSSE COUNTY (P. O. La Crosse), Wis.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on March 14, by Esther M. Domke, County Clerk, for the purchase of a \$250,000 issue of 4% highway, series A bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated April 1 1932. Due \$50,000 from April 1 1937 to 1941 incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. These bonds are to be refunded from gasoline and auto license revenues accruing to the County as provided by the Statutes of Wisconsin.

LAKEWOOD, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Amos I. Kauffman, Director of Finance, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on March 26 for the purchase of \$125,000 4% hospital construction bonds, being part of an authorized issue of \$1,000,000.—V. 134, p. 1063. Bonds will be dated April 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1933 to 1939 incl., and \$6,000 from 1940 to 1954 incl. Interest is payable in April and Oct. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 4% 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 must accompany each proposal.

LANCASTER, Fairfield County, Ohio.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The city council recently adopted an ordinance providing for the issuance of \$2,500 5% park and playground bonds, to be dated April 1 1932 and mature Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,500 in 1933, and \$1,000 in 1934. Principal and interest (April and Oct.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer.

LANGLEY, Island County, Wash.—BOND ELECTION.—The voters will pass on a proposal to issue \$12,000 in not to exceed 6% water bonds at an election reported to be scheduled for May 28. Due in 25 years.

LANSING, Ingham County, Mich.—BELATED BOND SALE REPORT.—An issue of \$25,000 4% bridge bonds was sold on Sept. 1 1931 at a price of par to the Perpetual Cemetery Fund. Dated Sept. 1 1931 and due in 1941. In addition to advising us of this additional bond sale in 1931, the City Treasurer also obliged us with the following:

Bonded indebtedness Jan. 1 1932 (Excluding Water & Light Debt). Paving, \$465,000; sewers, \$830,000; bridges, \$646,000; welfare emergency, \$250,000; memorial building, \$90,000; detention hospital, \$90,000; cemetery, \$36,000; total bonded debt Jan. 1 1932.....\$2,407,000

Bonded debt Jan. 1 1931.....2,103,000 Bonds issued during year.—Sewer, \$400,000; paving, \$100,000; welfare, \$250,000; Logan Bridge, \$25,000; total.....775,000

Bonds retired during year.—Paving, \$210,000; sewers, \$110,000; bridge, \$135,000; memorial building, \$10,000; detention hospital, \$5,000; cemetery, \$1,000; total.....471,000

Bonded debt Jan. 1 1932.....\$2,407,000 Net increase in bonded debt for 1931, \$304,000. Amount necessary to be raised by taxation to retire bonded debt, \$2,033,000.

LAPEER SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lapeer County, Mich.—BONDS RETIRED.—The payment on March 1 of \$22,000 bonds of an issue of \$260,000 floated in 1924 reduced the amount of the issue outstanding to \$184,000.

LARIMER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Fort Collins), Colo.—BOND CALL.—The County Treasurer is reported to be calling for payment at his office on April 1, Nos. 1 to 11 of the 5% school building bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated April 1 1921.

LATHAM, Butler County, Kan.—BONDS OFFERED.—It is reported that sealed bids were received until 7:30 p. m. on March 10 by H. A. Stewart, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$15,000 issue of 4% semi-annual internal improvement bonds.

LAWRENCE, Essex County, Mass.—BELATED BOND SALE REPORT.—The First National Old Colony Corp. of Boston, purchased in 1931 at a price of par the following issues of bonds, aggregating \$510,000: \$350,000 3% macadam paving bonds. Dated June 1 1931. Due \$70,000 on June 1 from 1932 to 1936, inclusive. 160,000 bridge bonds, comprising \$120,000 3 3/4% and \$40,000 3 1/4%. Dated May 1 1931. Due \$8,000 on May 1 from 1932 to 1951, incl. (The above issues were offered at public sale on June 4 at 3 1/4% interest, at which time no bids were received.—V. 132, p. 4451.)

LEAVENWORTH, Leavenworth County, Kan.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election will be held on March 22, according to report, in order to vote on the proposed issuance of \$120,000 in high school bonds.

LEXINGTON, Middlesex County, Mass.—NOTE SALE.—The First National Old Colony Corp. of Boston, purchased on March 9 an issue of \$26,000 5% tuberculosis hospital maintenance notes at a price of 100.105, a basis of about 5.18%. Dated March 1 1932. Due \$13,000 on March 1 in 1933 and 1934. Bids received at the sale were as follows:

Bidder.....Int. Rate.....Rate Bid. First National Old Colony Corp. (successful bidder).....5 1/4%.....100.105 Bond, Judge & Co.....5 1/4%.....100.312 Chase Harris Forbes Corp.....5 1/4%.....100.10 Jackson & Curtis.....5 1/4%.....100.07 Grafton Co.....5 1/4%.....100.04

LINDEN, Union County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$741,000 coupon or registered bonds offered as 4 1/4% on March 1 at which time no bids were received.—V. 134, p. 1811—are reported to have subsequently been purchased as 6s by the State Employees Retirement System. The amount includes \$344,000 school bonds, due from 1933 to 1972, incl.; \$289,000 general improvement bonds, due from 1933 to 1996, incl., and \$108,000 emergency bonds, due from 1934 to 1941, incl. All of the bonds are dated March 1 1932.

LITTLE FALLS, Morrison County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$24,000 issue of coupon refunding bonds offered for sale on Feb. 23—V. 134, p. 884—was purchased by the First Securities Corp. of St. Paul, as 5s, at par. Dated April 1 1932. Due \$3,000 from April 1 1933 to 1940 incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the First National Bank in St. Paul. No other bids were received.

LOCKPORT, Niagara County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Frederick D. McLean, City Treasurer, reports that the issue of \$16,000 emergency relief bonds offered on March 10 was awarded to the Lockport Exchange Trust Co., the only bidder, as 6s, at a price of 100.001, a basis of about 5.99%. Dated March 10 1932. Denom. \$4,000. Due March 10 as follows: \$4,000 in 1933 and 1934 and \$8,000 in 1935.

LONGVIEW INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Longview), Gregg County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$175,000 issue of 5% school bonds that was registered on Sept. 21—V. 133, p. 2959—has since been purchased at par as follows: \$75,000 to the State Department of Education, and \$100,000 to various local banks.

MANDAN SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Mandan) Morton County, N. Dak.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.—The \$25,000 certificates of indebtedness that were purchased by the First National Bank of Mandan—V. 134, p. 1812—were awarded as follows: \$11,000 at 6%, and \$14,000 at 5 1/4%. Due \$14,000 in 1932 and \$11,000 in 1933.

MANSFIELD, Richland County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$13,500 coupon water works system improvement bonds offered on March 4—V. 134, p. 1409—were awarded as 6s to the Citizens National Bank & Trust Co., of Mansfield, at par plus a premium of \$10, equal to a price of 100.07, a basis of about 5.98%. Dated Feb. 1 1932. Due as follows: \$500 April 1 and \$1,000 Oct. 1 1933 and \$1,000 April and Oct. 1 from 1934 to 1939 incl.

MAPLE HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bedford), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Mabel M. Lawrence, Clerk of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on March 28, for the purchase of \$16,750 6% refunding bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1932. Denoms. as requested by the successful bidder. Bonds to mature Dec. 1 as follows: \$1,500 from 1933 to 1935, incl., and \$1,750 from 1936 to 1942, incl. Int. payable in June and December. 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 \$200, payable to the order of the above-mentioned official, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, of Cleveland, will be furnished the successful bidder.

MARINETTE, Marinette County, Wis.—BOND ELECTION.—The voters will be asked to pass on the proposed issuance of \$65,000 in industrial bonds at the election to be held on April 5, according to report.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Indianapolis), Ind.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—A group composed of the Fletcher Trust Co., the Fletcher American Co., and the Union Trust Co., all of Indianapolis, bidding for 5 1/2%, offered a price of par plus a premium of \$242 for the issue of \$84,500 bonds awarded on March 2 as 5 1/4% to the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, of Chicago, and the Chase Harris Forbes Corp., jointly. Award was made at a price of 100.19, or an interest cost basis of about 5.19%.—V. 134, p. 1812. Only two bids were received at the sale.

MARSHALL, Calhoun County, Mich.—BONDED DEBT.—The net bonded debt of the city will be reduced to \$203,000 following the payment on March 15 of the last \$1,000 bond of a storm water issue sold in 1915. The gross indebtedness will be \$245,000.

MARSHFIELD, Coos County, Ore.—SPECIAL ELECTION.—It is reported that an election will be held on May 20 in order to convert \$60,000 in special improvement warrants into refunding bonds. It is said the refunding bonds will bear 5 1/4% interest and be in denominations of \$100 to \$500.

MARTIN COUNTY (P. O. Shoals), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Clay H. Franklin, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on March 25, for the purchase of \$25,000 not to exceed 5% interest refunding bonds. Denom. \$1,562.50. Due one bond each six months on May and Nov. 15 from 1933 to 1940, inclusive.

MATAWAN, Monmouth County, N. J.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—No bids were received at an offering on March 8 of \$22,250 not to exceed 6% int. coupon or registered bonds, comprising a \$14,250 water issue, due from 1933 to 1947, incl., and an \$8,000 impt. issue, due from 1933 to 1940 incl.—V. 134, p. 1812. All of the bonds are dated March 1 1932.

MEDFORD, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—John J. Ward, City Treasurer, states that award of the \$154,000 coupon bonds offered on March 11 was made to the Chase Harris Forbes Corp. of Boston, as 4 3/4% at a price of 100.35, a basis of about 4.70%. The award consisted of: \$70,000 sewer bonds. Due March 15 as follows: \$4,000 from 1933 to 1947 incl., and \$2,000 from 1948 to 1952 incl. 54,000 fire station bonds. Due \$3,000 March 15 from 1933 to 1950 incl. 30,000 water main bonds. Due \$2,000 March 15 from 1933 to 1947 incl. Each issue is dated March 15 1932. Prin. and int. (M. & S. 15) are payable in Boston. Legality approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

Financial Statement March 1 1932. Assessed valuation 1931, net.....\$85,895,850.00 Total debt (present loan included).....4,344,500.00 Water debt, included in total debt.....456,000.00 Sinking fund other than water.....85,741.07 Population 1931 census, 60,117. * Includes motor vehicle excise tax, \$4,810,250.

MENASHA, Winnebago County, Wis.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—In connection with the sale of the \$125,000 issue of 4 1/4% coupon school bonds to the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, at 96.19, a basis of about 5.15%—V. 134, p. 1812—we are now informed that the principal and interest (M. & N.) are payable at the office of the City Treasurer. Legality to be approved by Chapman & Cutler of Chicago. The following bids were also received for the bonds:

Bidder.....Price Bid. Central Republic Co. of Chicago.....\$120.075 Continental Illinois Co., Chicago.....118.856

MILLARD COUNTY (P. O. Fillmore), Utah.—BOND ELECTION.—It is reported that an election will be held on March 19 in order to submit to the voters a proposal to issue \$75,000 in school bonds.

MIDDLETOWN, Butler County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$6,300 6% special assessment improvement bonds offered on March 8—V. 134, p. 1409—were awarded to the Oglesby-Barnitz Bank & Trust Co., of Middletown, at par plus a premium of \$17.50, equal to a price of 100.27, a basis of about 5.94%. Dated March 1 1932. Due \$700 on Sept. 1 from 1933 to 1941, incl. Bids received at the sale were as follows:

Bidder.....Premium. Oglesby-Barnitz Bank & Trust Co. (successful bidder).....\$17.50 Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati.....10.71 Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co. (alternate bid, not considered).....25.20 Well, Roth & Irving Co., Cincinnati.....1.00

MINNEAPOLIS, Hennepin County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The three issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$1,482,000, offered for sale on March 9—V. 134, p. 1618—were purchased by a syndicate composed of Halsey, Stuart & Co. of New York, the First National Old Colony Corp., Phelps, Penn & Co., and R. H. Moulton & Co., all of New York; the Milwaukee Co. of Milwaukee, and Stifel, Nicolaus & Co. of St. Louis, as 4 1/4%, paying a premium of \$1,560, equal to 100.105, a basis of about 4.73%. The issues are divided as follows: \$562,000 water works bonds. Due from April 1 1933 to 1952, incl. 320,000 permanent impt. bonds. Due \$16,000 from April 1 1933 to 1952, incl. 600,000 public relief bonds. Due \$120,000 from April 1 1933 to 1937, incl.

BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The successful syndicate referred to above bonds for public subscriptions priced as follows: 1933 and 1934 maturities to yield 4.75%; 1935 to yield 4.65%; 1936 and 1937 to yield 4.60%; 1938 and 1939 to yield 4.50%, and 1940 to 1952 to yield 4.40%. Legality to be approved by counsel whose opinion will be furnished upon request.

The following report on the bids received was furnished to us by George M. Link, Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Taxation, under date of March 9: With reference to \$1,482,000 City of Minneapolis bonds offered for sale to-day: All bonds awarded the Halsey, Stuart syndicate, premium \$1,560, interest 4 1/4%. All or none second best bid Piper, Jaffray & Hopwood, premium \$8,100, interest 5%. Best bid for 20-year serials, Continental-Illinois Co. syndicate, premium, \$10,325, interest, 4 3/4%. Second best bid 20-year serials, First National Bank of New York, premium, \$10,315, interest, 4 3/4%.

Only bid on public relief bonds, premium \$225, interest 5 1/4%, offered by First Securities Corp., BancNorthwest and Kalman & Co.

MINNESOTA, State of (P. O. St. Paul)—CONTEMPLATED BOND PURCHASE.—We are informed that the State Investment Board recently voted to purchase \$250,000 of State rural credit bureau bonds as 4 1/4%. Governor Olson is said to have urged the Board to buy \$2,000,000 of these bonds at 4.01%, but his request was refused. It is stated that the Board at first refused to make any additional purchase of rural credit bonds.

MISSOURI, State of (P. O. Jefferson City)—BOND SALE.—The \$2,500,000 issue of 4 3/4% road series 5s, bonds offered for sale on Mar. 8 V. 134, p. 1812) was awarded to a syndicate composed of Dillon, Read & Co., the Chemical Securities Corp., Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co., Phelps, Penn & Co. and the Wm. R. Compton Co., all of New York, and the City Bank & Trust Co. of Kansas City, paying a premium of \$73,425, equal to 102.937, a basis of about 4.50%. Dated Mar. 1 1932. Due on Mar. 1 as follows: \$1,000,000 in 1948 and 1949 and \$500,000 in 1950.

BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The successful syndicate referred to above issue of coupon or registered semi-annual bonds for public subscription at prices to yield 4.40% on all maturities. SUBSCRIPTION BOOKS CLOSED.—We are informed that subscription books were closed on March 10 by the offering syndicate on the above bonds.

The other bidders and their bids are reported as follows: Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and associates bid 102.55. That group included Bancamerica-Blair Corp., B. J. Van Ingen & Co., Darby & Co., Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., Stix & Co., G. M. P. Murphy & Co., Wells-Dickey Co., and Hibernia Securities Corp. Bid of 102.30 was submitted by Guaranty Co. syndicate which included: First Detroit Co. Inc., Mercantile-Commerce Co., Mississippi Valley Co. Inc., First National Co. of St. Louis, First Securities Co., Stern Bros. & Co., Fidelity National Co. and Laird, Bissell & Meeds. Bankers Trust Co., National City Co., Brown Bros. Harriman & Co. and Wallace Sanderson & Co., Schaumburg, Rebhann & Osborne, Commerce Trust Co. and Smith, Moore & Co. offered 102.21. First National Bank and associates bid 102.19. Others in that group were Dewey, Bacon & Co., Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, Kean, Taylor & Co., George B. Gibbons & Co. and R. H. Moulton & Co.

Bid of 102.11 was submitted by Harris Trust & Savings Bank, First Union Trust & Savings Bank, Continental Illinois Co., Inc., First National Old Colony Corp., Northern Trust Co., Boatmen's National Co., Lawrence Stern & Co., Ruter & Co., and L. F. Rothschild & Co. Estabrook & Co. headed an account which bid 101.95. Other houses included: R. L. Day & Co., Stone & Webster and Budget, Inc., Roosevelt & Son, E. B. Smith & Co., Hannahs, Ballin & Lee, Prescott, Wright, Snider Co. of Kansas City, Kalman & Co. and Foster & Co.

Bid of 101.588 was submitted by Chase Harris Forbes Corp., Kidder, Peabody & Co., Lehman Bros., F. S. Moseley & Co., First Wisconsin Co., BancNorthwest Co. and M. & T. Trust Co.

MONMOUTH COUNTY (P. O. Freehold), N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$500,000 tax anticipation bonds offered on Feb. 17 (V. 134, p. 1230) were awarded as 6s at a price of par to the First National Bank & Trust Co. of Freehold. The bonds are dated Mar. 1 1932 and mature June 30 1932.

MONROE COUNTY (P. O. Rochester), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Harry J. Baram, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on Mar. 12 for the purchase of \$150,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered emergency bonds. Dated Mar. 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$50,000 on Mar. 1 from 1933 to 1935, incl. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% and must be the same for all of the bonds. Principal and interest (March and Sept.) are payable at the Union Trust Co., Rochester, or at the Marine Midland Trust Co., New York. A certified check for \$3,000, payable to the order of the county, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York will be furnished the successful bidder.

MONTECLAIR, Essex County, N. J.—NOTES OFFERED LOCALLY.—Howard F. McConnell, Director of Department of Revenue and Finance, announced recently that local investors would be permitted to invest in a note issue of \$250,000 bearing interest at 6% in amounts of \$500 or more, and maturing in three months, nine months or one year. Mr. McConnell decided on the plan, it was said, as a means of contributing to President Hoover's anti-boarding drive.

MONTPELIER, Bear Lake County, Ida.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the election held on Mar. 1 (V. 134, p. 885), the voters rejected the proposal to issue \$80,000 in 6% water works construction bonds by a large margin.

MOUNT VERNON, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Leslie S. Roberts, Secretary of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on March 23 for the purchase of \$1,137,000 not to exceed 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ % interest coupon or registered school bonds. Dated April 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1 as follows: \$2,000 in 1933; \$5,000 in 1934 and 1935; \$60,000 from 1936 to 1949, incl.; \$65,000 in 1950; \$120,000 in 1951, and \$100,000 in 1952. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% and must be the same for all of the bonds. Principal and interest (April and Oct.) payable at a bank or trust company in New York City. A certified check for \$22,340, payable to the order of the Board of Education, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Caldwell & Raymond, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder. Bidding form furnished upon application to the above-mentioned official.

NARROWS, Giles County, Va.—BOND REPORT.—We are informed by the Mayor that the \$22,500 issue of 5% semi-ann. refunding bonds that was offered for sale without success on Nov. 3—V. 133, p. 3495—will be re-offered when the bond market picks up. Due in 30 years and optional after 10 years.

NASHVILLE, Davidson County, Tenn.—SINKING FUND PURCHASE.—Regarding the present condition of the city's sinking fund we give the following from the Nashville "Banner" of March 2:

The Nashville City Council Tuesday night authorized City Comptroller W. B. Cook to purchase \$35,000 worth of City of Nashville bonds for the benefit of the city sinking fund.

With this purchase the amount of bonds in the sinking fund reaches \$849,957.36, more than double the amount of such bonds held by the city a year ago.

Within the past year the city has purchased more bonds for the benefit of the sinking fund than was purchased during the five preceding years.

Figures released from the office of the City Comptroller reveal that the sinking fund had approximately \$382,000 worth of bonds a year ago. Purchases since that time have raised this sum by \$467,950.36, or to \$849,957.36.

In addition to the bonds, the sinking fund has approximately \$400,000 in cash.

NEPTUNE TOWNSHIP (P. O. Neptune) Monmouth County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—John W. Knox, Township Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on March 15, for the purchase of \$330,000 5% sewerage bonds. Dated April 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1 as follows: \$16,000 from 1933 to 1942, incl., and \$17,000 from 1943 to 1952, incl. Interest is payable in April and October. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$330,000. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the above-mentioned official, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Caldwell & Raymond, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

NEWARK, Essex County, N. J.—TEXT OF MAYOR'S LETTER REGARDING \$5,000,000 BOND SALE.—The following is the text of a letter sent under date of Feb. 26 by Mayor Jerome T. Congleton to J. S. Rippel, President of the Newark Clearing House, and head of the investment banking house of J. S. Rippel & Co., of Newark, thanking the latter for his co-operation in bringing to a successful conclusion the negotiations in connection with the sale of \$5,000,000 6% bonds, at par—V. 134, p. 1618, and detailing the reductions that were made in the city's budget appropriations for 1932 in accordance with the demands of the banking syndicate that purchased the issue.

My dear Mr. Rippel.—The City Commission wants you and your associates in the Clearing House to know that we appreciate very deeply the wonderful assistance and help that you have given us.

We appreciate it so much that I have been directed by the unanimous wish of the Commission to request the Clearing House to appoint a small committee to advise with us in our efforts to raise a loan.

The Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education have reduced the budget appropriations for current expenses of their respective departments by \$968,715. This, of course, is not all net to the taxpayer for the reason that the debt service item in our budget is increased this year over last year by \$268,715, thus showing a net decrease of amount to be raised by taxation of \$700,000. We are prepared, and will this afternoon re-open our budget and reduce the total of the budget, as it now stands, by an additional \$500,000, at least, the reduction being brought about through the co-operation of the Board of Education and the City Commissioners and will affect both departments.

I also would like you to know that I have for some time been working on a revision of the water rates for the City of Newark, and the new rates will be fixed at an amount which will be sufficient to meet all operating expenses and fixed charges upon the debt service. As you know, we have been discussing with your Committee the question of additional capital expenditures, and you have the assurance of the Board of Commissioners that no new capital expenditures will be incurred other than those already contracted for.

The City of Newark has balanced its budget for some years past, and it is our desire and purpose to get down to a basis where we can live within our cash income, and in the accomplishment of this we feel the Committee can be of great assistance.

Yours sincerely,
JEROME T. CONGLETON, Mayor.

TAX RATE DECLINES.—The tax rate for 1932 was fixed on March 9 by the Essex County Tax Board at \$3.80 per \$100 valuation, which is the lowest since 1927, when it was \$3.79, and compares with that of \$3.98 in 1931. The amount to be raised by taxation is \$34,163,606, a decrease of \$1,189,754 from the figure last year.

NEWARK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Newark), Licking County, Ohio.—BOND AWARD DEFERRED.—L. T. Rees, Clerk-Treasurer of the Board of Education, reports that no award of the issue of \$29,700 school bonds offered on March 7—V. 134, p. 1410—has been made because of a technicality in the offer of the First National Bank, of Newark, which was the highest submitted. Mr. Rees states that the Board is awaiting an opinion from Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, bond attorneys of Cleveland, and that award will be made either to the local bank or Prudden & Co., of Toledo. Bonds are dated March 1 1932. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,700 in 1933, and \$3,000 from 1934 to 1942 incl.

The following is an official list of the bids received at the sale:

Bidder—	Interest Rate.	Premium.
Assel, Goetz & Morelein, Cincinnati	5 $\frac{3}{4}$ %	\$128.50
BancOhio Securities Co., Columbus	6%	141.00
Braun, Bosworth & Co., Toledo	5 $\frac{3}{4}$ %	86.00
Freed & Harrison, Inc., Cincinnati	5 $\frac{3}{4}$ %	1.00
Central Republic Co., Chicago	5 $\frac{3}{4}$ %	65.55
Fifth Third Securities Co., Cincinnati	5 $\frac{3}{4}$ %	193.05
First National Bank, Newark	5 $\frac{3}{4}$ %	115.00
Magnus & Co., Cleveland	5 $\frac{3}{4}$ %	35.64
Newark Trust Co., Newark	6%	55.00
Otis & Co., Cleveland	5 $\frac{3}{4}$ %	173.00
Provident Savings & Trust Co., Cincinnati	5 $\frac{3}{4}$ %	160.38
Prudden & Co., Toledo	5 $\frac{3}{4}$ %	67.00
Ryan, Sutherland & Co., Toledo	5 $\frac{3}{4}$ %	177.00
Seasongood & Mayer, Cincinnati	5 $\frac{3}{4}$ %	156.20
Weil, Roth & Irving Co., Cincinnati	5 $\frac{3}{4}$ %	11.00

NEW BEDFORD, Bristol County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The city on March 8 obtained a loan of \$475,000 in anticipation of tax collections to enable the city to meet payrolls and payments on the public debt up to April 15. The money was obtained from five local banks and to the total. Failure to obtain the loan would have forced the city to discontinue payroll payments, it was said.

NEW HAVEN, New Haven County, Conn.—NOTE SALE.—The Chase Harris Forbes Corp., of New York, has purchased an issue of \$2,500,000 6% tax anticipation notes, dated March 11 1932 and due March 6 1932, which are being re-offered for general investment priced to yield 5%. Payable as to both principal and interest (Sept. 7 and March 6) at the principal office of the Chase National Bank, New York. Coupon notes in denoms. of \$10,000 and \$5,000. Legal investment for savings banks in New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut and other States, according to the bankers. Legality to be approved by Storey, Thorncliffe, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston. The city reports assessed valuation of \$333,990,899, against which there is a net bonded debt of \$14,355,889. The population of the city, according to the 1930 census, was 162,655.

NEWTON (P. O. West Newton), Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—Francis Newhall, City Treasurer, reports that the issue of \$300,000 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % coupon county sanatorium bonds offered on March 11 was awarded to Jackson & Curtis, of Boston, at a price of 101.924, a basis of about 4.22%. Dated Feb. 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$20,000 annually from 1933 to 1947 incl. Interest is payable semi-annually. Legal opinion of Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, of Boston. Bids received at the sale were as follows:

Bidder—	Rate Bid.
Jackson & Curtis (successful bidder)	101.924
F. S. Moseley & Co.	101.644
Chase Harris Forbes Corp. (same bid)	101.644

Debt Statement (Not Including Current Issue).
Assessed valuation 1931—\$165,143,000.00

Outside Debt Limit—	Gross.	Sinking Funds.	Net.
Sewer serial	\$1,199,000		\$1,199,000.00
Washington Street	923,000	\$764,345.41	158,654.59
Water (serial \$333,000)	368,000	34,447.33	333,552.67
Highway widening	80,000	67,398.23	12,601.77
City Hall serial	500,000		500,000.00
Soldiers, sailors and marines memorial serial	200,000		200,000.00
	\$3,270,000	\$866,190.97	\$2,403,809.03

Within Debt Limit (Serial).
School, \$2,397,000; school fire alarm headquarters and fire station, \$357,000; street improvement, \$364,000; sewer, \$321,000; building, \$109,000; land, \$70,000; stable and service station, \$50,000; service building, 19,000; Aurburndale fire station, \$13,000; Beacon St. fire station, \$5,000; bridge, \$6,000; Hull St. land, \$5,000 and public library, \$1,000; total—\$6,120,809.00
Net debt—\$6,120,809.00

NEWTON (P. O. West Newton), Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—Francis Newhall, City Treasurer, reports that a \$100,000 revenue anticipation loan was sold on March 8 to the Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co., of Boston, at 5% discount basis, plus a premium of \$7. Dated March 9 1932 and due on Nov. 3 1932. Legality approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, of Boston. The Day Trust Co., of Boston, bid a 5.10% discount basis.

The following is a list of the bids received at the sale:

Bidder—	Discount Basis.
Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co. (plus \$7 premium)	5.00%
Day Trust Co.	5.10%
F. S. Moseley & Co. (plus \$1.25 premium)	5.14%
Jackson & Curtis (plus \$1.25 premium)	5.12%
Faxon, Gade & Co.	5.18%
Atlantic National Bank (plus \$1 premium)	5.20%
State Street Trust Co. (plus \$1 premium)	5.22%
Second National Bank	5.22%
Merchants National Bank	5.23%
Newton Trust Co. (plus \$2.27 premium)	5.25%
Stone & Webster	5.25%
Blake Bros. & Co. (plus \$1.30 premium)	5.30%
Shawmut Corp.	5.50%
Brown Bros. Harriman & Co.	5.397%

NEW YORK, N. Y.—ADDITIONAL \$20,000,000 BORROWED FROM CREDIT FUND.—The city has availed itself of an additional \$20,000,000 of the \$151,000,000 revolving fund credit established for its use by the banking syndicate that handled the \$100,000,000 3-to-5-year 6% corporate stock flotation in January—V. 134, p. 708—it was reported on March 11. The current borrowing brings the total of the credit used by the city to \$93,000,000. Revenue bills bearing interest at 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ % are issued against these credits, all of which will be retired from May tax collections.

NORTH TONAWANDA, Niagara County, N. Y.—CERTIFICATES NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$100,000 6% certificates of indebtedness offered on March 7—V. 134, p. 1812—was not sold, as no bids were received. Dated April 1 1932. Due April 1 as follows: \$33,000 in 1933 and 1934, and \$34,000 in 1935.

NORWALK, Huron County, Ohio.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The city council adopted an ordinance on March 1 authorizing the issuance of \$400,000 not to exceed 6% interest sewage disposal plant construction bonds. Dated April 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1 as follows: \$8,000 from 1933 to 1946, incl., and \$9,000 from 1947 to 1955, incl.

BOND OFFERING.—F. G. Warner, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 M. on March 24 for the purchase of \$400,000 not to exceed 6% interest sewer construction and sewage disposal works improvement bonds. Dated April 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due as follows: \$8,000 April and \$9,000 Oct. 1 from 1933 to 1946 incl., and \$9,000 April and Oct. 1 from 1947 to 1955 incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer. These bonds were voted at the general election in November, 1929. A certified check for \$4,000, payable to the order of the City Auditor, must accompany each proposal. The transcript of proceedings relative to the issuance of this series of bonds has been approved by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, Cleveland, and bids must be conditioned on their approval or wholly unconditional. The City of Norwalk will furnish the printed bonds ready for execution and the purchaser of the bonds is to pay for the final approving opinion of the aforementioned bond attorneys.

NYACK, Rockland County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The issue of 21,000 coupon or registered sewer extension bonds unsuccessfully offered on Feb. 19—V. 134, p. 1618—was sold on March 7 as 6s to the M. & T. Trust Co., of Buffalo, at par plus a premium of \$6.53, equal to a price of 100.03, a basis of about 5.99%. Dated Feb. 1 1932. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1933 to 1942, inclusive, and \$1,000 in 1943.

OAKLAND, Bergen County, N. J.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$120,000 coupon or registered water bonds offered at not to exceed 6% interest on Mar. 9—V. 134, p. 1812—was not sold, as no bids were received. Dated Nov. 15 1931. Due Nov. 15 as follows: \$3,000 from 1933 to 1968 incl., and \$4,000 from 1969 to 1971 incl.

OHIO (State of).—OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS BOND SALE PLAN.—Mayors of the six largest cities in the State are to attend a series of conferences in order to concentrate on a plan to finance unemployment relief

work. It is planned to submit the proposal to Governor White with a request that a special session of the Legislature be called to legalize the method decided upon. Mayor Worley of Columbus favors re-enactment of the Pringle-Roberts bond Legislation—V. 132, p. 2241.

OREGON, State of (P. O. Salem).—BOND OFFERING.—It is announced by Roy A. Klein, Acting Secretary of the State Highway Commission, that sealed bids will be received by the Commission at the Multnomah County Court House in Portland until 2 p.m. on March 16, for the purchase of an issue of \$1,000,000 highway bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$1,000 each or such denominations as the purchaser may desire. Dated April 1 1932. Due on Oct. 1 1932. Prin. and int. payable at the State Treasurer's office or at the fiscal agent of the State in New York City. The approving opinion of Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston will be furnished. Purchase price to be paid in New York City on date of delivery of bonds at Portland. Bids will be received for all or any part. These bonds are issued under authority of Sections 44801 and 44810 including Chapter VIII, Oregon Code of 1930. Accrued interest from date of April 1 1932 to date of delivery will be added to the amount of the successful bid. A certified check for 5% of the par value of the bonds, payable to the State Highway Commission, must accompany the bid. These are the bonds that were offered for sale without success on March 3—V. 134, p. 1813).

The following information is furnished with the official offering notice: The assessed valuation of the State of Oregon is \$1,092,807,215.08 as of Dec. 14 1931. The figure represents about 50% of the true valuation. The population of the State by the Federal census of 1930 was 952,691, a gain of 21.6% since 1920.

The constitutional debt limit for State highway bonds is 4% of the total assessed valuation. Based on the parent valuation, the 4% limit is \$43,712,288.60, compared with \$29,491,750 par value State highway bonds now outstanding. This figure will be reduced to \$28,554,250 by the payment of bonds maturing April 1 1932 in the sum of \$937,500 but increased to \$29,554,250 by this \$1,000,000 issue.

The purpose of the sale of this issue of short term bonds is to provide funds to begin the state highway construction program early in the season to assist in the relief of the unemployment situation. Funds for construction purposes are derived from both motor vehicle license fees and the gasoline tax. Previously motor vehicle license fees were payable Jan. 1st and turned over to the State highway fund on March 15th in ample time for the early construction season. Recently, however, the registration year has been changed by law to begin July 1st and this accordingly delays payment of motor vehicle license fees. For this reason the major part of the collections are not turned over to the State highway fund until Oct. 1st, which is too late for current construction purposes. Therefore, it is desirable to borrow this sum for the six months' period in order to advance the highway construction program.

OSHKOSH, Winnebago County, Wis.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$250,000 issue of 5% semi-ann. sewage system bonds offered on March 7—V. 134, p. 1410—was not sold as all the bids received were rejected. Dated Feb. 10 1931. Due \$50,000 from Feb. 10 1935, to 1942 inclusive.

OSOLO SCHOOL TOWNSHIP, Elkhart County, Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$9,000 4½% school building construction bonds offered on Feb. 19—V. 134, p. 1064—was not sold. Dated July 24 1931. Due \$1,000 on Jan. 24 from 1936 to 1944, inclusive.

PATERSON, Passaic County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—John A. Egan, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10:30 a. m. on Mar. 18, for the purchase of \$1,800,000 coupon or registered, not to exceed 6% interest tax revenue bond. Dated Mar. 15 1932. Denom. \$1,000, or at the option of the purchaser in lesser denomin. in multiples of \$100 each. It is the intention of the city to receive bids on both the following alternative maturities, and to sell the bonds of either maturity as may be determined to be in the best interest of the city, but in no event to sell bonds of both maturities: \$500,000 Mar. and Sept. 15 1933, and \$500,000 Mar. and \$300,000 Sept. 15 1934; or \$1,800,000 due on Sept. 15 1934. Principal and interest (Mar. and Sept. 15) are payable at the office of the City Treasurer. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of 1-100th of 1%. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the city, must accompany each proposal. Legal opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder. In the case of bidders bidding on both of the maturities indicated, one check will be sufficient.

PHILLIPSBURG, Warren County, N. J.—NOTE SALE.—George L. Hartman, Director of the Department of Revenue and Finance, reports that the issue of \$130,000 6% tax revenue notes authorized recently—V. 134, p. 1813—has been sold. Dated Mar. 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due as follows: \$24,000 June and Dec. 15 1932; \$30,000 Dec. 15 1933; \$19,000 Dec. 15 1934, and \$32,000 on Dec. 15 1935. Principal and semi-annual interest are payable in Phillipsburg. Legality to be approved by Clay Dillon & Vandewater, of New York.

PHOENIX, Maricopa County, Ariz.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—At a meeting on Mar. 2 the City Commission authorized the issuance of \$146,000 in street bonds.

PIEDMONT, Calhoun County, Ala.—BOND EXCHANGE.—We are informed that the \$20,000 issue of 6% semi-ann. refunding bonds offered for sale on Dec. 15 without success—V. 134, p. 359—was exchanged with the holders of the original bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due \$2,000 from Jan. 1 1933 to 1942.

PIQUA, Miami County, Ohio.—BOND ISSUE HELD VALID.—The efforts of a group of taxpayers to enjoin the issuance of \$810,000 municipal light and power plant bonds voted at the general election in Nov. 1931—V. 133, p. 3821—were nullified in a decision handed down on March 2 by Judge Frank M. Clevinger in the Miami common pleas court, in which he sustained the demurrer filed by the city officials to the injunction proceedings. The decision covered every question raised in the injunction petition and each was decided in favor of the city. The Troy (Ohio) "News" of March 2 commented on the decision as follows:

"Three questions were raised in the case. One was that the referendum voted on by the electors of the city was illegal in that it contained two proposals, another was that the issuance of bonds to build the plant would result in the exceeding of the statute of limitations on bonded indebtedness and the third was the city was advertising for bids before funds were available.

"In regard to the first proposal the court held the referendum did not contain two proposals simply because it stated a new distribution system would be constructed if the present one could not be purchased at a reasonable price from the Dayton Power & Light Co. Judge Clevinger declared the matter was all one proposal under the law in that it pertained to the one subject of construction of an electric plant.

"The question in regard to the bonded indebtedness limitation hinged on the question of whether or not water works bonds, issued by the city several years ago, were classed as outside the limitation, it being admitted that if they were outside all limits then the proposed issue of bonds for the electric plant would not cause the limit to be exceeded. The court held the water works bonds to be outside limitations as they were issued previous to the enactment of the present law governing bond issues.

"As to advertising for bids for the plant before funds are available, the court held the law requires only that the funds be in the city treasury before the contracts are awarded.

"Whether or not any further effort will be made to halt the construction of the Piqua plant is not known. Advocates of the plant, declare, however, that the decision of Judge Clevinger is so clear and distinct there seems little chance of securing a reversal in the higher courts."

PLATTE, Charles Mix County, S. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of refunding bonds aggregating \$24,000, that were offered for sale up to Dec. 7—V. 133, p. 3495—were awarded as follows: \$14,000 water bonds to H. C. Speer & Sons Co. of Chicago, as fs. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000 in 1933 and \$1,000, 1934 to 1945. 10,000 paving bonds to the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Platte, as fs. Due \$1,000 from Dec. 1 1933 to 1942 inclusive.

POLSON, Lake County, Mont.—BOND SALE.—The \$18,000 issue of funding bonds offered for sale on March 7—V. 134, p. 1813—was purchased by the State of Montana, as 5½s, at par. There were no other bids received.

PORTLAND, Cumberland County, Me.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—Bond & Goodwin, of Boston, purchased on March 1 a \$100,000 tax anticipation note issue at 6% discount basis. The loan matures Oct. 10 1932.

PORTLAND, Multnomah County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. on March 16 by Geo. R. Funk, City Auditor, for the purchase of a \$30,000 issue of 5% emergency relief fund

bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Feb. 1 1947. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable in gold at the office of the City Treasurer, or at the fiscal agency of the city in New York. Bidders are requested to submit separate or alternative bids, based upon the place of delivery of bonds. If delivery is demanded outside of Portland, delivery shall be at the expense of the purchaser. Authority for issuance given by amendment to the City Charter adopted April 10 1931, being Section 344½ of the Charter. Legal approval by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston. Unconditional bids are required. The bonds will not be sold for less than par and accrued interest. A certified check for 5% of the face amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City, is required. (These bonds are the remainder of the \$300,000 issue of bonds that was partially sold on Feb. 17—V. 134, p. 1410.)

PRINCETON, Mercer County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 issue of water works bonds that was voted in November—V. 133, p. 3495—is reported to have since been purchased by an undisclosed investor.

PROVIDENCE, Providence County, R. I.—BONDS APPROVED.—The common council concurred with the board of aldermen in the passage on March 7 of resolutions to obtain authority from the General Assembly to issue \$1,400,000 highway and sewer construction bonds, which action was vigorously opposed by a majority of the finance committee that pleaded the necessity of keeping the city's expenditures at a minimum.

PROVO, Utah County, Utah.—NOTE SALE.—A \$50,000 issue of tax anticipation notes is reported to have purchased at par by the Provo Commercial and Savings Bank.

PUTNAM COUNTY (P. O. Brewster), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Edward D. Stannard, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 M. on March 17 for the purchase of \$50,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered series No. 29 highway improvement bonds. Dated April 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 on April 1 from 1933 to 1948, incl. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1% and must be the same for all of the bonds. Principal and interest (April and Oct.) payable at the First National Bank, of Brewster. A certified check for \$1,500, payable to the order of the above-mentioned official, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

QUINCY, Norfolk County, Mass.—BELATED BOND SALE REPORT.—The City Treasurer has advised us of the following bond sales made during 1931, aggregating \$560,000, previous mention of which was not made in these columns:

- \$120,000 3½% bonds sold at a price of par on May 7 to the First National Bank, of Boston, comprising a \$70,000 sewer issue, due from 1932 to 1941, incl., and a \$50,000 water issue, due from 1932 to 1936, incl. The bonds are dated May 1 1931.
- 175,000 3½% street bonds sold on July 9 to the Atlantic Corp. of Boston, at a price of 100.633, a basis of about 3.38%. Dated July 1 1931. Due from 1932 to 1941, inclusive.
- 140,000 3½% land parking bonds sold at a price of par on Sept. 26 to First National Old Colony Corp., of Boston. Dated Sept. 1 1931. Due from 1931 to 1941, inclusive.
- 125,000 3¼% school bonds sold on Aug. 20 to the First National Old Colony Corp., of Boston, at 100.15, a basis of about 3.47%. Dated Aug. 1 1931 and due from 1932 to 1941, inclusive.

RACINE, Racine County, Wis.—BOND ELECTION.—It is reported that an election will be held on April 7 to have the voters pass on a proposal to issue \$300,000 in impt. bonds.

RAMSEY COUNTY (P. O. St. Paul) Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$500,000 issue of road and bridge, series L bonds offered for sale on March 7—V. 134, p. 1811—was purchased by a syndicate composed of the Continental Illinois Co. of Chicago, the First National & Old Colony Corp. of New York, the First Wisconsin Co. of Milwaukee, Kelley, Richardson & Co. of Chicago, and Kalman & Co. of St. Paul, as 4½s, at a price of 100.679, a basis of about 4.67%. Dated April 1 1932. Due from April 1 1933 to 1952, incl. The above syndicate offered the above tender for either \$1,000,000 or \$509,000 but award was made only of the smaller amount.

BONDS PUBLICLY OFFERED.—The successful bidders re-offered the above bonds for general investment as follows: 1933 and 1934 maturities to yield 4.75%; 1935 to 1937 maturities to yield 4.60%, and 1938 to 1952 maturities to yield 4.50%. They are reported to be legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York. They are listed as direct obligations of the entire county.

The following is an official list of the bids received:

Name	Interest Rate	Premium
Continental Illinois Co.; First National Old Colony Corp.; First Wisconsin Co.; Kelley, Richardson & Co. and Kalman & Co.	4¾%	\$6,790
Bancnorthwest Co.; First Union Trust & Savings Bank; First Detroit Co., and Northern Trust Co.	5%	12,905
The National City Co.; Halsey, Stuart & Co.; Harris Trust & Savings Bank, and Justus F. Lowe Co.	5%	10,833
Guaranty Co. of New York; Bankers Trust Co., and First Securities Corp. of Minn.	5%	8,900
Wells Dickey Co. and Chase Harris Forbes Corp.	5%	5,770
*Continental Illinois Co.; First National Old Colony Corp.; First Wisconsin Co.; Kelley, Richardson & Co., and Kalmans & Co.	4¾%	3,395
Bancnorthwest Co.; First Union Trust & Savings Bank; First Detroit Co., and Northern Trust Co.	5%	6,555
Guaranty Co. of New York.	5%	6,550
The National City Co.; Halsey, Stuart & Co.; Harris Trust & Savings Bank, and Justus F. Lowe Co.	5%	5,434
* Successful bid.		

RICHLAND COUNTY (P. O. Columbia), S. C.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until March 18 by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, for the purchase of an issue of \$143,000 6% semi-ann. veterans' hospital bonds.

ROCHESTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Rochester) Beaver County, Pa.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$25,000 4¾% coupon bonds offered on March 7—V. 134, p. 1617—was not sold. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000 in 1935 and 1936; \$2,000 from 1937 to 1943, incl., and \$3,000 from 1944 to 1946, inclusive.

ROCHESTER, Monroe County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—G. F. Argetsinger, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 12 M. on March 15, for the purchase of \$6,160,000 coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows:

- \$1,815,000 school bonds. Due March 1 as follows: \$75,000 from 1934 to 1943, incl.; \$57,000 in 1944 and \$56,000 from 1945 to 1962, incl.
 - 740,000 general local improvement bonds. Due March 1 as follows: \$80,000 from 1934 to 1938, incl., and \$85,000 from 1939 to 1942, inclusive.
 - 650,000 bridge bonds. Due March 1 as follows: \$25,000 from 1934 to 1947, incl., and \$20,000 from 1948 to 1962, inclusive.
 - 300,000 municipal building bonds. Due March 1 as follows: \$20,000 from 1934 to 1942, incl., and \$12,000 from 1943 to 1952, incl.
- Bidder to name a rate of interest for the above bonds, expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1%, and not in excess of 5%. Bids may be submitted for "all or none" of the bonds; or bids may be submitted for "all or none" of the 1934 to 1937 maturities and (or) 1938 and later maturities, of any one or more or all of the separate issues.
- \$2,655,000 general municipal bonds (comprising series C). Rate of interest is not to exceed 6% and must be expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1%. Bids must be submitted for "all or none" of the bonds. Bids may be submitted for "all or none" of the 1934 maturity at one interest rate, and for the 1935 maturity at another interest rate. Bonds are to mature \$1,328,000 on March 1 1934 and \$1,327,000 March 1 1935.

All of the bonds, aggregating \$6,160,000, are to be dated March 1 1932. Principal and semi-annual interest (March and September) payable at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., New York. The legality of the issues will be examined by Reed, Hoyt & Washburn of New York, whose favorable opinion will be furnished the successful bidder. A certified check for 2% of the face value of the bonds, payable to the order of the City Comptroller, must accompany each proposal.

Financial Statement as of Feb. 15 1932.

Table with 5 columns: City Debt, Bonds, Notes, Contracts, Total. Rows include General, School, Water, Local assessment, Total debt, Deductions and Exemptions, Special local assessment debt, Cash and sinking funds, Notes issued against current taxes, Net debt, Assessed valuation real estate, Constitutional debt limit, Net constitutional debt, Debt margin available, Population 1930, and proceeds of proposed bonds.

Comparative Tax Collection Statement.

Table with 5 columns: 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932. Rows include Tax levy, Collections to Dec. 31, Amount uncollected, Percentage uncollected, Amount uncollected Feb. 15 1932, Percentage uncollected Feb. 15 1932, and delinquent taxes.

ROCKFORD, Winnebago County, Ill.—BOND SERVICE FUNDS AVAILABLE.—Funds are now available for the payment of bond principal and interest charges which were due on March 1 but not paid at that time because the necessary funds were tied up in closed banks.

SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. San Francisco) San Francisco County, Calif.—BOND REPORT.—It is stated by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors that no election has been ordered as yet to vote on the issuance of \$3,500,000 in school bonds, mentioned in V. 134, p. 1619.

SAN LEANDRO, Alameda County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.—On April 11 a proposal to issue \$80,000 in civic center bonds will be submitted to the voters for their approval, according to the City Clerk.

SAVANNAH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Savannah) Andrews County, Mo.—BOND ELECTION.—According to report the voters will pass judgement on a proposal to issue \$50,000 in school bonds at an election to be held on March 15.

SCAPOOSE, Columbia County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. on March 12, by Mayor E. E. Wist, for the purchase of a \$5,000 issue of 6% semi-ann. refunding bonds. Denom. \$500. Dated March 15 1932. Due on March 15 1936. The approving opinion of Ridgway, Johnson & Kendall, of Portland, will be furnished. A certified check for 10% must accompany the bid.

SEATTLE, King County, Wash.—BOND SALE PENDING.—We are informed that the sale of the \$85,000 issue of not to exceed 6% semi-ann. bridge bonds scheduled for Feb. 19—V. 134, p. 1411—is still pending. Dated March 1 1932. Due in from two to 30 years. It is stated that a proposal of par for 5½% is under consideration.

SENECA FALLS, Seneca County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—John C. Humphrey, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 9:30 p. m. on March 16 for the purchase of \$20,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered street improvement bonds. Dated March 15 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 on March 15 from 1933 to 1942, incl. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1% and must be the same for all of the bonds. Principal and semi-annual interest will be payable at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., New York. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Reed, Hoyt & Washburn, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

SHAWNEE, Pottawatomie County, Okla.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until 3 p. m. on March 12, by J. C. Coleman, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$200,000 issue of water works bonds. Interest rate to be named by the bidder. Due \$10,000 from 1935 to 1954 incl. A certified check for 2% of the amount bid is required.

SOMERVILLE, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—Brown Bros. Harriman & Co., and P. L. Putnam & Co., Inc., both of Boston, jointly, recently purchased \$265,000 bonds, divided as follows: \$225,000 5¼% police station and municipal garage bonds. Due \$11,250 on Jan. 1 from 1933 to 1952, inclusive. 40,000 4¼% police station and municipal garage bonds. Due \$2,000 on Jan. 1 from 1933 to 1952, inclusive.

Each issue is dated Jan. 1 1932. Interest is payable semi-annually. Legality to be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, of Boston. Re-offering of the bonds is being made at prices to yield 5.50% for the 1933 maturity; 1934 and 1935, 5.40%; 1936, 5.25%; 1937 and 1938, 5%; 1939, 4.90%; 1940, 4.80%; 1941, 4.75%; 1942, 4.70%, and 4.65% for the bonds due from 1943 to 1952, inclusive.

SOUTH DAKOTA, State of (P. O. Pierre).—BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—A \$2,000,000 issue of 6½% refunding bonds is being offered for public subscription by the Bancnorthwest Co., and the First Securities Corp., both of Minneapolis, priced at 102.13 and interest, to yield 6%. Dated March 15 1932. Due on March 15 1937. Prin. and int. (M. & S. 15) payable at the Chase National Bank in New York, or at the First National Bank or the Northwestern National Bank in Minneapolis. Approving opinion of Junell, Oakley, Driscoll & Fletcher, of Minneapolis. In connection with the temporary financing leading up to the offering of the above bonds, report of which appeared in V. 134, p. 1814, we quote as follows from the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of March 5:

Arrangements were concluded Thursday whereby the State of South Dakota will receive sufficient funds for the payment of maturing rural credit bonds for the first half of 1932.

Under the agreement reached between the Bancnorthwest company and First Securities Corp., Minneapolis, investment affiliates of the Northwest Bancorporation and the First Bank Stock Corporation, and W. M. Willy, rural credits commissioner, and A. C. Goodhope, State Treasurer, the two investment companies will underwrite \$2,000,000 of 6½% refunding bonds due March 15 1937. While these two companies have taken an option on \$2,000,000 of these bonds, they have agreed to pay \$1,000,000 to South Dakota on March 14. The balance of the funds will be delivered either upon the sale of the additional bonds or at a later date.

Public offering will be made to-day, however, of the entire \$2,000,000 6½% bonds priced to yield 6% by the First Securities Corp. and the Bancnorthwest Co. The bonds were purchased by these dealers at par for 6½%.

Payment of only one half of the funds on March 14 is more than sufficient to cover the maturities at that time. Maturities of South Dakota rural credit bonds during 1932 total \$1,700,000 and are spread as follows: \$250,000 on March 15, \$250,000 on May 15, \$400,000 on July 1, \$300,000 October 1, and \$500,000 Dec. 1 1932. In addition the board retired \$300,000 of bonds that matured Jan. 15 1932.

SOUTH ORANGE, Essex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—F. E. Lowler, Chairman of the Finance Committee, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on March 21 for the purchase of \$511,000 5, 5¼, 5½ or 6% coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows: \$10,000 \$325,000 general imp. and sewer bonds. Due March 1 as follows: \$10,000 from 1933 to 1957, incl., and \$15,000 from 1958 to 1962, incl. 130,000 street assessment bonds. Due \$13,000 March 1 from 1933 to 1942, incl. 56,000 water bonds. Due \$2,000 March 1 from 1933 to 1960, incl.

Each issue is dated March 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and interest (March and Sept.) payable at the Continental Bank & Trust Co., New York. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the amount of each issue. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the Continental Bank & Trust Co., of New York, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. Legality to be approved by Caldwell & Raymond, of New York.

SPOKANE, Spokane County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$130,000 issue of coupon or registered general imp. bonds offered for sale on March 4 V. 134, p. 1231—was jointly purchased by the Spokane Eastern Trust Co. and Ferris & Hardgrove, both of Spokane, as 5s, paying a premium of \$500, equal to 100.002, a basis of about 4.99%. Dated March 1 1932. Due from March 1 1934 to 1942 incl. The Sinking Fund of the State of Washington was second with a tender of par for 5s and Halscy, Stuart & Co. was third highest, offering 100.30 for 5½s.

SPRINGFIELD, Hampden County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—F. S. Moseley & Co. of Boston have purchased a \$100,000 tax anticipation loan at 4.99% discount basis. The loan is dated March 11 1932 and repayable Nov. 16 1932.

STEUDEVILLE, Jefferson County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—J. A. Cartledge, City Auditor will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on March 28 for the purchase of \$37,000 6% park improvement bonds. Dated April 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1933 to 1941, incl., and \$2,000 from 1942 to 1946, incl. Principal and 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% will also be considered, in accordance with Section 2293-28 of the General Code of Ohio. A certified check for 1% of the amount bid, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

SWISSVALE, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$85,000 coupon borough bonds offered on March 8—V. 134, p. 1411—were awarded as 5s to Singer, Deane & Scriber, of Pittsburg, the only bidder, at par plus a premium of \$10, equal to a price of 100.01, a basis of about 4.99%. Dated March 1 1932. Due March 1 as follows: \$5,000 in 1936 and 1937, in 1942 and 1943, and in 1945; also \$20,000 from 1946 to 1948, inclusive.

TEXAS, State of (P. O. Austin).—WARRANTS CALLED.—We quote as follows from the Houston "Post" of March 2 regarding the calling of a large number of general revenue warrants:

"Charlie Lockhart, State Treasurer, issued a call Tuesday for all general revenue warrants up to and including 75,346. "He arranged to purchase at face value from the highway investment fund all general revenue warrants from No. 75,347 up to and including No. 84,189, provided they are properly indorsed and supported by an affidavit showing that they have not been discounted. "This call takes in warrants issued up to the middle of February and aggregate \$1,500,000, leaving about \$3,073,881 in outstanding warrants against the general revenue fund.

"Lockhart said the treasury would purchase at face value all pension warrants up to and including the February issue provided they are properly indorsed and supported by affidavit showing they have not been discounted. He said the treasury was paying all pension warrants up to and including the July 1931 issue."

TOLEDO, Lucas County, Ohio.—BOND REFUNDING PLAN.—It is reported that in order to maintain the normal operation of the city government in 1932, it will be necessary to refund \$500,000 maturing bonds.

TRUMBULL COUNTY (P. O. Warren), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—David H. Thomas, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on March 28, for the purchase of \$100,000 6% bridge construction bonds. Dated April 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 April and Oct. 1 from 1933 to 1942, incl. Principal and int. (April and October) are payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Bids may be submitted on the basis of an interest rate other than 6%, in accordance with Section 2293-28 of the General Code of Ohio. The county will pay the cost of printing the bonds, and the opinion as to their legality must be furnished by the successful bidder. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to Trace D. Harkelrode, County Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

TYRONE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Blair County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—R. A. Miller, Secretary of the Board of Directors, informs us that no bids were received at the offering on Jan. 12 of \$50,000 school bonds as 4½s (V. 134, p. 166), and that when subsequently offered as 4¾s the issue was awarded at par and accrued interest to the Pennsylvania School Employees Retirement Board, the only bidder. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due Jan. 1 19% of annual \$10,000 annually on Jan. 1 from 1937 to 1941, inclusive.

UNION CITY, Hudson County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Wilfred G. Turner, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on March 17 for the purchase of \$390,000 5, 5¼, 5½, 5¾ or 6% coupon or registered school bonds, being part of an authorized issue of \$835,000. Bonds will be awarded April 1 1932 and mature \$10,000 annually on April 1 from 1934 to 1972 incl. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and semi-annual interest (April and Oct.) are payable at the office of the City Treasurer. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$390,000. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the Trust Co. of New Jersey, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. 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.

UNION COUNTY (P. O. Elizabeth), N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—N. R. Leavitt, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on March 15 for the purchase of \$2,787,000 4¼% coupon or registered general improvement bonds. Dated April 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1 as follows: \$75,000 from 1934 to 1943 incl. \$85,000 from 1944 to 1953 incl.; \$90,000 from 1954 to 1963 incl.; \$95,000 in 1964 and 1965 and \$97,000 in 1966. If the bids received do not permit of the award of ¼% bonds, then the bonds shall bear interest at such higher rate named by the successful bidder. Alternative rates to be expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1% and must be the same for all of the bonds. Principal and interest (April and Oct.) are payable at the Central Home Trust Co., Elizabeth. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$2,787,000. 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 Reed, Hoyt & Washburn, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

UNION COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. La Grande), Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. on March 17 by R. O. Williams, District Clerk, for the purchase of an \$80,000 issue of school bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 5¼%, payable M. & S. Denoms. \$500 and \$1,000. Dated March 15 1932. Due on March 15 as follows: \$3,500, 1936 to 1938; \$4,000, 1939 and 1940; \$4,500, 1941 and 1942; \$5,000, 1943 and 1944; \$5,500, 1945 and 1946; \$6,000, 1947 and 1948, and \$6,500, 1949 to 1951. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer. The approving opinion will be given by Teal, Winfree, McCulloch & Shuler of Portland. Authority for issuance is Chapter 401, General Oregon Laws 1931. Voted at an election held on Sept. 10. A certified check for \$2,000 must accompany the bid.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Assessed valuation of property in the district for 1931, Real valuation (estimated), Value of property owned by the district, Value of equipment owned by the district, Total bonded indebtedness exclusive of this issue, Outstanding warrants, and Population (city and in school district).

UTICA, Oneida County, N. Y.—TAX RATE.—At a meeting of the Board of Estimate on Feb. 26, the tax rate for 1932 was fixed at \$30.90 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, a decrease of 14 cents per \$1,000 from the levy in 1931. The Board estimated that expenditures for the current year would reach \$6,014,263, while last year the figure was \$6,218,584. Revenues estimated for 1932 were set at \$2,076,594, an increase of \$95,500 over 1931.

VALLEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Frazer), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received, according to report, until 3 p. m. on March 28, by M. A. Lien, District Clerk, for the

purchase of a \$15,000 issue of school bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6% payable M. & N. Denom. \$1,000. Dated May 1 1932. Serial or amortization bonds to be bid for. A certified check for \$500 must accompany the bid.

VALLEY JUNCTION, Polk County, Iowa.—BONDS REFUNDED.—A \$13,000 issue of 6% road impt. bonds issued in 1923 was refunded on an exchange par for par basis with the original holders on March 4 for bonds bearing 5% interest. The original issue was not due for several years but on agreement was reached between the municipality and the bondholders.

VAN WERT, Van Wert County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—Stella Carey, City Auditor, reports that the issue of \$3,866.77 coupon special assessment improvement bonds offered on March was awarded as 5 1/2% to the People's Savings Bank, of Van Wert, at par and accrued interest. Dated March 1 1932. One bond for \$66.77, others for \$200. Due as follows: \$66.77 March 1 and \$200 Sept. 1 1933, and \$200 March and Sept. 1 from 1934 to 1942 incl. Interest is payable in March and Sept. The First National Bank, of Van Wert, also bid for the issue.

WATERLOO, Black Hawk County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 issue of coupon river front improvement bonds offered for sale on March 5—V. 134, p. 1814—was jointly purchased by the Waterloo Savings Bank of Waterloo, and the Central Republic Co. of Chicago, as 5, at par. Dated Feb. 1 1932. Due \$5,000 from Nov. 1 1932 to 1941, incl. The only other bid was a discount offer of \$750 on 5s, made by Glaspell, Vlieth & Duncan of Davenport.

WAYNE COUNTY (P. O. Corydon), Iowa.—MATURITY.—The \$5,500 issue of coupon or registered funding bonds that was purchased by the Corydon State Bank of Corydon, as 5, at par—V. 134, p. 1814—is due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,500 in 1937, and \$3,000 in 1938 and 1939.

WETHERSFIELD TOWNSHIP (P. O. Niles), Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—H. H. Kreiger, Clerk of the Board of Trustees, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on March 28 for the purchase of \$125,000 6% bridge construction bonds. Dated April 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due as follows: \$4,000 April and Oct. 1 from 1933 to 1944, incl.; \$4,000 April and \$5,000 Oct. 1 1945, and \$5,000 April and Oct. 1 1946 and 1947. Principal and interest (April and Oct.) to be payable at the Dollar Savings Bank Co., Niles. 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 \$1,000, payable to the order of the Board of Trustees, must accompany each proposal. Successful bidder to pay for opinion as to the legality of the issue. A lesser amount of bonds may be awarded than named in the offering notice, in the event that the accepted bid for the contract stipulates a lower cost basis than estimated by the surveyors.

WHATCOM COUNTY (P. O. Bellingham), Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. March 14, by Pliny T. Snyder, County Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$64,000 issue of coupon funding bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%, payable A. & O. Denom. \$500. Dated April 1 1932. Due from April 1 1934 to 1942. The bonds shall not be sold at less than par and interest, nor will any discount or commission be allowed or paid upon the sale of the bonds. A certified check for 5% of the bid is required.

WHITE BEAR LAKE, Ramsey County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on April 5, by W. A. Stickley Jr., City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$13,000 issue of coupon impt. bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 5 1/2%, payable semi-annually. Prin. and int. payable at the First National Bank of St. Paul. A certified check for \$260 must accompany the bid.

WICHITA, Sedgewick County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$180,000 4 1/4% internal improvement bonds was jointly purchased on March 8 by the City Bank & Trust Co. of Kansas City and the Northern Trust Co. of Chicago at a price of 99.17, a basis of about 4.86%. Due from 1933 to 1951, inclusive.

WICHITA, Sedgewick County, Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. on March 14, by C. C. Ellis, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$25,000 issue of 4 1/4% coupon semi-annual internal impt. park bonds, series 384. Denoms. \$500 and \$1,000. Dated March 1 1932. Due \$2,500 from 1933 to 1942 incl. Required bidding blanks are to be obtained from the City Clerk. A certified check for 2% of the bid is required.

All bids are made and will be received subject to the following conditions: First.—That the said bonds are required by law to be submitted to the State School Fund Commission, which Commission has the option to take or reject the same. If taken in whole or part by said School Fund Commission, the bonds so taken will not be included in this sale. Each bidder is required to state whether his bid covers the whole or part of said bonds, or whether he will take such portion thereof as has not been taken by the State School Fund Commission. Second.—No bid will be given any consideration unless the same is prepared and submitted on blanks to be obtained from City Clerk. Third.—All proposals and bids are subject to the right of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Wichita to reject any and all bids.

WILLISTON PARK, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Robert Kent, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8:30 p. m. on March 21 for the purchase of \$41,855 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered assessment bonds. Dated March 1 1932. One bond for \$855, others for \$1,000. Due March 1 as follows: \$2,855 in 1933; \$4,000 from 1934 to 1942, incl. and \$3,000 in 1943. Principal and interest (March and Sept.) payable at the Nassau County Trust Co., Mineola, or at the Guaranty Trust Co., New York. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1-10th of 1% and must be the same for all of the bonds. 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.

WILMINGTON, New Castle County, Del.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Treasurer until 12 m. (Eastern Standard time) on March 14 for the purchase of \$400,000 4 1/4% bonds, divided as follows:

\$225,000 street and sewer bonds of 1931. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$16,000 in 1933; \$10,000 from 1934 to 1947 incl.; \$15,000 in 1948; \$20,000 in 1949 and 1950, and \$14,000 in 1951. 77,300 park bonds of 1931. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$300 in 1932; \$2,000 in 1933 and \$5,000 from 1934 to 1948 incl. 72,700 water bonds of 1931. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$700 in 1932; \$2,000 in 1933, and \$5,000 from 1934 to 1947 incl. 25,000 harbor extension bonds of 1931. Due Oct. 1 1932. Each issue will be dated April 1 1932. Bonds will be issued in denoms. of \$50 or multiples thereof. Bids will be received for all or any part of the issues. Interest is payable in April and Oct. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Mayor and Council of Wilmington, must accompany each proposal. The Continental Bank & Trust Co., of New York, will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials signing the bonds and of the seal impressed thereon. The opinion of Reed, Hoyt & Washburn, of New York, that the bonds are binding and legal obligations of the City will be furnished the successful bidder. The purchaser will be required to settle for the bonds on or before April 1 1932 at the City Treasurer's office. (Previous mention of this offering was made in V. 134, p. 1814.)

Financial Statement for real estate for the fiscal year ending June 30 1931. Value of real estate and equipment owned by the city: \$152,217,750.00. Present total bonded debt (including school bonds): 38,134,424.39. Amount of water debt: 14,329,800.00. Sinking fund: 4,650,000.00. Floating debt: 1,092,109.60. Present population, 106,597.

WOODRUFF PLACE, Marion County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—J. M. Dills, Clerk-Treasurer of the Town, reports that an issue of \$6,600 6% road improvement bonds has been sold to William D. Vogel, contractor of Indianapolis. Dated Jan. 4 1932. Denom. \$600. Due on June 30 and Dec. 31 1933. Interest payable in June and December.

WORCESTER, Worcester County, Mass.—BELATED BOND SALE REPORT.—The commissioners of the sinking fund purchased on April 1 1931 an issue of \$35,000 2 1/4% emergency water bonds at a price of par. Dated April 1 1931 and due on Oct. 1 1932.

WYANDOTTE, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$75,000 emergency poor relief bonds unsuccessfully offered on Dec. 22—V. 134, p. 166—was purchased during February by the sinking fund commission as 5, at a price of par. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Due \$25,000 on Dec. 1 from 1932 to 1934 inclusive.

WYANDOTTE COUNTY (P. O. Kansas City), Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by William Beggs, County Clerk until 2 p. m. on March 17 for the purchase of a \$45,000 issue of 5% special impt. bonds, series Jacob Luke Road. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due \$3,000 from Jan. 1 1933 to 1947 incl. County will furnish approving opinion of Bowersock, Tizzell & Rhodes of Kansas City, Mo. A certified check for 2% of the bid, payable to the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, is required.

YONKERS, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—James E. Hushion, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on March 15 for the purchase of \$2,530,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows:

- Group A—\$710,000 public buildings bonds. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$40,000 from 1934 to 1950 incl., and \$30,000 in 1951. 540,000 series A local impt. bonds. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$35,000 from 1934 to 1947 incl., and \$50,000 in 1948. 300,000 water bonds. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$15,000 from 1934 to 1949 inclusive, and \$20,000 from 1950 to 1952 inclusive.

Group B—\$600,000 assessment bonds. Due \$100,000 Feb. 1 from 1933 to 1938 incl. 350,000 series B local impt. bonds. Due \$70,000 Feb. 1 from 1934 to 1938 inclusive. 30,000 equipment bonds. Due \$5,000 Feb. 1 from 1934 to 1939 inclusive. Each issue is dated Feb. 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. Bidders are requested to bid for all the bonds listed in group A, or for all the bonds listed in group B, or for all of the bonds listed in each group. Different interest rates may be named for the different issues of bonds, but not more than one rate for any one issue. The city reserves the right to sell all the bonds of group A only, or all the bonds of group B only, or to sell all the bonds of both groups combined, as the Comptroller may determine to be in the best interest of the city. Principal and interest (April and Oct.) will be payable at the City Treasurer's office. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the City Comptroller, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder. (Previous mention of this offering was made in V. 134, p. 1814.)

Financial Statement as of March 2 1932. Gross debt—Bonds: \$30,023,300.00. Bond notes: 3,390,000.00. Tax notes: 3,990,000.00. Revenue notes: 955,000.00. Contract and land liability: 2,149,329.71. Due current account for cash advances to local improvement and capital accounts: 333,129.22. Total: \$40,840,758.93. Deductions: Notes in anticipation of collection of taxes: \$3,959,365.75. Water debt: 4,023,833.93. Bonds provided for in 1932 budget not yet redeemed: 2,109,977.78. Total: 10,093,177.46. Net debt: \$30,747,581.47. Bonds to be issued: Local improvement bonds, series A, 1932: \$540,000.00. Public building bonds of 1932: 710,000.00. Water bonds of 1932: 300,000.00. Assessment bonds of 1932: 600,000.00. Equipment bonds of 1932: 30,000.00. Local improvement bonds, series B, 1932: 350,000.00. Total: \$2,530,000.00. Floating debt to be funded by such bonds: 2,530,000.00. Net debt, including bonds to be issued: \$30,747,581.47. Assessed valuations, 1932—Real property: \$350,832,175.00. Personal property: 182,000.00. Special franchises: 9,971,418.00. Total: \$360,985,593.00. Population, Census 1930, 134,646; estimated State Census, 1925, 118,000. Tax rate, fiscal year 1932, \$33.28 per \$1,000.

YOUNGSTOWN, Mahoning County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$175,000 6% emergency poor relief bonds offered on Feb. 11—V. 134, p. 887—was not sold, as no bids were received. Dated Feb. 1 1932.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

CANADA (Dominion of).—LOANS TO PROVINCES TOTAL \$29,987,493.—The report of C. H. Caham, Secretary of State, tabled recently in the House of Commons, shows that during the current fiscal year the Dominion has made loans to five of the provincial Governments aggregating \$29,987,493, according to the "Monetary Times" of Toronto of March 4. Of this amount, \$11,637,191 was devoted to retiring maturing provincial obligations in New York and the remainder for unemployment relief purposes. The Dominion accepted notes of the provinces as security for the loans.

NORTH YORK TOWNSHIP, Ont.—BOND SALE.—The township recently sold at private sale an issue of \$400,000 6% bonds on an interest cost basis of 6.25%.

PARISH OF ST. FLORE, QUE.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$20,000 5% serial bonds offered on Feb. 15—V. 134, p. 887—was awarded to Florido Matteau Courtier, of Grand Mere, at a price of 87, a basis of about 6.30%. Due in from 1 to 34 years.

RIVIERE DU LOOP, Que.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$85,000 6% bonds offered on March 8—V. 134, p. 1620—was awarded to the Credit Anglo-Francaise, Ltd., of Montreal, at a price of 96.50, a basis of about 6.33%. Dated Nov. 1 1931 and due on Nov. 1 from 1932 to 1961 incl. Payable at the Banque Canadienne Nationale at Riviere du Loop, Quebec or Montreal.

SASKATCHEWAN (Province of).—Syndicate Markets \$4,000,000 Bonds.—An issue of \$4,000,000 6% coupon (registerable as to principal) bonds which was offered for public investment in Canada on March 10 at a price of 94.45 and accrued interest, to yield 6.50%, was rapidly oversubscribed, according to an announcement on the following day by the Dominion Securities Corp., of Toronto, which headed the underwriting syndicate. The syndicate included the Royal Bank of Canada, Bank of Montreal, Canadian Bank of Commerce, A. E. Ames & Co., Wood, Gundy & Co., Bank of Nova Scotia, Imperial Bank of Canada, Bank of Toronto, Fry, Mills, Spence & Co., the Dominion Bank, Royal Securities Corp., McLeod, Young, Weir & Co., Bell, Gouinlock & Co., R. A. Daly & Co., Nesbitt, Thomson & Co., and Hanson Bros., Inc. The bonds are dated March 15 1932 and will mature March 15 1952. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Principal and interest (March and Sept. 15) payable in lawful money of Canada at the Royal Bank of Canada in the cities of Toronto, Montreal, St. John, Winnipeg, Regina or Vancouver. Legal opinion of E. G. Long, of Toronto. Proceeds of the loan will be used for refunding Treasury bills issued for public works and improvements and other capital expenditures.

WINNIPEG, Man.—\$2,000,000 BONDS RAPIDLY SOLD.—A syndicate composed of the Bank of Montreal, the Royal Bank of Canada, Canadian Bank of Commerce, Bank of Nova Scotia, Wood, Gundy & Co., A. E. Ames & Co., Dominion Securities Corp., Royal Securities Corp., Nesbitt, Thomson & Co., McLeod, Young, Weir & Co., Fry, Mills, Spence & Co., Bell, Gouinlock & Co., Hanson Bros., Inc., R. A. Daly & Co., National City Co., and Harris, Forbes & Co., all of Canada, made public offering on March 8 of \$2,000,000 6% coupon (registerable as to principal) bonds, priced at 97.50 and interest, to yield 6.35%, all of which were subscribed for before the close of business on that day, according to a dispatch from Winnipeg to the New York "Herald Tribune" of March 9. The bonds are dated March 1 1932 and mature March 1 1942. Payable as to principal and semi-annual interest in lawful money of Canada at the Bank of Montreal in Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver or Halifax. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Legal opinion of E. G. Long, of Toronto. Proceeds of the sale will be used for extension of the city's hydro-electric system.

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