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The Financial Situation.

The business and financial world has had to face the present week a new set of troubles and embarrassments. The suicide on Saturday last of Ivar Kreuger, head of Kreuger & Toll, evidently because of the financial difficulties in which he had become involved, though he was also in ill health, was and is an event which cannot be lightly dismissed. The Stock Exchange was quick to perceive its significance and implications, and on Monday the market, as a result, suffered a new collapse, severe breaks occurring in all the securities with which the Kreuger name has been associated and which are dealt in in the New York market, more particularly Kreuger & Toll shares, already selling at very low figures, Kreuger & Toll 5% bonds, and likewise the different bond issues of the International Match Co. which were placed here. The Kreuger enterprises had ramifications all over the world, wholly apart from their all-embracing character in Sweden; and the sudden development of this new weak spot in world affairs naturally had a very depressing influence, with the result that leaders in business and financial circles were inclined to conjure up all sorts of ill results to follow. They recalled what a train of disastrous consequences attended and followed the collapse in May last year of the Kreditanstalt, the largest private bank in Austria, and they were apprehensive as to the outcome of this new outcropping of disaster in another part of Europe.

This, of course, was taking an exaggerated view of things born simply out of the fear occasioned by the long series of disasters which have afflicted the whole world during the last three years. And yet it was not easy to avoid reflecting on the fact that no sooner did the situation clear up in one quarter of the globe than a new set of difficulties would sud-

denly come to the surface in another quarter. As it happened, too, the news of the death by his own hand of George Eastman of photographic fame involved the community in further gloom. In this case there were apparently no financial involvements to account for the act, but the sudden passing out of existence of such a commanding figure in the industrial world was itself occasion for a feeling of despondency and depression. And there readily came to mind the fact that the Eastman Kodak Co., the stock of which broke badly on the announcement of Mr. Eastman's death, had recently, in common with business undertakings of every character and description, been suffering a great diminution of its income and to such an extent that the company was obliged to omit the extra dividend on its stock for the first time since 1905. W. G. Stuber, the President of the company, then (it was early in February) said, in explanation, that the extra dividend had been dropped because current earnings did not appear to justify its payment. He added that there would also be a reduction in the amounts to be paid in 1933 as wage dividends to employees for 1932.

Calmer and saner views have since prevailed, and as to the import to be attached to the Kreuger act, and the possible consequences, the news which came from Helsingfors, Finland, on Thursday, that M. Margus, director of the Estonian match monopoly and associate of Ivar Kreuger, had also taken his life was calculated to renew fears as to the ultimate consequences. Nevertheless there can be no question that the European situation as a whole has greatly changed for the better in recent periods. This is conspicuously true of affairs in Germany and in Great Britain, which two countries together exercise such a dominant part in European affairs. The result of the German elections on Sunday last cannot be regarded otherwise than as gratifying in the extreme. For a time the outcome of the German elections was ignored in view of the Kreuger downfall, but its importance and significance are now receiving proper recognition. These elections involved determination of the question whether the German people were looking forward and could be depended upon to move along in accordance with fundamentally sound principles in national affairs or were going to yield to the dictation and control of a wild and revolutionary leader, who meant not only to overthrow the Government but established institutions as well. President von Hindenburg in this great contest represented the best element of the German population, while Hitler represented those who would not only overthrow the regular constituted authorities but law and order as well; and the result of the election, in which President von Hindenburg fell only a trifle short of getting an absolute majority over the votes cast for all the other Presidential candidates

combined, is a triumph for the orderly elements of the German people. Von Hindenburg represented no party, but represented the German people. That he should have secured such a large vote without the support of any political party is the strongest and best evidence that the German people are not wandering away from sound principles of Government or of social order.

In a way the German test was like that to which the British people were subjected last autumn when organized labor undertook by most arbitrary methods to seize control of the reins of power and establish a rule of their own, and when, as a consequence, all the different political parties combined to vanquish the new form of tyranny. The peril which then threatened society, and which, in fact, threatened the very existence of the British Empire, was recognized and speedily eliminated. A little later Australia was subjected to the same test, in contending with labor domination of an extremely menacing type, and met the peril in the same decisive way. Now Germany has given its answer in unmistakable fashion to a political adventurer and upstart who sought to elevate himself into power at a time of great political discontent in Germany growing out of the heavy burdens imposed upon the country at the end of a disastrous war. In such circumstances there might have been a disposition to falter and let the worst happen; but no, the German people have made it plain that they would have nothing of the kind.

In Great Britain, too, there has been a great change for the better since labor domination was so overwhelmingly defeated in the autumn of last year. The suspensions of gold payments was a severe setback, and a blow to the pride of the British people, but they are slowly but surely recovering from the ill effects, and though the suspension of gold payments has just been continued for the period of another year, indications of improvement are visible on every side. One indication of this is seen in the fact that the Bank of England found it possible on Thursday of the present week to make still another reduction in its discount rate, the third reduction in the space of a month. It will be recalled that on Feb. 18 the Bank of England lowered its rate from 6% to 5%, and on March 10 cut the rate to 4%. This week there was a further reduction to 3½%.

The reader will remember likewise that on March 2 the restrictions on the purchase of foreign exchange which were imposed last September at the time of Great Britain's flight from the pound were withdrawn, and that on Friday, March 4, the British Treasury repaid \$150,000,000 of the \$200,000,000 credits it obtained from private bankers in New York last August in the endeavor to save the pound, thus leaving only \$50,000,000 of that large credit still unpaid, and that announcement was made at the same time that the credits from Paris likewise obtained the previous August, and which were also in the neighborhood of \$200,000,000, had been reduced to \$35,000,000.

Tangible evidence of improvement in British affairs in other directions is also coming to hand. John Maynard Keynes, the British economist, mentions some of them in an article he has written for the spring number of the "Yale Review." One is not obliged to subscribe to any of the fantastic doctrines which Mr. Keynes is so fond of promulgating while yet taking note of the improvement which he reports is taking place. Mr. Keynes says:

"Our British textile industries are producing 25 to 30% more than they were; our tinplate trade is almost flourishing. Our motor industry is in a position to get what export trade there is. Our heavy industries are likely to improve within a few months. Our mercantile marine is now losing much less money than any of its competitors, which probably means that it will gradually secure a larger proportion of the available trade."

Here in the United States there is as yet little evidence of any recovery in trade. In the steel trade the past week a further reduction of 2% in steel output has occurred, with steel mills now (according to the "Iron Age") engaged to only 25% of capacity against 27% the previous week. But surely some recovery cannot be far off, seeing the efforts that are being made at Washington to bring about a recovery in business. The railroads are the field of activity about which the most concern is being felt. Thus far there has been great disappointment over the lack of any tangible evidence of improved results. The income statements for the month of January were disappointing in the extreme. The returns are now coming in for the month of February, however, and these give promise of better results, at least as far as net results are concerned, as compared with a year ago. Only a few of these have yet been received, but in these few cases comparisons with a year ago are much better than heretofore, at least in the case of the net. But we think greatest occasion for satisfaction is to be found in the better way in which the railroads are being treated at the hands of the public authorities. Their right to fair treatment is now quite generally recognized, as is also their right, and, indeed, the necessity, of letting them earn a decent return if they are to function properly in the service of the communities which they undertake to serve. Every hand is no longer turned against them, as was formerly the case. We have become much impressed by the multiplying indications of this change of public sentiment towards these rail transportation agencies, and it promises much for the future when business is once more restored to the normal and traffic returns to its former proportions.

It is certainly refreshing to have the members of the Inter-State Commerce Commission actively taking the part of the railroads and pleading their cause. Time was when sentiment in that quarter was distinctly hostile. Now we find Chairman Claude R. Porter of the Commerce Commission saying, in an address delivered at the annual meeting of the American Railway Engineering Association, that the Commission should adopt a more stringent policy regarding construction of new railroads and should also be more liberal in permitting the abandonment of unsuccessful short lines. Answering critics of the Commission, Chairman Porter said there is not too much regulation of railroads, but too little regulation of their competitors. He said the waste and loss due to the intensity of the railroad competitive situation is very noticeable. The loss from passenger traffic is one of the largest single items of cost to the carriers. Vigorous measures in dealing with this tremendous loss should be resorted to immediately, he said.

Consolidation of railroads into a limited number of systems should be encouraged and sympathetically treated both by the Inter-State Commerce Commission and by Congress, Porter continued. Once the railroads are consolidated, they should become trans-

port companies empowered to deal in every and all kinds of transportation. All of the various transportation agencies engaging in inter-State commerce should be made subject to regulation as are the rail carriers. "The railroads are, and for years to come will be, an essential instrumentality in the transportation of persons and property and a substantial factor in the economical welfare of our people, no matter how rapid may be the development of its present competitors," the Chairman asserted.

On the question of abandoning pieces of road that have outlived their usefulness, we note that establishment of a commercial value of \$230,000 for the Boyne City Gaylord & Alpena RR., to be acquired by the New York Central in the Inter-State Commerce Commission consolidation plan, was opposed by Commissioners Mahaffie, Eastman, Brainerd and Lee. They held the Inter-State Commerce Commission should reverse its original finding, and hold that the Central need not acquire the short line. He said the supplemental record showed that the property involved had outlived its usefulness, that little public inconvenience would be caused by its abandonment, and that it could not survive as an independent operation. "Considered in its entirety," he said, "it must inevitably prove a burden to any carrier attempting to operate it as part of a larger system. We are charged with a duty to maintain such a system by saddling on an existing carrier a substantially defunct property requiring not only initial expenditures to acquire, but constant operating losses thereafter." The short line operates about 110 miles of line across the upper end of the southern Peninsula of Michigan. The Central offered to pay only \$1 for the line, holding that it had only a nominal value.

The Washington Bureau of the "Wall Street Journal," in reporting the above, said this decision was considered as highly favorable to the railroads, in that while the larger roads may be forced to take in undesirable properties as a part of their consolidation plans, they will not be compelled to pay prices beyond what the properties are worth. The opinion of Commissioner Mahaffie was viewed as being particularly helpful, and well it may.

Solicitude for the welfare of the roads is also being shown by some of the State agencies and bureaus for regulating the railroads. An instance of this kind has appeared the present week in the case of the Texas Railroad Commission. This Commission, in a written opinion denying the application of the Galveston Truck Lines, Inc., for a permit to operate as a contract carrier to transport cotton from all points in Texas to Galveston and Texas City, said that cotton-hauling trucks are dangerous to persons who use the public highways. The Commission asserted that the use of such motor vehicles as proposed by the applicant would be a serious menace to the life and safety of other users of the highways. The Commission went further than this and declared that the railroads in Texas were prepared to transport with dispatch any commodity to the Gulf ports, and that their facilities reached almost every hamlet in the State. It found that the transportation of cotton and other commodities in the quantities proposed by the applicant would impair the efficiency of the carriers' service.

From all this it would seem that the railroads whose securities are now so greatly depreciated and being bandied about on the Stock Exchanges with no considerable body of investors willing to take them

up may after all count upon again coming into their own some time in the future.

Let us not overlook what is going on in another direction. Congress is framing a tax bill intended to wipe out a budget deficit now running in excess of \$2,000,000,000 a year. The problem is admittedly a difficult one, but our legislators are unafraid. They have become accustomed to dealing with billions. They no longer falter in the presence of such figures, but stand undeterred. The Government has unlimited taxing power, and the Federal Reserve banks have the power and authority to put out unlimited amounts of Reserve notes. By the use of these two facile instruments the most difficult problems become easy of solution. In framing the tax bills, the members of both parties are gunning for the men of large means, those with a supposedly large income. These are deemed fitting subjects for the levying of heavy surtaxes at rapidly rising rates. At present the maximum of the surtaxes is 20%. The bill as it came out of the hands of the Committee on Ways and Means provided for an increase in the maximum of the surtax to 40%. But yesterday the House itself got to work on the bill and raised this maximum to 65%. This is in addition to the normal tax, which is to be increased to 7%, making 72% together. Where the income comes in the shape of dividends on stock it is in addition to the corporation tax, which is to be raised to 13%, making the maximum of the two 78%.

But there are also the State taxes to be paid, personal and corporate. The maximum of the State personal tax has just been raised to 6%, this applying on amounts above \$50,000. The State corporation tax is 4½%, thus making the combined State tax 10½%, which, added to the 78% maximum of the Federal tax, gives a maximum for the State and Federal Government together of 88½%. This is certainly going it some. But why not take the full 100%? Why not tax the men of large means out of existence? In Russian Soviet estimation these men are miscreants, who have no decent reason for existence. Why not give them the full measure of their dues? From a practical standpoint these inordinate rates are going to count for nothing, since virtually no one is now in the enjoyment of any income, and 80% of nothing is no more than 60%, or 40% or 10%. But as an indication of the drift of legislation, these proposed rates are highly illuminating. We wonder whether they are calculated to restore confidence or revive business.

Dividend reductions and omissions continue to be a conspicuous feature of affairs, but it must be remembered that that is an inescapable condition so long as business depression remains unrelieved, and that when business is once more restored the dividend situation also in the course of time will change for the better. One of the noteworthy reductions the present week has been that of the Baltimore & Ohio RR. on its preferred stock. There is \$58,863,162 of this preferred stock outstanding, but it bears only 4% per annum. Quarterly distributions at this rate have been made uninterruptedly since the reorganization of the company back in 1899 to and including March 1 1932. It is now found impossible to continue them any longer, and, accordingly, the dividend which would have been payable on June 1 1932 is to be omitted. Dividends on the common stock were

suspended three months ago. H. M. Byllesby & Co., Inc., omitted dividends on the class A and class B stocks, but declared the usual quarterly dividend of 50c. a share on the preferred stock payable March 31. The American Type Founders Co. decided to omit the quarterly dividend on its 7% cum. pref. stock, and the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Co., Ltd., omitted further dividend payments on its capital stock.

Among the dividend reductions may be mentioned that of (R. H.) Macy & Co., Inc., which reduced the quarterly dividend on its common shares from 75c. a share to 50c. a share; the Westinghouse Air Brake Co., which cut its quarterly dividend from 50c. a share to 25c. a share; the Otis Elevator Co., which decreased its quarterly dividend on common from 62½c. a share to 50c.; the Howe Sound Co., which reduced the dividend on common from 50c. a share to 25c. a share; the Irving Air Chute Co., Inc., which reduced its quarterly dividend on common from 12½c. a share to 10c. a share; the Consolidated Cigar Corp., which cut its quarterly dividend on common from \$1.25 a share to 75c. a share; the Marlin-Rockwell Corp., which decreased its quarterly dividend on common from 50c. a share to 25c. a share; the United Verde Extension Mining Co., which cut its quarterly dividend in two, from 25c. a share to 12½c. a share, and the MacAndrews & Forbes Co., which marked down the quarterly dividend on common from 50c. a share to 35c. a share. The Pennroad Corp., according to a statement issued on March 18, took no action on the declaration of a dividend on the common stock. During 1931 distributions of 20c. each were made on March 16 and on Sept. 15. Bayuk Cigars, Inc., on March 18 omitted the quarterly dividend on the common stock. On Jan. 15 last a quarterly distribution of 37½c. a share was made on this issue as compared with 75c. a share each quarter from Jan. 15 1930 to and including Oct. 15 1931. Warren Brothers Co. also omitted the quarterly dividends due April 1 on the \$1 cum. 1st pref. stock, the \$1 1/6 cum. 2nd pref. stock, and on the \$3 cum. conv. pref. stock.

The Federal Reserve banks purchased United States securities on a considerable scale the present week without, however, increasing the volume of Reserve credit outstanding, these purchases serving merely to offset the diminution in the other classes of bill and security holdings—more particularly the volume of discounts and the holdings of acceptances. The member banks are now steadily reducing the amount of their borrowings at the Federal Reserve banks, but instead of letting this diminution have its natural effect in restricting the amount of Reserve credit outstanding, the Reserve authorities are undertaking to make the falling off good in great part by adding to their holdings of United States Government securities. The discount holdings, reflecting member bank borrowing, after being reduced last week from \$828,402,000 to \$747,979,000, were further reduced the present week to \$660,792,000. The bill holdings or acceptances also suffered a sharp reduction, the total for the 12 Reserve banks having dropped during the week from \$137,584,000 to \$105,714,000. As against these reductions, holdings of United States securities have been increased over \$57,000,000, the amount of such holdings now standing at the huge total of \$842,162,000. The reader should ponder well what it means to have the Federal

Reserve banks carry such a great mass of United States obligations. Part of this week's increase in these holdings is due to temporary borrowing by the United States Treasury on one-day issues of certificates of indebtedness, pending the collection of the quarterly income taxes which fell due March 15, but which do not reach the Treasury in full volume until one or two days later. The report shows that on March 16 the Reserve banks still held \$32,000,000 of these special Treasury certificates. But holdings of other certificates and of Treasury bills were also increased in amount of over \$25,000,000, the total of such certificates and bills running up from \$382,609,000 March 9 to \$407,909,000 March 16. Holdings of so-called "other securities" were reduced during the week from \$9,497,000 to \$6,954,000.

The final result is that the total of the bill and security holdings, and which constitute a measure of the volume of Reserve credit outstanding, is only \$1,615,622,000 March 16 as against \$1,680,183,000 March 9. In other words, there has been a reduction during the week of \$64,561,000 in the total of Reserve credit outstanding, notwithstanding the increase of \$57,039,000 in the holdings of United States Government securities. The amount of Federal Reserve notes in circulation has also been slightly further reduced, and for March 16 is reported at \$2,601,262,000 against \$2,617,381,000 on March 9. Twelve months ago, on March 16 1931, only \$1,441,823,000 of Reserve notes were in circulation, thus showing an expansion during the year of considerably over a billion dollars, or, in exact figures, \$1,159,439,000.

Gold exportations having now virtually ceased, except in the case of shipments of earmarked gold, the Reserve institutions find it possible greatly to enlarge again their gold reserves, the amount of such reserves this week standing at \$2,996,679,000 as against \$2,959,420,000 on March 9. As a consequence the ratio of total reserves to deposit and Federal Reserve note liabilities combined is up to 70.0% this week against 68.8% last week. We notice that the holdings of acceptances purchased for account of foreign central banks further increased the present week from \$317,113,000 to \$336,057,000 at the same time that the acceptances held by the 12 Reserve institutions for their own account diminished, as already stated, from \$137,584,000 to \$105,714,000, the Reserve banks evidently having found it impossible to recruit their holdings of acceptances at their buying rates for bills as old supplies of bills ran off and were taken up. Foreign bank deposits, however, continue low, and are reported this week at \$12,905,000 against \$13,464,000 last week.

There is little in the way of encouragement in the February report of the foreign trade of the United States. For practically two years an almost constant reduction has appeared in the monthly statement of both exports and imports, and the loss has been very large. Much of the reduction is due to the heavy decline in commodity prices, which has been almost continuous during that period. But there has been a considerable loss in the volume of business also. Exports in February were a little higher in value than in January, in some part due to a larger movement abroad of cotton, but imports are lower in value than for the preceding month—in fact, for any month in a great many years.

Merchandise exports for the month recently closed were valued at \$155,000,000 and imports at \$131,-

600,000. Some comfort is thought to be found in the fact that February is two days shorter than January, but cotton exports last month were in excess of those of January. The February foreign trade figures compare with exports in January valued at \$149,906,000 and imports of \$135,533,000, whereas in February 1931, when there had been quite a marked decline in our foreign trade movement, exports amounted to \$224,346,000 and imports \$174,946,000. The balance of trade continues on the export side, but at greatly reduced figures, the excess value of merchandise exports last month amounting to only \$24,000,000 against an excess of exports in February last year of \$49,400,000. For the eight months of the fiscal year beginning with July last total exports have amounted to \$1,412,726,000 against \$2,241,407,000 for the same time in the preceding year and imports to \$1,249,042,000 as compared with \$1,683,017,000 in the preceding year. Exports for the past eight months exceeded imports by \$163,684,000, whereas for the preceding year the excess of exports in the same time was \$558,390,000.

Cotton exports in February were 980,642 bales against 932,809 bales in January and only 412,651 bales in February of last year. The value of cotton exports last month, at \$37,347,800, was higher than for the preceding month and considerably above the \$25,401,700 of February a year ago. The decline in the value of exports last month compared with a year ago was 30.9%, but with the much larger cotton exports last month the loss in merchandise exports other than cotton amounts to 40.9%. This is quite as heavy a reduction as some of the losses shown in merchandise exports during the closing months of last year.

The movement of gold both in exports and imports was larger in February than in January. Gold exports amounted to \$128,211,000 last month and imports to \$37,585,000. For the eight months of the current fiscal year gold exports have amounted to \$702,080,000 and imports \$442,668,000, the excess of exports being \$259,412,000. In the corresponding period of the preceding year gold exports were \$106,373,000 and imports \$214,437,000, imports exceeding exports at that time by \$108,064,000. The silver movement last month made a further drop, especially for exports, which in February were down to \$942,000. Silver imports last month were \$2,009,000.

Mercantile insolvencies in the United States in February were again very heavy. The number in that month, as reported to R. G. Dun & Co., was 2,732, as compared with 2,563 in February of last year. Liabilities were also unusually large, as was the case in January, the February total being \$84,900,106 as compared with \$96,860,205 in January and \$59,607,612 in February 1931. The large failures this year have been unusually numerous, quite as high in February as they were in the preceding month, and these large defaults have contributed to the heavy indebtedness shown. The increase in the number of defaults for the month just closed over a year ago was mostly in the trading division, although failures in manufacturing lines last month were also somewhat more numerous than in February of last year, while quite a decrease appears in the number for the third division, which includes agents and brokers. In all three classes liabilities were very much heavier in February of this year. Trading failures last month numbered 2,002, with liabilities

of \$41,005,168 against 1,831 similar defaults a year ago involving \$30,852,003; manufacturing defaults numbered 602 with \$33,879,266 of liabilities as compared with 583 in February 1931 involving \$25,303,533, while for agents and brokers, 128 insolvencies for \$10,015,672 last month compares with 149 defaults a year ago, with a total indebtedness of \$3,452,076.

For the first two months of this year there have been 6,190 commercial failures in the United States, with a total defaulted indebtedness of \$181,760,311. These figures are far in excess of any preceding record. The nearest approach to them was in the report for 1931, when for the same two months in that year the number was 5,879 and the total liabilities \$154,215,824.

Most of the subdivisions into which the different sections are separated report more failures this year than last, and much larger liabilities. In the trading division, insolvencies last month were more numerous than a year ago among grocers, general stores, dealers in clothing, in dry goods, shoes, and in hardware; also, for druggists, and for some of the less numerous classifications. In manufacturing lines the increase was notable for the section embracing clothing; also, for the printing trade. The number was larger and liabilities heavier for the iron and steel division, for machinery, leather lines including shoes, and for chemicals.

Large failures in February were especially heavy in the manufacturing class, practically one-half of them having been in that division. There were in all 141 defaults last month, for which the liabilities in each instance was \$100,000 or more, the total amount involved being \$45,645,851. The remaining number, 2,591, reported a total indebtedness of \$39,254,255, the average for each being \$15,150, which amount was somewhat higher than is usually shown. All three classes into which the record is separated reported quite a number of the larger defaults. In February of last year the number of the larger defaults was 79, with liabilities of \$29,567,462.

The stock market suffered another severe blow this week, and from an unexpected quarter, namely, the collapse of the properties with which the name of Ivar Kreuger, the head of Kreuger & Toll, a company with world-wide ramifications, was associated, owing to the death by his own hand of Mr. Kreuger himself. Under this new blow the market staggered badly, with little signs of any recovery until Thursday, but even this recovery did not last, and on Friday the market turned heavy again. It had been known for some time that Mr. Kreuger was deeply involved financially, and the securities of all the properties with which he was identified had long been weak. The further break in the same on Monday, owing to his suicide, was nevertheless of large dimensions. The collapse in these securities and the news regarding the suicide carried the whole Stock Exchange list down all the way from one to five or six points. The suicide actually occurred last Saturday morning, but news of the event was withheld until after the close of all the markets so as to allow time over Sunday to make preparations for the ill effects, which it was known would be very decided, owing to the wide ramifications of the Kreuger enterprises and the magnitude of the interests involved.

Reports from abroad to the effect that Kreuger & Toll had bad loans in this market amounting to \$80,-

000,000 served greatly to intensify apprehension of what would follow, though this proved a gross exaggeration, bankers declaring that such loans did not amount to more than \$9,000,000. Before the stock market opened here in New York, cablegrams from Europe told of wide breaks in the securities of Kreuger & Toll and its affiliates in the European market. In Paris the shares were offered in huge reams and big declines were reported in London, Berlin, Brussels and Amsterdam. On the New York Stock Exchange it was an hour after the opening before Kreuger & Toll appeared on the tape, and the initial transaction was 150,000 shares, the largest single block, it is stated, ever recorded. The opening price was $1\frac{7}{8}$, as compared with 5 the close on Saturday. The stock closed at $2\frac{1}{8}$ after sales for the day of no less than 673,800 shares, or one-third of the day's dealings in all stocks on the Exchange for that day, which aggregated 2,034,395 shares. Kreuger & Toll 5% bonds of 1959 opened at 36 as against the close on Saturday of $48\frac{1}{2}$. The bonds later sold down to 30 and closed on that day at $32\frac{1}{2}$. International Match 5% bonds of 1947 opened at 38 against 49 at the close on Saturday, selling down later in the day to $37\frac{1}{2}$ and closing at 38. International Match 5s of 1941 opened at 41 as compared with the close Saturday of 52, touched $39\frac{1}{2}$ later in the day, and closed at $39\frac{3}{8}$.

It happened that just before the close of business on Monday news of the suicide of George Eastman was reported, and this caused Eastman Kodak stock to tumble badly, the stock dropping to $73\frac{1}{4}$ against the close on Saturday of $81\frac{1}{4}$. In the middle of the day there was another depressing influence in the announcement of the defeat of efforts to take the resolution for the repeal of the Prohibition Amendment of the Federal Constitution out of the hands of the Judiciary Committee. This news caused a crash in the grain market, wheat suffering a decline of nearly 3c. a bushel, and all the other grains also moving lower. Perhaps the appearance of the annual report of the United States Steel Corp. also served as a further weakening influence in the stock market. This contained nothing new, the exhibit for the December quarter, made public towards the close of February, having indicated the general results quite fully, but the report made a poor showing and emphasis was laid on that fact.

On the succeeding days the course of prices continued steadily downward, and the most discouraging feature of all was the fact that the bond market was so extremely weak, even weaker, it might be said, than the stock market. As the week progressed there were further adverse developments of one kind or another which served to intensify the prevailing depression and to induce further selling and further liquidation. As one illustration may be mentioned the reduction in the dividend on the common stock of (R. H.) Macy & Co. on Wednesday from 75c. a share to 50c. a share, which occasioned a sharp decline in that stock. The railroad stocks were especially weak most of the time, and the passing of the dividend on Baltimore & Ohio preferred shares served to accelerate the downward movement of the whole railroad list. There were occasional rallies in the downward course of the market, but they were never maintained.

The heaviness in the railroad list gave rise to fears that some hitch had developed in the plans for the relief of the railroads, and the break in the railroad list was really the signal for the further downward

plunge in the market on Thursday morning. Later in the day, however, rumors spread through the financial district that the conflict with reference to the policy to be pursued by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation had been harmonized and that loans to needy carriers would be granted on a liberal scale. The market then completely reversed its course and recovered the whole of the losses sustained in the early part of the day. The railroad list now was as strong as it had previously been weak, and stocks now spurted up with great rapidity. A very good showing of net earnings by the Chesapeake & Ohio, as far at least as the net results are concerned, helped the upward movement along. The further reduction in the discount rate of the Bank of England from 4% to $3\frac{1}{2}$ % was doubtless a further contributing factor. On Friday the market again turned lower, as already noted. Altogether 129 stocks touched new low levels for the year during the week, while 52 stocks recorded new high figures for the year. The call loan rate on the Stock Exchange again remained entirely unaltered, there being no deviation from the figure of $2\frac{1}{2}$ %.

Trading has been of much larger volume than in other recent weeks. At the half-day session on Saturday last the sales on the New York Stock Exchange were 647,630 shares; on Monday they were 2,034,395 shares; on Tuesday, 1,468,680 shares; on Wednesday, 1,464,234 shares; on Thursday, 1,772,423 shares, and on Friday 1,406,500 shares. On the New York Curb Exchange the sales last Saturday were 92,505 shares; on Monday 176,475 shares; on Tuesday, 160,859 shares; on Wednesday, 195,300 shares; on Thursday, 188,145 shares, and on Friday 269,764 shares.

As compared with Friday of last week, prices are lower all around. General Electric closed yesterday at $19\frac{1}{8}$ ex-div. against $20\frac{3}{4}$ on Friday of last week; North American at $34\frac{1}{4}$ against $36\frac{5}{8}$; Pacific Gas & Elec. at 34 against $34\frac{7}{8}$; Standard Gas & Elec. at $28\frac{1}{2}$ against $31\frac{1}{4}$; Consolidated Gas of N. Y. at $62\frac{3}{8}$ against $65\frac{1}{4}$; Columbia Gas & Elec. at $13\frac{5}{8}$ against $14\frac{1}{2}$; Brooklyn Union Gas at $82\frac{1}{2}$ bid against 86; Electric Power & Light at $10\frac{5}{8}$ against $13\frac{1}{8}$; Public Service of N. J. at $54\frac{1}{4}$ against $57\frac{1}{8}$; International Harvester at $23\frac{1}{8}$ ex-div. against $23\frac{1}{2}$; J. I. Case Threshing Machine at $33\frac{7}{8}$ against $37\frac{1}{8}$; Sears, Roebuck & Co. at 31 against $33\frac{5}{8}$; Montgomery Ward & Co. at $9\frac{3}{8}$ against $9\frac{7}{8}$; Woolworth at 42 against $43\frac{1}{8}$; Safeway Stores at $53\frac{7}{8}$ against 56; Western Union Telegraph at $39\frac{3}{8}$ ex-div. against $42\frac{7}{8}$; American Tel. & Tel. at $120\frac{3}{8}$ against $128\frac{5}{8}$; International Tel. & Tel. at $8\frac{3}{8}$ against $9\frac{3}{8}$; American Can at $65\frac{1}{2}$ against $68\frac{3}{4}$; United States Industrial Alcohol at $26\frac{3}{4}$ against $28\frac{1}{2}$; Commercial Solvents at $8\frac{3}{8}$ against $9\frac{1}{8}$; Shattuck & Co. at $11\frac{1}{4}$ against $12\frac{1}{4}$, and Corn Products at $43\frac{1}{2}$ against $44\frac{3}{4}$.

Allied Chemical & Dye closed yesterday at $76\frac{3}{4}$ against $80\frac{3}{4}$ on Friday of last week; E. I. du Pont de Nemours at $49\frac{1}{4}$ against $54\frac{3}{8}$; National Cash Register "A" at $10\frac{1}{2}$ against $12\frac{1}{4}$; International Nickel at 8 against $8\frac{1}{4}$; Timken Roller Bearing at $18\frac{1}{2}$ against 20; Mack Trucks at $14\frac{3}{4}$ ex-div. against $16\frac{1}{4}$; Yellow Truck & Coach at $3\frac{1}{8}$ against $3\frac{5}{8}$; Johns-Manville at $17\frac{1}{2}$ against $18\frac{5}{8}$; Gillette Safety Razor at $19\frac{3}{4}$ against $21\frac{3}{4}$; National Dairy Products at $28\frac{3}{8}$ against $28\frac{7}{8}$; Associated Dry Goods at $5\frac{1}{8}$ against $5\frac{7}{8}$ bid; Texas Gulf Sulphur at $22\frac{1}{4}$ against $24\frac{1}{2}$; Freeport Texas at $17\frac{5}{8}$ against $18\frac{1}{2}$; American & Foreign Power at $4\frac{3}{4}$ against $6\frac{1}{2}$; General Amer-

ican Tank Car at $31\frac{1}{2}$ against $33\frac{1}{8}$; United Gas Improvement at $19\frac{3}{4}$ against $20\frac{1}{2}$; National Biscuit at $41\frac{7}{8}$ ex-div. against $44\frac{3}{4}$; Coca Cola at $114\frac{1}{4}$ against $116\frac{5}{8}$; Continental Can at $37\frac{1}{4}$ against 39; Eastman Kodak at $75\frac{3}{8}$ against $79\frac{3}{4}$; Gold Dust Corp. at $18\frac{1}{2}$ against $18\frac{5}{8}$; Standard Brands at $13\frac{1}{8}$ against $13\frac{5}{8}$; Paramount Publix Corp. at $7\frac{3}{4}$ against $9\frac{1}{8}$; Kreuger & Toll at $1\frac{3}{4}$ against $5\frac{3}{8}$; Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. at 27 against $29\frac{3}{8}$; Drug, Inc. at 52 against $53\frac{1}{4}$; Columbia Carbon at $34\frac{7}{8}$ against $38\frac{1}{4}$; Amer. Tobacco at 79 against 83; Reynolds Tobacco class "B" at $37\frac{7}{8}$ ex-div. against $38\frac{3}{4}$; Liggett & Myers class "B" at $56\frac{5}{8}$ against $58\frac{1}{8}$, and Lorillard at $15\frac{1}{2}$ against 16.

The steel shares as a group have suffered perhaps more severely than any other owing to the absence of any sign of recovery in the steel trade. United States Steel closed yesterday at $42\frac{1}{2}$ against $46\frac{1}{2}$ on Friday of last week; Bethlehem Steel at $18\frac{3}{4}$ against 21; Vanadium at $14\frac{3}{4}$ against $16\frac{1}{4}$, and Republic Iron & Steel at 5 against $5\frac{1}{4}$. In the auto group, Auburn Auto has again suffered a bad break. It closed yesterday at $90\frac{1}{2}$ against $99\frac{7}{8}$ on Friday of last week; General Motors at $18\frac{1}{4}$ against $20\frac{3}{8}$; Chrysler at $10\frac{5}{8}$ against $11\frac{3}{4}$; Nash Motors at $15\frac{1}{2}$ against $16\frac{1}{2}$; Packard Motors at $3\frac{5}{8}$ against $3\frac{7}{8}$; Hudson Motor Car at $6\frac{1}{8}$ against $6\frac{1}{2}$, and Hupp Motors at $3\frac{1}{8}$ against $3\frac{5}{8}$. In the rubber group, Goodyear Tire & Rubber closed yesterday at $16\frac{1}{2}$ against $16\frac{5}{8}$ on Friday of last week; B. F. Goodrich at $4\frac{1}{4}$ bid against $4\frac{1}{4}$; United States Rubber at $4\frac{5}{8}$ against $4\frac{3}{4}$, and the preferred at $8\frac{1}{8}$ against 9.

The railroad shares have been depressed beyond all others, but enjoyed a sharp upward reaction the latter part of the week. Pennsylvania RR. closed yesterday at 17 against $18\frac{3}{4}$ on Friday of last week; Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe at $75\frac{7}{8}$ against $80\frac{3}{4}$; Atlantic Coast Line at 25 against $29\frac{1}{4}$ bid; Chicago Rock Island & Pacific at 10 against $10\frac{1}{2}$; New York Central at $27\frac{3}{4}$ against $30\frac{1}{4}$; Baltimore & Ohio at $14\frac{3}{4}$ against $17\frac{3}{4}$; New Haven at 21 against $24\frac{5}{8}$; Union Pacific at 75 against $81\frac{1}{2}$; Southern Pacific at $23\frac{1}{2}$ against $26\frac{3}{4}$; Missouri Pacific at $6\frac{3}{4}$ against $7\frac{7}{8}$; Missouri-Kansas-Texas at $5\frac{3}{8}$ against $5\frac{3}{4}$; Southern Pacific at $7\frac{3}{4}$ against $9\frac{1}{2}$; Chesapeake & Ohio at $19\frac{1}{2}$ against $22\frac{7}{8}$; Northern Pacific at $17\frac{7}{8}$ against $19\frac{7}{8}$, and Great Northern at 18 against $19\frac{3}{4}$.

The oil shares declined with the rest of the list. Standard Oil of N. J. closed yesterday at 29 against $29\frac{7}{8}$ on Friday of last week; Standard Oil of Calif. at $25\frac{1}{4}$ against $25\frac{7}{8}$; Atlantic Refining at $10\frac{3}{4}$ against $11\frac{3}{4}$; Sinclair Oil at $5\frac{7}{8}$ against $6\frac{3}{8}$; Texas Corp. at $11\frac{5}{8}$ against $12\frac{1}{4}$; Phillips Petroleum at $5\frac{1}{8}$ against $5\frac{1}{2}$, and Pure Oil at $4\frac{5}{8}$ against $4\frac{1}{2}$.

The copper stocks have had a downward trend, notwithstanding the agreement for the further curtailment of the world's production of the metal. Anaconda Copper closed yesterday at 9 against 10 on Friday of last week; Kennecott Copper at 9 against $9\frac{7}{8}$; Calumet & Hecla at 3 against 3; American Smelting & Refining at $13\frac{1}{4}$ against $14\frac{7}{8}$; Phelps Dodge at $6\frac{3}{4}$ against $6\frac{1}{8}$, and Cerro de Pasco Copper at $10\frac{5}{8}$ against $11\frac{1}{2}$.

Stock exchanges in the larger European financial centers were depressed early this week, owing to the nervousness created by the suicide of the Swedish financier and industrialist, Ivar Kreuger, but prices steadied after the initial decline and in subsequent

dealings variations were small and irregular. The death of Mr. Kreuger was an event of considerable importance in the markets of London, Paris, Berlin, Amsterdam, Brussels and all the Scandinavian centers, as well as New York, owing to the wide distribution of securities issued by his companies. Effects of this occurrence on the general markets passed quickly, but the related stock and bond issues remained at sharply lower levels in all centers. With the exception of this incident, financial developments in Europe were again generally favorable this week. Reduction of the Bank of England discount rate, Thursday, from 4 to $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ was quite unexpected, but it was heartily welcomed as a sign of the Bank's complete confidence in the British position. There were intimations, however, that the action may have been taken to prevent too heavy an inflow of foreign funds into the London market. Foreign trade returns of Britain and Germany for February, made available this week, show heavy recessions from earlier months, in accordance with the universal trend. In other respects, also, European business reports remain quite as unsatisfactory as our own.

The London Stock Exchange was quiet in the initial session of the week, and prices of almost all securities were marked down as a precautionary measure, because of the death of Ivar Kreuger. Dealings in Swedish Match shares and other Kreuger issues were suspended for a time, but were resumed the same day at sharply lower quotations. British funds were lower at the start, but recovered part of their losses in later dealings. All industrial stocks were marked down and sizeable reductions also appeared in the international list. A firmer tone prevailed at London Tuesday, the recovery extending to Swedish Match and Kreuger & Toll shares, as well as to most other securities. Business remained on a small scale, despite the greater confidence. British funds were marked up, and home rail stocks were steady. Some good features also appeared among the industrial stocks. After a firm opening Wednesday, prices turned irregular on the London market with the reaction especially pronounced among international issues. British funds remained steady. In Thursday's dealings British funds turned quite strong on the announcement of the Bank rate reduction. Domestic industrial stocks were firm, but international issues were offered liberally and recessions were general. Dealings yesterday were quiet, with British funds again strong, while other issues showed only minor changes.

The Paris Bourse opened Monday with quotations at substantially lower figures than the previous close, and in the irregular price movements of the day even lower prices were attained. The Kreuger suicide dominated the entire market, to the exclusion even of the results of the German election, reports said. Losses ranged from 10 to 12%. The tendency Tuesday was decidedly better, with reports from other financial centers aiding the movement. French stocks regained most of the losses of the previous session, and international issues also showed some improvement. The fortnightly settlement was easily effected, with money at $\frac{1}{8}$ of 1%. In Wednesday's dealings the Bourse was uncertain, partly as a result of numerous rumors regarding the Kreuger interests. After a sprightly beginning the market settled down into a routine of slowly declining quotations, which carried most stocks slightly below previous closing figures. The Bourse was again heavy

Thursday, stocks dropping slowly but steadily. Domestic and international issues were alike in ample supply and the recessions attained substantial proportions. Further declines were reported yesterday, with international stocks especially weak.

On the Berlin Boerse the Kreuger death outweighed the satisfaction felt as a result of the presidential election, and all stocks sagged in the initial session of this week. Declines were serious in Kreuger issues, but other securities held fairly close to earlier levels. Restrictions on the publication of quotations were continued, and militated against any pronounced activity on the Boerse. A firm tone prevailed Tuesday, as excitement over the Kreuger incident diminished. The heavy vote accorded President von Hindenburg in the balloting last Sunday began to impress traders and investors, and a bouyant trend was in evidence much of the day. After a firm start, Wednesday, prices on the Boerse turned soft and liquidation continued until the close. Potash stocks were firmer than others, while greatest weakness appeared in the international list. Business was on a very small scale. The tendency Thursday was uncertain, stocks moving upward and downward in rapid alterations. The upward tendency became more marked after the reduction in the Bank of England discount rate became known, and most stocks made progress in consequence. Price movements yesterday were small and irregular.

The death of Ivar Kreuger, who killed himself in Paris last Saturday, was as already noted an event of the gravest importance in all the financial markets of the world. From his headquarters in Sweden, Mr. Kreuger built up an imposing industrial and financial organization with ramifications that extended into all countries and with aggregate capital of more than \$1,000,000,000. His suicide in Paris, just one day after his arrival from New York, proved highly unsettling throughout the vast interests over which he presided. In Sweden the occurrence was considered a national calamity, the Stock Exchange in Stockholm closing for the time being, while arrangements were announced by the Government for the extension of moratoria on private debts, if such should prove necessary. In New York, London, Paris, Berlin and other financial centers the repercussions were less acute, being confined largely to severe recessions in the securities of the companies directly concerned.

Mr. Kreuger shot himself through the heart, late last Saturday afternoon, in his Paris apartment, the news being given out only after all important stock exchanges in the world had closed. Nearby were letters to his relatives and to Krister Littorin, his associate, announcing that he intended to commit suicide because of the state of his health. Both in New York before his departure and in Paris, last week, Mr. Kreuger sought the care of doctors, who are said to have warned him that his heart was weak. His associates here believe that worry over the world-wide depression and its effect on his companies led to a nervous breakdown. Discovery of the suicide was made as a result of Mr. Kreuger's failure to keep business appointments in Paris. The Swedish financier was 52 years old, and unmarried. His interests were controlled through the \$400,000,000 Kreuger & Toll Company, which is a holding and financing concern. This organization controls the Swedish Match Company, which in turn owns the Interna-

tional Match Company. More than 220 additional subsidiaries of the Kreuger & Toll Company operate in all parts of the world, and in such diversified activities as banking, paper and pulp mills, chemical factories, iron ore production and real estate. Match manufacturing is the most important single activity, monopolies having been obtained in exchange for loans in Poland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Yugoslavia, Rumania, Greece, Ecuador, Peru, Danzig and Turkey, while special agreements also were made with France and Germany.

Lee, Higginson & Co., bankers in New York for the Kreuger companies, issued a statement last Saturday, expressing deep regret over the sudden death of Mr. Kreuger. "During the latter part of his visit to America he was ill and seemed on the verge of a nervous breakdown," the statement said. "He recovered sufficiently to permit his departure for Paris, March 4. He had no loan negotiations with us during his visit, but his review to us of the financial position of his companies appeared satisfactory, considering the condition of international trade and the difficulties of exchange transfer throughout the world." Officials of the Swedish Match Co., in Stockholm, issued a statement the same day attributing the death by suicide of Ivar Kreuger to "the superhuman burden of work which he had borne during the last few months, and which resulted, while he was in New York, in a nervous breakdown which much alarmed his business colleagues."

In sessions of the Swedish Parliament, held over the last week-end, laws were passed authorizing the Government to extend a brief moratorium to business interests in Sweden. Acting on this legislation, the Cabinet decided early Monday to grant this privilege to the Kreuger & Toll Co. and to three smaller affiliated concerns, to Mr. Kreuger's heirs and to four of his business associates, including Krister Littorin. "The moratorium scheme had been prepared before Mr. Kreuger's death," a Stockholm dispatch to the New York "Times" said. The Government, it was added, regards Mr. Kreuger's death as a "national catastrophe." No banking difficulties were looked for as a result of the occurrence, and all banks in the country resumed business Monday morning. "Stockholm financiers express the view that the Kreuger companies are basically quite sound," a dispatch of Monday to the New York "Herald Tribune" said. "Their difficulties are caused chiefly by frozen assets in the form of loans to Germany and other European States." It was considered probable in Stockholm that the varied interests might be separated and taken over by different financial concerns. It was announced that the Stockholm Stock Exchange would close until further notice, this action being taken, dispatches said, to prevent any panicky liquidation of Kreuger issues. The utmost calm prevailed throughout the country, however, in the early days of the week, and a decision was announced, late Tuesday, to resume trading on the Stockholm Exchange Monday, March 21. Kreuger & Toll shares will be suspended from trading, under this order. A statement on the Kreuger & Toll position is under preparation by a committee of experts, but it is not believed this will be ready for several weeks.

European economic and political problems are being accorded the closest consideration by the responsible Ministers of Britain, France, Germany

and other leading countries, and it is likely that the consultations now in progress will result in some highly important decisions. The questions of German reparations and inter-Allied debts loom large in the conversations, it is indicated, while plans for the economic rehabilitation of the Danubian countries also remain under discussion. Sir John Simon, Foreign Secretary in the London Cabinet, held a long conference with Premier Andre Tardieu of France in Paris, last Saturday, and after the conclusion of the meeting a statement was issued indicating that the Danubian Union scheme had been reviewed. "In this matter, as in all others, co-operation between France and Britain stretches over a wide field, with the double object of appeasing European political rivalries and accelerating economic reconstruction," the statement said. It was remarked in reports from Paris that the statesmen also gave much attention to the reparations and debts problems. In consulting with Sir John Simon, a dispatch to the New York "Times" said, Premier Tardieu was continuing a policy in which it is realized lies France's only hope for settling either the Danubian or reparations questions, for without Great Britain and France working together, nothing can be accomplished.

Renewed friendliness in the official exchanges between France and England is regarded in Paris as the most hopeful indication of the whole situation, a further report of Sunday, to the New York "Times" stated. With studied purpose the British Foreign Secretary has during recent months sought to show the French leaders that the British reparations policy is not entirely opposed to that of France, and that the British Government appreciates the necessity of maintaining the Young Plan as the basis for settlement, it is said. It is also held, however, that the present situation must be met frankly, in accord with the report of the Basle Committee of Experts, who urged immediate reconsideration of reparations. During the last two months there have been constant interchanges between France and England on reparations. Recently Sir Frederick Leith-Ross, of the British Treasury, paid a visit to Berlin to obtain information desired for the preparation of a common plan of action, it is disclosed. An announcement was made in London by Prime Minister MacDonald, Thursday, that he will lead the British delegation to the Lausanne reparations conference next June. Other members of the delegation will include Chancellor of the Exchequer Neville Chamberlain, Sir John Simon and Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade.

The project of a Danubian Union, broached officially by Premier Tardieu two weeks ago, was considered this week in Berlin and London. The French proposal called for a system of preferential tariffs in five Danubian States. A rejoinder of the German Government was handed the French Ambassador in Berlin, Wednesday. In this communication Germany objected to the Tardieu scheme on the ground that the economic confederation would not enlarge the market for the surplus agrarian products of the succession States. Aid to South-eastern Europe can be best extended by the large industrial countries, which import food products, it is pointed out, and such States should be included in the proposed economic unit. Further negotiations, the German reply added, should include representatives of all the Danubian countries, and also

of Great Britain, France, Italy and Germany. In London reports of Wednesday it was indicated that the Tardieu plan was discussed at a Cabinet meeting. "The Government is understood to be entirely favorable to any scheme that can be shown to assure prompt alleviation of the economic distress in Central Europe, without inflicting fresh hardships or imposing unfair restrictions on other countries," a dispatch to the New York "Times" said.

After several weeks of indecision, disarmament discussions at the general conference in Geneva have now been suspended in order to provide a three weeks' Easter recess for all delegations. In describing one of the meetings this week it was remarked sentimentously by Frank H. Simonds, special correspondent of the New York "Evening Post," that "at the present rate this conference could continue to eternity and never achieve the least possible result." Adjournment until April 11 was voted Wednesday, notwithstanding an attempt by the American delegation to secure resumption a week earlier. United States Ambassador Hugh S. Gibson urged, in the general session, that when the members return from their Easter vacation they should get down to work, a dispatch of Wednesday to the New York "Times" said. "He spoke emphatically and everybody supported him," the report added. "There has hardly ever been such unanimity." Despite such good intentions, however, it is considered unlikely by expert observers that any great progress will be made after the sessions are resumed. "The truth is that until July at least the disarmament conference will be in suspense," Mr. Simonds remarks. "The statesmen in the larger countries will be absorbed in their own political problems, and the action here will necessarily be contingent upon the results of elections. Then the financial discussions of Lausanne come, and these, of course, are matters of far more importance than disarmament in the eyes of London, Paris and Berlin."

Hardly a doubt remains, following the national election in Germany last Sunday, that President Paul von Hindenburg will continue in his high office for a further term of seven years. The President failed by only the narrowest margin to secure in the election the absolute majority of all votes cast which is required on the first ballot. This means that there will be a run-off election April 10, at which a simple plurality will suffice, and it is virtually certain that the 84-year-old Field Marshal will be returned to office on the second ballot. Emergence of the President as the undoubted victor in the election was viewed with keen satisfaction in all countries, as he has steadily supported with all the authority of his immense prestige and his high office the prudent political course of Chancellor Heinrich Brüning and the Centrist party Cabinet. Agitation by the extremist parties of the Left and Right brought no concessions from the venerable President, and the support now extended him by almost exactly half the voters of the Reich indicates that Germany is not disposed to embark on any unsound political experiments. This decision by the German people is the more significant because of the important conferences on reparations, disarmament and other international questions, now in progress or soon to begin.

The intense interest taken throughout Germany in the election was reflected in the remarkably heavy

voting, the returns showing that 37,660,377 ballots were cast, with the total of qualified voters estimated officially at 44,000,000. President von Hindenburg received 18,661,736 votes, or only 168,453 less than the absolute majority of 18,830,189 needed on the first ballot. His nearest opponent was Adolph Hitler, Austrian-born leader of the National-Socialist, or German Fascist party. Despite extravagant election promises by the "Nazis," Herr Hitler secured only 11,328,571 votes, or 7,333,165 less than President von Hindenburg. The Communist candidate, Ernst Thaelmann, received 4,971,079 votes; the Nationalist candidate, Theodor Duesterberg, received 2,517,876 votes, and Gustav Winter, independent, received 181,115. It was considered especially significant that President von Hindenburg easily carried Cologne and Munich, the headquarters of the "Nazis," and also obtained an absolute majority in Hamburg, the home of the Communist candidate. The "Nazis" made great gains, however, as compared to the 1930 election returns, when the party polled 6,400,000 votes, and Hitlerism is thus sure to remain an important factor in the politics of the Reich. The election was considered quiet, but there were five fatalities as a result of fighting between Nazis and Communists. In the run-off election next month the parties may substitute other candidates, if they so desire, but it is already indicated that President von Hindenburg and Herr Hitler will again be the chief opponents.

Unification of all Ireland under the Free State Government at Dublin will be one of the chief aims of the new Administration, headed by Eamonn de Valera and his associates of the Fianna Fail, or Irish Republican party. This was made plain by President de Valera, Wednesday, in a discussion of the program to be followed by the Executive Council. "I hope to see the unnatural boundaries between North and South Ireland broken down," Mr. de Valera said. "Ireland has to support two Prime Ministers—indeed two of every Minister—apart from great inconvenience because of the customs. We must have a united Ireland." Three additional objectives were outlined by the newly-elected President of the Executive Council, a Dublin dispatch to the Associated Press reports. Removal of the oath of allegiance to the British Crown will be sought at the next session of the Irish Parliament, and this action will probably mean that there would no longer be any reason for the existence of the Irish Republican army, he declared. An attempt will also be made to end the payment of land annuities to Great Britain, and claims will be presented to the London Government for restoration of £30,000,000 annuities already paid. Suspension of the public safety act, which provides for virtual military rule in Ireland, also will be requested at the coming Dail session.

The danger of further major hostilities between the Chinese and Japanese in the region around Shanghai diminished steadily this week, notwithstanding persistent difficulties encountered in the effort to reach a formal agreement on a truce. It is apparent that neither side desires to renew the conflict, which proved amazingly costly in men and money. In anticipation of a formal truce the Tokio Government issued orders, Tuesday, for the prompt recall of almost half the troops in Shanghai. Although peace has thus far to all intents and purposes

been restored at Shanghai, further trouble seems to be in store for the Japanese in Manchuria. There are numerous reports of rebellion against the puppet government set up in Manchuria by the Japanese military authorities, and the movement has attained a scale that threatens Japanese domination of some parts of this great area. In Japan itself, moreover, the Government of Premier Inukai is proving unpopular for various reasons, and fall of the Cabinet is looked for soon after the coming special session of the Diet, with a coalition Cabinet likely to be formed thereafter.

Negotiations for the formal suspension of hostilities at Shanghai were carried on all this week through the good offices of Sir Miles Lampson, British Minister to China. Quo Tai-chi, Vice-Foreign Minister of the Nanking Nationalist Government, insisted that the preliminary peace agreement include a stipulation for the unconditional withdrawal of Japanese troops from the Chinese territory around Shanghai, while Mamoru Shigemitsu, the Japanese Minister, remained firm in his demand that withdrawal of the forces be discussed in the general negotiations to follow. In a formal statement issued last Sunday, Mr. Shigemitsu remarked that "Japan is loath to witness a reversion of the International Settlement and its vicinity to the conditions at the time of the outbreak of hostilities, when peace was disturbed by Chinese forces stationed and entrenched around the Settlement and when the lives and properties of the inhabitants were exposed to extreme danger." The difficulties were seemingly overcome Tuesday, when an announcement was made that agreement had been reached for complete cessation of hostilities, based on concessions by both sides. Japanese troops would be gradually withdrawn under this agreement, it was said, and the Chinese for their part would agree not to enter the evacuated territory. Renewed uncertainty was reported, Thursday, regarding the exact terms of the agreement.

It was disclosed in Tokio last Saturday that the General Staff is prepared to withdraw three-sevenths of the Japanese forces in Shanghai, without awaiting signature of a formal peace agreement. In line with this decision, an order was issued Tuesday for the recall of the Eleventh Division, the Twenty-fourth Mixed Brigade, and several special contingents. A statement was issued at the same time by the War Office warning that Japan would take "drastic measures" if the Chinese started an offensive. Authoritative indications of the costs of the conflict, which lasted from Jan. 29 to March 4, have at length been made available. The Shanghai Bureau of Social Affairs issued a report, Thursday, stating that a total of 6,080 Chinese civilians were killed and more than 2,000 wounded in the fighting. The missing are estimated at 10,040, while 160,000 Chinese families were driven from their homes. Property damage is estimated at 1,400,000,000 silver dollars, or \$350,000,000 gold. "These appalling figures are not considered excessive," a Shanghai dispatch to the New York "Times" said. In the five weeks of fighting at Shanghai the Japanese lost 377 killed and 2,273 wounded. A report received at the State Department in Washington from Edwin S. Cunningham, United States Consul-General at Shanghai, indicated that much of the devastated area would not be rebuilt for years. Trade conditions are rapidly returning to normal, Mr. Cunningham added.

Alignment of the League of Nations with the United States, in the attitude taken by Washington toward the Japanese activities in Manchuria, remained a matter of general interest this week. In a resolution adopted by the League Assembly, March 11, it was provided that this international body would not recognize any treaty or agreement between China and Japan obtained by means contrary to the provisions of the League Covenant, or of the Kellogg-Briand treaty. This stand is similar to that taken by Secretary of State Stimson in his notes to Japan and China of Jan. 7. Unqualified approval of the League Assembly action was expressed by Mr. Stimson late last week. "The nations of the League at Geneva have united in a common attitude and purpose toward the perilous disturbances in the Far East," Mr. Stimson said. "The action of the Assembly expresses the purpose for peace which is found both in the Pact of Paris and the covenant of the League of Nations. In this expression all the nations of the world can speak with the same voice. This action will go far toward developing into terms of international law the principles of order and justice which underlie those treaties, and the Government of the United States has been glad to co-operate earnestly in this effort."

Renewal of civil warfare in Manchuria is reported, meanwhile, from numerous centers. Dispatches reaching Moscow last Saturday indicated that the Chinese garrison at Saghalin, opposite the Siberian city of Blagovestchensk, had revolted against the regime set up by the Japanese at Changchun, under the Provisional Presidency of Henri Pu-yi, former Emperor of China. The revolt occurred when an attempt was made to hoist the flag of the new Republic. In a special dispatch from Dairen, Manchuria, to the New York "Times," it was remarked last Saturday that disquieting reports were being received from many cities and districts telling of desertions from the forces of the new regime and of apathy toward it on the part of the populace. To these indications was added, yesterday, a report from Shanghai, stating on the authority of the Chinese official news agency, that 100,000 Chinese volunteers were marching on Mukden from three directions, destroying the flag of the Manchurian State on their way and hoisting the Chinese emblem in its place. A Changchun dispatch to the Associated Press stated that Chinese insurgents had captured Fu-yu, an important city not far from Harbin. Reports reaching Tokio spoke of a series of revolts at coast and interior cities. A request from the new Manchurian Government, for the recognition by the United States Government, was received in Washington, Monday, but was ignored.

The political uncertainty in Tokio resulted in a series of Cabinet changes this week, with the likelihood, dispatches state, of a new coalition regime being formed next week by the major parties, the Seiyukai and Minseito. Baron Hiranuma, Vice-President of the Privy Council, is mentioned as the probable successor of Premier Ki Inukai. The Seiyukai, now in power, is disunited as a result, chiefly of a departure from traditional procedure after an assassin tried to murder Emperor Hirohito, Jan. 8. Home Minister Nakahashi, under fire because the attack was made, was forced to resign Wednesday. It was indicated that Minister of Justice Suzuki would be appointed to the Home post, but this plan was frustrated by a strong section of the Seiyukai

party, and Premier Inukai assumed the duties of the office in addition to his own post. "Thoughtful Japanese have come to realize that something approaching a Constitutional breakdown has occurred," a dispatch of Wednesday to the New York "Times" remarked. "First, the army utilized its privileged position to take the Manchurian policy under its wing. Then political intrigue, with financial motives in the background, overthrew the Cabinet while the Diet was not sitting and the Government majority was theoretically intact. Next, the navy took the initiative at Shanghai, with unexpectedly extensive consequences. The net result of the army-navy diplomacy is that Japan is completely isolated for the first time in modern history. Patriotism has prevented the utterance of a word revealing disapproval of these impetuous proceedings, but many influential Japanese have been profoundly disquieted by the rush of events."

The Bank of England on Thursday (March 17) reduced its discount rate from 4% to 3½%. On Friday the National Bank of Austria reduced its discount rate from 8% to 7%, the 8% rate having been in effect since Dec. 11 1931. Rates are 11% in Greece; 8% in Hungary; 7½% in Lithuania; 7% in Austria, Rumania, Finland, Portugal, Italy and 6½% in Spain; 6% in Germany, Danzig, Czechoslovakia, India and in Colombia; 5.84% in Japan; 5½% in Estonia and in Chile; 5% in Ireland, Denmark, Sweden and in Norway; 3½% in England and Belgium; 3% in Holland; 2½% in France, and 2% in Switzerland. In the London open market discounts for short bills on Friday were 2¼@2¾% as against 2½@2¾% on Friday of last week, and 2¼@2¾% for three months' bills as against 2½@3½% on Friday of last week. Money on call in London on Friday was 1½%. At Paris the open market rate continues at 1⅞%, and in Switzerland at 1½%.

The statement of the Bank of France for the week ended Mar. 11, reveals a further gain in gold holdings of 419,535,867 francs. The Bank's gold now aggregates 76,157,288,503 francs, in comparison with 56,094,849,943 francs a year ago and 42,593,848,215 francs two years. Credit balances abroad declined 684,000,000 francs whereas bills bought abroad rose 31,000,000 francs. Notes in circulation contracted 871,000,000 francs, reducing the total of the item to 82,581,502,400 francs. Circulation last year was 77,810,273,870 francs and the year before 69,969,736,325 francs. French commercial bills discounted and creditor current accounts increased 4,000,000 francs and 622,000,000 francs while advances against securities fell off 25,000,000 francs. The proportion of gold on hand to sight liabilities stands this week at 69.38%, as compared with 55.33% a year ago and 49.84% two years ago. Below we furnish a comparison of the various items for three years:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week. Francs.	Status as of		
		Mar. 11 1932. Francs.	Mar. 13 1931. Francs.	Mar. 14 1930. Francs.
Gold holdings.....Inc.	419,535,867	76,157,288,503	56,094,849,943	42,593,848,215
Credit bals. abr'd. Dec.	684,000,000	4,149,740,745	6,946,515,453	6,936,971,442
French commercial bills discounted ^a Inc.	4,000,000	5,504,283,186	6,195,961,492	5,488,783,541
Bills bought abr'd ^b Inc.	31,000,000	8,933,483,982	19,363,070,831	18,741,605,782
Adv. agst. secur. Dec.	25,000,000	2,775,281,188	2,901,698,259	2,593,649,560
Note circulation.....Dec.	871,000,000	82,581,502,400	77,810,273,870	69,969,736,325
Cred. curr. accts.....Inc.	622,000,000	27,186,167,448	23,575,954,211	15,492,676,685
Proportion of gold on hand to sight liabilities.....Inc.	0.54%	69.38%	55.33%	49.84%

^aIncludes bills purchased in France. ^bIncludes bills discounted abroad.

The Bank of England this week reduced its rate of discount to 3½%. The previous rate, 4%, was inaugurated only the week before when the rate was reduced from 5%. Prior to Feb. 18 1932 the Bank rate was 6% but was lowered on that date to 5%. The Bank's statement for the week ended March 16 shows a gain of £5,661 in gold holdings and this, together with a contraction of £761,000 in circulation, brought about an increase of £767,000 in reserves. Gold holdings now total £121,461,077 in comparison with £142,826,613 a year ago. The proportion of reserve to liability rose 6% this week from 31.19% to 37.18%. In the corresponding week a year ago the ratio was 53.64%. Public deposits increased £1,642,000 while other deposits fell off £21,260,117. Of the latter amount £20,510,994 was to bankers' accounts and £749,123 was to other accounts. Loans on government securities decreased £14,075,000 and those on other securities £6,298,933. The latter consists of discounts and advances and securities which decreased £165,533 and £6,133,400 respectively. Below we give a comparison of the different items in the Bank's return for five years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1932. Mar. 16.	1931. Mar. 18.	1930. Mar. 19.	1929. Mar. 20.	1928. Mar. 21.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	353,713,000	347,286,744	348,890,021	353,868,645	134,391,630
Public deposits.....	9,477,000	10,499,765	12,882,680	19,423,868	14,141,359
Other deposits.....	105,487,033	93,023,486	97,969,498	99,594,585	101,573,628
Bankers' accounts	73,054,023	59,795,625	62,086,473	62,332,186	-----
Other accounts.....	32,433,010	33,227,861	35,883,025	37,262,399	-----
Government secur.	40,295,906	28,904,684	41,481,563	47,916,855	32,879,033
Other securities.....	50,176,430	37,367,056	22,318,484	30,467,795	58,130,330
Disct. & advances	11,379,502	8,021,417	6,060,054	12,582,128	-----
Securities.....	38,796,928	29,345,639	16,258,430	17,885,667	-----
Reserve notes & coin	42,747,000	55,539,869	65,355,174	58,957,207	43,011,659
Coin and bullion.....	121,461,077	142,826,613	154,245,375	152,825,852	157,653,289
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	37.18%	53.64%	58.95%	49.53%	37½%
Bank rate.....	3½%	3%	3½%	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 Reichsbank's weekly statement dated March 15 records a loss in gold and bullion of 3,147,000 marks. The Bank's total gold is now 876,859,000 marks, in comparison with 2,286,184,000 marks last year and 2,480,458,000 marks the year before. The items of reserve in foreign currency, advances and other assets show decreases of 14,743,000 marks, 18,260,000 marks and 21,520,000 marks respectively. Notes in circulation contracted 65,745,000 marks, bringing the item down to 4,113,151,000 marks. Total circulation last year was 3,967,994,000 marks and the year before 4,266,015,000 marks. Increases appear in bills of exchange and checks of 397,000 marks, in silver and other coin of 42,167,000 marks, in notes on other German banks of 1,102,000 marks, in other daily maturing obligations of 25,598,000 marks and in other liabilities of 26,143,000 marks. The items of deposits abroad, investments and the proportion of gold and foreign currency to notes circulation remain unchanged. A comparison of the various items for three years is shown below:

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	Mar. 15 1932.	Mar. 14 1931.	Mar. 15 1930.
	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.
Assets—				
Gold and bullion.....Dec.	3,147,000	876,859,000	2,286,184,000	2,480,458,000
Of which depos. abr'd.	No change	79,573,000	207,638,000	149,788,000
Res've in for'n curr. Dec.	14,743,000	141,666,000	209,164,000	311,915,000
Bills of exch. & checks Inc.	397,000	3,302,893,000	1,629,352,000	1,639,426,000
Silver and other coin. Inc.	42,167,000	175,749,000	179,264,000	153,860,000
Notes on oth. Ger. bks. Inc.	1,102,000	7,416,000	18,699,000	19,103,000
Advances.....Dec.	18,260,000	200,170,000	91,315,000	58,345,000
Investments.....	No change	161,752,000	102,264,000	93,246,000
Other assets.....Dec.	21,520,000	854,994,000	551,145,000	502,559,000
Liabilities—				
Notes in circulation.....Dec.	65,745,000	4,113,151,000	3,967,994,000	4,266,015,000
Oth. daily matur. oblig. Inc.	25,598,000	344,470,000	265,866,000	453,514,000
Other liabilities.....Inc.	26,143,000	776,547,000	339,600,000	147,507,000
Propor. of gold & for'n curr. to note circ'n.	No change	24.8%	62.9%	65.4%

Money rates in the New York market were unchanged this week, notwithstanding a rather heavy turnover incident to income tax payments and the usual quarter-date operations of the Treasury. Funds were available in large amounts in all sessions, and the tone of the market was consistently easy. After the further reduction in the Bank of England discount rate from 4% to 3½% became known, Thursday, there was some expectation here of a lower rediscount rate at New York, but no action was taken. Call loans on the Stock Exchange were 2½% for all transactions, whether renewals or new loans. Banking house funds were available every day in the unofficial "Street" market at 2¼%, or a concession of ¼% from the official level. Time loans showed no variations of consequence. Brokers' loans against stock and bond collateral increased \$9,000,000 in the compilation of the New York Federal Reserve Bank, for the week to Wednesday night. Gold movements for the same weekly period consisted of imports of \$4,376,000, exports of \$12,511,000, and a net decrease of \$19,441,000 in the stock of the metal held earmarked for foreign account.

Dealing in detail with call loan rates on the Stock Exchange from day to day, 2½% was the rate ruling all through the week, both for new loans and renewals. The time money market has shown little action this week. Rates were nominally quoted at 3@3½% for all dates. The demand for prime commercial paper has been excellent this week. More paper was obtainable and the market showed increasing activity. 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 3: were noted.

Prime bankers' acceptances have been somewhat stronger locally, but paper has been extremely scarce and was insufficient to meet the requirements. Rates are unchanged. The quotations of the American Acceptance Council for bills up to and including three months are 2½% bid, 2½% asked; for four months, 2¾% bid and 2½% asked; for five and six months, 3% bid and 2¾% asked. The bill buying rate of the New York Reserve Bank remains unchanged at 2½% 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 a decrease this week in their holdings of acceptances, the total having fallen from \$137,584,000 to \$105,714,000. Their holdings of acceptances for foreign correspondents further increased from \$317,113,000 to \$336,057,000. 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	2¼	2½
	—90 Days—		—60 Days—		—30 Days—	
	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills.....	2½	2½	2½	2¼	2½	2¼

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 March 18.	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	3½	Oct. 17 1931	2½
St. Louis	3½	Oct. 22 1931	2½
Minneapolis	3½	Sept. 12 1930	4
Kansas City	3½	Oct. 23 1931	3
Dallas	3½	Jan. 28 1932	4
San Francisco	3½	Oct. 21 1931	2½

Sterling exchange is steady, fluctuating within narrow limits. On the whole the pound must be considered as firm and is in considerable demand at all centres, with foreign funds steadily moving into London. The outstanding event relating to foreign exchange this week is the reduction in the Bank of England's rate of discount to 3½% from 4%, which was announced on Thursday. The range this week has been from 3.61⅜ to 3.63⅝ for bankers' sight bills, compared with 3.51⅜ to 3.73⅜ last week. The range for cable transfers has been from 3.61½ to 3.63¾, compared with 3.51¼ to 3.73¼ a week ago. The present reduction in the Bank of England rate is the third to be made in the past month or since the London money market began to return to a more nearly normal condition. The first cut was made on Feb. 18, when the rate was reduced to 5% from 6%, where it had been fixed on Sept. 21. This was followed by another decrease to 4% on Thursday of last week, which in turn has now been followed by the new 3½% rate. The rate cut this week took the market by surprise, although in most banking circles it was felt that a decrease would be made in the near future, especially as the London bill market seems to have received no instructions to hold rates up and quotations on bills had been sagging. Even now 90-day maturities are at 2¼%, clearly out of line with the new bank rate. It is thought that the Bank made the present cut in order to head off as far as possible what appears to be a tidal wave of foreign short term funds converging on the London market.

According to some bankers official London has no desire for the moment to see the City regain its traditional position as depository for foreign funds which are to be reloaned abroad. Chancellor of the Exchequer Chamberlain stated on March 2 in the House of Commons that "The authorities of the City must judge about the issue of new (foreign) loans. At present I imagine that they would not consider it wise for us to lend promiscuously overseas, and in that opinion I should concur." One reason for this position is that London is now engaged in a program of cancelling foreign claims. In effect it is substituting in part the gold received from India for these claims, which foreign centres hold. These shipments, however, are dependent upon low rates for sterling; and the influx of foreign capital, as the market had evidence last week, conceivably might strengthen sterling to a point at which the hidden gold supplies of India and other countries might cease to come to light. It is estimated that since September the total gold shipped from India to the London open market has exceeded £41,000,000. As the pound advances the premium on gold drops, but it is thought that sterling would have to go very close to its original par before the reduced premium would cease to be attractive to hoarders of gold in India and other countries. This week gold seems to have

been sold in the London open market at from 112s. 3d. to 114s. 5d. This compares with rates prevailing a few months ago of from 118s. to 120s. an ounce. The Bank of England was aided in making its latest reduction in its rediscount rate by the strong statement of condition affecting operations throughout the past week. Circulation dropped £761,000, despite some opinion that the private gold sales would materially increase notes outstanding. This decline permitted an increase in reserves to £42,747,000 from £41,980,000 a week ago. The reserve ratio jumped 6 points to 37.18%, due to a striking decrease in deposits.

This week the Bank of England shows an increase in gold holdings of £5,661, the total standing at £121,461,077 on March 16, which compares with £142,826,613 a year ago. Montagu Norman has been re-elected Governor of the Bank of England. Banking circles throughout the world are generally gratified at the election of Mr. Norman. After England abandoned the gold standard in September considerable criticism was leveled at his policies and it was rumored persistently that his resignation was imminent because of ill health occasioned by the strain of last summer. Now the masterly manner in which the Bank of England has handled the repayment of foreign credits and the ability it has shown to hold sterling exchange steady though not linked up with gold are cited in tribute to the abilities of Mr. Norman. There is a great deal of speculation in many quarters and much discussion in the financial press of all countries as to when and at what level sterling may ultimately be stabilized. Some are advocating stabilization around present levels, while more assert positively that stabilization may take place at somewhat higher levels. A strong body of opinion represented by inflationists and high tariff men in England is advocating stabilization of the pound at close to present levels. Only a few days ago Conservatives, Liberals, and Laborites alike demanded in the House of Commons that the Government make a definite statement of policy, to announce what plans it has to protect the pound from fluctuation, and to give some indication of the level at which it is intended to stabilize sterling. Strong statements are made in the financial press both here and abroad that sterling can never again be stabilized at the old level of 4.8665, but all statements from soever source regarding the levels at which the pound may ultimately be stabilized are pure guesswork. London banking authorities will not be prepared for many months to state their aims in this respect. A considerable force of opinion is mobilized in England which advocates that the pound be decimalized. Should this be done, it is as likely as not that the pound might be stabilized at five dollars. A five-dollar pound would not strike the English public as incongruous in any way. Many years ago such a change was thought preposterous, but now the man in the street in all English cities commonly speaks of the pound as "five dollars" and of the shilling as a "quarter," just as here it has come to be common parlance to refer to five dollars as a "pound." Many bankers and economists are of the opinion that London can restore the pound to full parity without any difficulty as soon as wisdom dictates such a step.

At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week ended March 16, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, consisted of imports of

\$4,376,000, of which \$1,987,000 came from Canada, \$1,267,000 from Argentina, \$1,059,000 from Mexico, and \$63,000 chiefly from Latin American countries. Gold exports totaled \$12,511,000, of which \$12,501,000 was shipped to France and \$10,000 to the Philippine Islands. The Reserve Bank reported a decrease of \$19,441,000 in gold earmarked for foreign account. In tabular form the old movement at the Port of New York for the week ended March 16, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, was as follows:

GOLD MOVEMENT AT NEW YORK, MAR. 10-MAR. 16, INCLUSIVE

Imports—	Exports—
\$1,987,000 from Canada	\$12,501,000 to France
1,267,000 from Argentina	10,000 to the Philippine Islds.
1,059,000 from Mexico	
63,000 from Latin American countries	
\$4,376,000 total	\$12,511,000 total

Net Change in Gold Earmarked for Foreign Account.
Decrease, \$19,441,000.

The above figures are for the week ended Wednesday evening. On Thursday there were no imports or exports or change in gold earmarked for foreign account. Yesterday imports of gold amounted to \$204,000, all of which came from Mexico. There were no exports or change in gold earmarked for foreign account. During the week approximately \$714,000 of gold was received at San Francisco, of which \$681,000 came from Australia and \$33,000 came from New Zealand.

Canadian exchange continues at a severe discount, but has been fairly steady this week. On Saturday last Montreal funds were at a discount of $10\frac{1}{2}\%$, on Monday at $10\frac{5}{8}\%$, on Tuesday at $10\frac{5}{8}\%$, on Wednesday at $10\frac{3}{4}\%$, on Thursday at $10\frac{7}{8}\%$, and on Friday at $10\frac{5}{8}\%$.

Referring to day-to-day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday last was steady in a quiet market. Bankers' sight was $3.62\frac{1}{8}@3.63\frac{5}{8}$ cable transfers $3.62\frac{1}{4}@3.63\frac{3}{4}$. On Monday sterling was slightly easier. The range was $3.62\frac{1}{8}@3.63$ for bankers' sight and $3.62\frac{1}{4}@3.63\frac{1}{8}$ for cable transfers. On Tuesday the market was steady. The range was $3.62\frac{5}{8}@3.63$ for bankers' sight and $3.62\frac{3}{4}@3.63\frac{1}{8}$ for cable transfers. On Wednesday sterling was steady. The range was $3.62@3.62\frac{5}{8}$ for bankers' sight and $3.62\frac{1}{4}@3.62\frac{3}{4}$ for cable transfers. On Thursday the market continued steady. Bankers' sight was $3.61\frac{3}{8}@3.62\frac{3}{8}$; cable transfers $3.61\frac{1}{2}@3.62\frac{1}{2}$. On Friday the range was $3.61\frac{5}{8}@3.63\frac{1}{8}$ for bankers' sight and $3.61\frac{7}{8}@3.63\frac{1}{4}$ for cable transfers. Closing quotations on Friday were 3.62 for demand and $3.62\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at $3.62\frac{1}{4}$; 60 day bills at $3.60\frac{1}{4}$; 90 day bills at $3.59\frac{1}{4}$; documents for payment (60 days), at $3.60\frac{1}{4}$, and seven day grain bills at 0.00— Cotton and grain for payment closed at $3.61\frac{1}{4}$.

Exchange on the Continental countries is generally firmer, owing largely to the improvement which has taken place in sterling exchange in the course of the past month, as evidenced by the flow of funds to London and the three successive reductions in the Bank of England rate. The large vote polled by President von Hindenburg in the German elections on Sunday has also strengthened the Continental exchanges and the feeling in general that after the international conferences in June there will be a considerable clarification of the international and financial difficulties. French francs have been exceptionally steady this week around 3.94 for cable trans-

fers. Aside from the better tone prevailing in all financial centres, the French rate finds partial support at this time in seasonal factors, which should become increasingly important from now until the end of August. However, much of the firmness and steadiness in the franc is due to European transactions and to the flow of European funds to Paris for safe-keeping. French private bankers have ceased to withdraw gold from the New York market and it seems quite unlikely that the movement will not be resumed. The Bank of France, however, continues to withdraw gold from its earmarked stock and this policy will be followed for some time, at least. It is recognized in financial quarters in France that some degree of monetary inflation exists as a result of large gold imports and expansion of bank note circulation, but thus far no effect on prices is apparent. The Bank of France statement for the week ended March 11 shows a further increase of 419,535,867 francs in gold holdings, the total standing at a new record high of 76,157,288,503 francs, which compares with 56,094,849,943 francs on March 13 1931 and with 28,935,000,000 francs in June 1928, when the franc was stabilized. The bank's ratio of reserves is also at record high, standing at 69.38% on March 11, compared with 68.84% on March 4, with 55.33% on March 13 1931, and with legal requirement of 35%. German marks, though practically nominal in quotation, are higher than at any time in several weeks. The par of the mark is 23.82, which has been the average quotation for the unit throughout the week, sometimes dropping a shade under, sometimes going as high as 23.83. The firmness in the mark is attributed to the more optimistic feeling in world markets prevailing as a result of the large vote polled by President von Hindenburg. President von Hindenburg's re-election will mean the continuation, for the time being, at least of the Bruening Government and a strict financial program. It is generally felt that the forthcoming conferences at Lausanne will result in proposals that will be satisfactory to the German people.

Italian lire are steady. Italian foreign trade showed distinct improvement during February, with an import surplus of 122,000,000 lire compared with 206,152,000 lire in January. The most significant fact is that despite the short month, both imports and exports actually increased to break the steadily declining curve of total foreign trade, which has been characteristic of almost all countries. While imports increased 6,000,000 lire during the month, exports jumped 110,000,000 lire. The current import surplus compares with an adverse balance in February 1931 of 166,000,000 lire.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 91.90 on Friday of this week, against 92.43 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished on Friday at $3.93\frac{3}{4}$, against $3.93\frac{7}{8}$ on Friday of last week; cable transfers at $3.93\frac{7}{8}$, against $3.93\frac{9}{16}$, and commercial sight bills at $3.93\frac{15}{16}$, against $3.93\frac{5}{8}$. Antwerp belgas finished at $13.95\frac{1}{2}$ for bankers' sight bills and at 13.96 for cable transfers, against $13.94\frac{1}{2}$ and 13.95. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 23.78 for bankers' sight bills and 23.80 for cable transfers, in comparison with 23.77 and 23.79. Italian lire closed at $5.17\frac{1}{2}$ for bankers' sight bills and at 5.18 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 $2.96\frac{5}{8}$, against $2.96\frac{1}{2}$; on Bucharest at $0.59\frac{5}{8}$, against

0.59⁵/₈; on Poland at 11.22, against 11.22, and on Finland at 1.65, against 1.60. Greek exchange closed at 1.28⁵/₈ for bankers' sight bills and at 1.28⁷/₈ for cable transfers, against 1.28⁵/₈ and 1.28⁷/₈.

Exchange on the countries neutral during the war was a feature in the market this week owing to the sharp break in the Scandinavian units on Monday following the announcement of the death of Ivar Kreuger, head of the world-wide Kreuger & Toll interests. Details of this event and its repercussions in the markets will be found in another column. It will be recalled that the Scandinavian currencies fluctuated widely last week as a result of the sharp upturn in sterling exchange and that they closed strong owing to the improved position of the pound. On Friday of last week cable transfers on Sweden closed at 20.15, on Norway at 19.85 and on Denmark at 20.10. In Monday's market, following the report of Mr. Kreuger's death, exchange on Stockholm dropped to 19.62, on Oslo to 19.40 and on Copenhagen to 19.79. The Swedish stock exchange closed on Monday as a precautionary measure. Following an announcement made on Wednesday that the Stockholm exchange would reopen on Monday next there was a good recovery in the Swedish krona. The Norwegian and Danish quotations promptly recovered from the shock to the market as it was found that neither country was so heavily involved. At present all three currencies are relatively firm and continue to move more in sympathy with the changes in sterling as has been the case since the abandonment of the gold standard by Great Britain in September. Swiss francs and Holland guilders, following trends which began a few weeks ago, are irregular, Swiss inclining to weakness and exchange on Amsterdam to firmness. The ease in Swiss exchange is attributed to the withdrawal of funds from Switzerland and their reinvestment in the London market. There is a similar movement of funds from Amsterdam to London, but this is offset by seasonal factors favoring guilder exchange, hence the greater firmness in Amsterdam. Spanish pesetas are relatively steady, as they have been for several weeks past, nevertheless the peseta continues to drop slowly and quotations are now at the lowest in the history of the unit.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at 40.32, against 40.29 on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 40.33, against 40.30, and commercial sight bills at 40.20, against 40.15. Swiss francs closed at 19.34 for checks and at 19.34¹/₂ for cable transfers, against 19.38¹/₂ and 19.39. Copenhagen checks finished at 19.97 and cable transfers at 19.98, against 20.05 and 20.10. Checks on Sweden closed at 19.94 and cable transfers at 19.95, against 20.10 and 20.15; while checks on Norway finished at 19.54 and cable transfers at 19.55, against 19.80 and 19.85. Spanish pesetas closed at 7.55¹/₂ for bankers' sight bills and at 7.56 for cable transfers, against 7.63¹/₂ and 7.64.

Exchange on the South American countries is inactive. Trading is practically at a standstill in all these currencies. Even the Argentine peso is seldom traded in and quotations are largely nominal. Bankers do not expect to see a more active market in the South American currencies until the world situation clears and the exchange controls are re-

moved by the Governments of the Southern republics. At present, even under normal conditions, exchange on these countries would be dull and restricted, owing to the approach of the Easter holidays.

Argentine paper pesos closed on Friday at 25¹/₄ for bankers' sight bills, against 25¹/₄ 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 at 12¹/₈, against 12¹/₈. Peru is nominally quoted 28.00, against 27.80.

Exchange on the Far Eastern countries shows no new trends of importance. The Indian rupee is ruling firmer largely as a result of the improved position of the British pound. India is expected to enter the market as a buyer rather than a seller of silver. The Chinese units are steady as silver has been holding close to 30 cents an ounce in the New York market. The prospect of an early and satisfactory settlement of the Sino-Japanese difficulties is a favorable factor for the Chinese exchange quotations and for silver. Japanese yen continue to display a weak undertone and to fluctuate widely. In banking circles the opinion is held that yen will move lower as Japan seems to have officially embarked upon a period of inflation. The reduction of the official rediscount rate of the Bank of Japan, which became effective on Saturday last, from 6.57% to 5.84%, seems unconnected with reduction in bank rates here and in Europe and to be a step in harmony with the Japanese inflationary program. According to Tokio advises the Japanese Diet will shortly pass a law expanding the Bank of Japan's fiduciary issue, liberalizing terms of loans and cutting the tax upon excess issue of notes. Present laws have prevented much inflation so far, but Japanese interests now in power assert that from 300,000,000 to 400,000,000 yen additional are necessary to revive banks and industry. It was recently asserted in official Japanese

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922. MARCH 12 1932 TO MARCH 18 1932, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York, Value in United States Money.					
	Mar. 12.	Mar. 14.	Mar. 15.	Mar. 16.	Mar. 17.	Mar. 18.
EUROPE—	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Austria, schilling	.139707	.139575	.139718	.139650	.139650	.139650
Belgium, belga	.139555	.139578	.139626	.139469	.139584	.139530
Bulgaria, lev	.007150	.007170	.007150	.007200	.007200	.007200
Czechoslovakia, krone	.029628	.029628	.029625	.029623	.029627	.029630
Denmark, krone	.200364	.198766	.199327	.199553	.199061	.198984
England, pound sterling	3.626845	3.625892	3.626726	3.624166	3.615666	3.617166
Finland, marka	.015760	.015818	.015780	.016050	.016333	.016216
France, franc	.035362	.039384	.038380	.039385	.039385	.039377
Germany, reichsmark	.237745	.237925	.238010	.238028	.237942	.237942
Greece, drachma	.012874	.012876	.012865	.012893	.012883	.012872
Holland, guilder	.402955	.403215	.403492	.403539	.403392	.402975
Hungary, pengo	.174300	.174300	.174383	.174250	.174250	.174250
Italy, lira	.051845	.051846	.051833	.051817	.051795	.051705
Norway, krone	.197433	.196362	.196444	.196438	.195726	.194946
Poland, zloty	.111828	.111800	.111862	.111625	.111625	.111625
Portugal, escudo	.032400	.032650	.032650	.033025	.033025	.033000
Rumania, leu	.005970	.005968	.005970	.005956	.005960	.005958
Spain, peseta	.076480	.076405	.076345	.076175	.075571	.075496
Sweden, krona	.200900	.195300	.196661	.199138	.198530	.198538
Switzerland, franc	.193852	.193910	.193590	.193500	.193539	.193389
Yugoslavia, dinar	.017798	.017805	.017806	.017783	.017745	.017737
ASIA—						
China—						
Chefoo tael	.343125	.341250	.340625	.340000	.336875	.335625
Hankow tael	.335833	.334166	.333750	.332500	.331325	.331875
Shanghai tael	.330104	.328854	.328437	.327968	.327500	.326093
Tientsin tael	.346875	.344375	.344375	.343125	.340000	.339375
Hong Kong dollar	.248125	.248333	.247500	.245312	.244062	.243437
Mexican dollar	.242500	.241875	.240625	.241250	.236562	.235000
Tientsin or Pelyang dollar	.247500	.245000	.244375	.244375	.241875	.240000
Yuan dollar	.242500	.240000	.239375	.239375	.236875	.233750
India, rupee	.271583	.273575	.272812	.273000	.272250	.271500
Japan, yen	.313571	.315000	.317812	.320500	.319500	.319000
Singapore (S.S.) dollar	.415000	.414375	.415000	.415000	.415000	.414375
NORTH AMER.—						
Canada, dollar	.893970	.892794	.893235	.893072	.891458	.890989
Cuba, peso	1.000562	1.000687	1.000812	1.000718	1.000700	1.000625
Mexico, peso (Silver)	.331033	.331100	.331100	.335566	.342500	.349700
Newfoundland, dollar	.891250	.890250	.890750	.890625	.889750	.888250
SOUTH AMER.—						
Argentina, peso (gold)	.584105	.584105	.582979	.580055	.582557	.582283
Brazil, milreis	.061681	.062118	.061993	.062241	.062075	.062075
Chile, peso	.120500	.120500	.120500	.120500	.120500	.120500
Uruguay, peso	.471666	.471666	.473333	.470000	.470000	.471666
Colombia, peso	.952400	.952400	.952400	.952400	.952400	.952400

quarters that the government will not attempt to control yen exchange, but will allow the yen to find its own level.

Closing quotations for yen checks yesterday were 32.00, against $31\frac{3}{4}$ on Friday of last week. Hong Kong closed at $24\frac{5}{8}$ @24 13-16, against $25\frac{1}{8}$ @25 5-16; Shanghai at 33.00@33 1-16, against $33\frac{3}{8}$ @34 3-16; Manila at $49\frac{5}{8}$, against $49\frac{5}{8}$; Singapore at $42\frac{5}{8}$, against $42\frac{5}{8}$; Bombay at 27 9-16, against 27.70, and Calcutta at 27 9-16, against 27.70.

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

Banks of	Mar. 17 1932.			Mar. 19 1931.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 121,461,077	---	£ 121,461,077	£ 142,826,613	---	£ 142,826,613
France a	609,258,308	(d)	609,258,308	448,758,799	(d)	448,758,799
Germany b	39,864,300	c994,600	40,858,900	103,927,300	994,600	104,921,900
Spain	89,952,000	21,345,000	111,297,000	96,891,000	28,362,000	125,053,000
Italy	60,854,000	---	60,854,000	57,309,000	---	57,309,000
Netherl'ds	73,273,000	2,154,000	75,427,000	37,169,000	2,640,000	39,809,000
Nat. Belg.	72,046,000	---	72,046,000	40,471,000	---	40,471,000
Switzerl'd	65,436,000	---	65,436,000	25,719,000	---	25,719,000
Sweden	11,439,000	---	11,439,000	13,345,000	---	13,345,000
Denmark	8,032,000	---	8,032,000	9,547,000	---	9,547,000
Norway	6,559,000	---	6,559,000	8,134,000	---	8,134,000
Total week	1158174000	24,493,600	1182668285	983,897,712	31,996,600	1015894312
Prev. week	1154856187	24,290,600	1179116787	982,593,680	31,950,600	1014574280

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 £3,978,650. c As of Oct. 7 1924. d Silver is now reported at only a trifling sum.

The German Elections and the European Outlook.

The presidential election in Germany last Sunday was, of course, a disappointment only to those who had confidently expected that President von Hindenburg would secure an absolute majority of the popular vote. In a total vote, however, unofficially reported as 37,660,377 President von Hindenburg received 18,661,736, or only 168,453 less than a clear majority over all the other candidates combined, and this was the result without the backing of any political party. He had only the German people to back him up and the German people may be said to have achieved a veritable triumph. At the run-off election on April 10, it seems certain that President von Hindenburg's term will be prolonged and the country saved from Hitlerism and its attendant dangers. Whether the President receives a majority of the vote at the second election will not matter, since the election then will be by a plurality.

No German election since 1925, and certainly no election in any other Continental country since the close of the World War, has aroused so much interest in Europe and America as that which was held on Sunday. In 1925, as again this year, no candidate for President was chosen at the first polling, and the appearance of the former leader of the German armies, Junker born and monarchist bred, in the second election was viewed with serious misgivings and even alarm in extreme pro-Ally circles as presaging the return of a militant Germany bent upon undoing as much as it could the results of the war. Now, after seven years of office, the dignity, loyalty and statesmanlike quality of the venerable President made his re-election appear as a test of German stability. The test, as his vote showed, was a serious one. In 1925, in the secondary election on April 26, the Field Marshal polled 14,655,766 votes in a total vote of 30,351,948, while his nearest opponent, Dr. Karl Marx of the Catholic Centre party, received 13,751,615. Von Hindenburg's plurality, accordingly, was 904,151. The total vote

of 30,351,948 in the second election is to be compared with a total vote of 26,856,002 in the first election. Both totals were very much smaller than that of the first election last Sunday, and the Hindenburg plurality in 1925 contrasts strikingly with the small figure by which an election now has just been missed.

The reason for thinking that President von Hindenburg will be successful in the election on April 10, irrespective of whether or not the total popular vote is increased, lies in the belief, apparently widely held by observers in Germany as well as elsewhere, that the Opposition has exerted itself to the utmost and cannot, therefore, hope to increase its vote. The grounds of this belief seem to be afforded by the character of the Opposition parties rather than by the aggregate votes which they severally polled. The Opposition candidates polled votes as follows: Adolf Hitler, National Socialist or Fascist, 11,328,571; Ernst Thaelmann, Communist, 4,971,079; Theodor Duesterberg, representing Dr. Alfred Hugenberg's Nationalist party, 2,517,876; Gustav Winter, an independent candidate representing the "League of Creditors of the Reichsbank," 181,115. Any considerable defection from the ranks of the Nationalists or Communists, if added to the National Socialist following, might obviously endanger von Hindenburg's election, especially if the support which he received on Sunday should fall off. The hostility between Nationalists and National Socialists, however, particularly in matters of party action, has been so marked that it seems most unlikely that the Nationalists will do anything to help Hitler gain power, while as for the Communists, it is against their political principles to unite with any other party.

The history of political parties seems to show that a new party, if it be really national in scope and well organized, is likely to wane in strength if it does not win in its first general battle. A new party profits by whatever novelty or force resides in its leadership, and by the appeal which its program, especially if it comes out strongly for reforms or proposes something fairly to be regarded as revolutionary, makes to the masses of its followers. There is no question that the Hitler movement has enjoyed these elements of strength. Its leader is a political demagogue of marked oratorical power, bitter and vituperative in his denunciation of the existing political regime, and bold to the point of daring in the popular demonstrations which he stages and the threats which he makes. Its program, if it could be carried out, would remake Germany on Fascist lines, repudiate reparations, and set the provisions of the peace treaties, as far as they affect Germany, more or less at defiance. To millions of Germans, oppressed by unemployment and a disordered economic situation generally, and irritated in the extreme by the attitude of France, the Hitler program has come to seem the only way of hope, and the enthusiasm with which they have rallied to Hitler's leadership is one of the most striking political phenomena of the present time. Yet on Sunday, with their organization working at high pressure and with an issue as definite as could be wished, the Hitler vote fell more than 7,000,000 short of that for von Hindenburg. There are no precedents for believing that, in the coming election on April 10, the Hitler vote can be increased, or that any combination of votes from other parties can produce a vote of greater size.

President von Hindenburg's own defense of his policy, particularly in recent events, undoubtedly contributed greatly to the immense majority which he polled over the Hitlerites. In the radio address which he broadcast on March 10 he stood stoutly to his guns. He had consented to run, he declared, only after he had satisfied himself "that outside of individual party affiliations wide sections of all Germany" desired him to continue in office, and he stood as "the candidate of the German nation on a non-party basis" in opposition to "those who merely stand for party interests." He had signed the Young Plan, in spite of the criticism that in doing so he had placed himself "in direct opposition to the so-called national front," because he was "convinced of the necessity of that step to gain our national liberty," and he pointed to the fact that "the Rhineland is free, foreign control has gone, the Young Plan has already been distanced by actual developments." He knew, he continued, that in signing the emergency decrees of the Bruening Government he "placed heavy burdens on the German people" and exposed himself to "much personal criticism," but the situation last summer was "whether to buy financial relief at the cost of political surrender abroad or to stand our ground as a nation alone and submit to heavy sacrifices." He chose "without hesitation" the latter course, he declared, because the Reichstag did not and could not act "to prevent immediate danger to the economic structure of the nation." Some of the provisions of the decrees, he thought, "could be improved upon," and he did not "believe all the burdens they impose can be borne indefinitely," but the motives that animated him were "fervent love of country and an ardent determination to fight for Germany's freedom."

The victory of President von Hindenburg, if the election on April 10 shall result in his favor, will be a victory also for Chancellor Bruening, whose policies the President has steadfastly supported. Chancellor Bruening was a relatively unknown man when he took office, but he has grown steadily in stature, and his policy of firmness has done more than anything else to keep Germany from internal rupture and improve its political position abroad. Both the Hitler and Hugenberg followings have skirted close to the edge of treason in their attacks on the Government and preparations to overthrow it, and the former in particular must still, apparently, be counted upon to make trouble even if the Presidency eludes their grasp. How great the danger still is may be gathered from the raid of the Prussian police, on Thursday, upon the offices of the Nazis and the seizure of papers alleged to show plans for something akin to civil war. The Prussian election on April 17 follows hard on the presidential run-off on April 10, and will doubtless be materially influenced by the national result, but if, with the two contests, the progress of Hitlerism can be substantially checked, Germany can probably look forward to a period which, in contrast to that which it has been going through, may be described as one of internal peace.

It is a troubled Europe into which the German electoral struggles have been thrust, although nowhere does the danger of violent internal change seem so serious as it has been in Germany. The Tardieu Government in France will have to face a general election at the end of April, and while a

change of Government rarely means any radical change in French foreign policy, it may mean a good deal of difference in the way in which the items of foreign policy are presented. The project of a Danubian customs union with which M. Tardieu is specially occupied is as yet only in the stage of preliminary discussion, and the official pronouncements of Italy and Germany indicate that some important bridges will have to be crossed before the scheme can take definite form. The most momentous event of the week, from the standpoint of world interests, is the adjournment of the Disarmament Conference until April 11, with the probability that nothing much will be done even then until after the French elections. The proceedings of the Conference have been a dreary record of fruitless debates, carried on in an atmosphere of unreality, and well adapted to discredit for a long time not only the whole idea of armament reduction and limitation, but also the theory that anything of importance can be settled by international parleying. Slowly, if painfully, the world is being taught that peace depends primarily upon each nation attending strictly to its own affairs and avoiding foreign entanglements. If that simple and obvious lesson can be learned, it may be worth all the time and money that fruitless international conferences have cost.

The United States Steel Corporation in a Year of Unparalleled Business Depression.

The present is the thirtieth annual report of the United States Steel Corporation and it records the results of operations of a year which witnessed, it seems no exaggeration to say, the worst business depression which this country has ever experienced—certainly the worst during the 30 years of the existence of the Steel Corporation. This means that the company had to contend with unfavorable conditions of the most pronounced type, in which the outcome was sure to be disappointing in the extreme, just as the annual report, with its wealth of details submitted the present week, shows it to have been. The steel trade of the United States is proverbially one of prince and pauper, yielding opulent profits in years of general business prosperity, and nothing, or next to nothing, in times of general trade prostration and paralysis—such as that through which the country has been passing during 1930 and 1931 and during 1932 up to the present date, and accordingly the pauper condition is once more in evidence—and very decidedly so. Moreover, the decline and contraction in the steel trade during the prevailing business collapse, as reflected in the annual report of the Steel corporation, as well as in the reports of other large steel properties, vindicates once more the claim maintained through the long course of years by students and economists that the steel trade may be accepted as a reliable barometer of the condition of trade and business in general.

Every page of the voluminous report before us bears testimony to the business reverse which the country suffered during the year under review, and from the effects of which no industrial organization could escape, no matter how admirably managed, and least of all an industrial concern of the size and magnitude of the Steel Corporation. There is, of course, nothing new in the poor character of

the income showing for the 12 months, since the quarterly statements which the company submits with great regularity, soon after the close of each quarter, have kept security holders and the public informed of the steady decline that was taking place, besides which the monthly statements of unfilled orders on the books of the subsidiary corporations, which are given out with undeviating regularity ten days after the close of each month, enable any one to keep a close tab on the volume of business being done and the trend of trade.

In addition, the dividend reductions which the Corporation found itself obliged to make, have been a tell-tale which no one could well ignore. At the meeting of the directors of the company on July 28 the quarterly dividend payable Sept. 29 was reduced from $1\frac{3}{4}\%$ to 1% , or from the basis of 7% per annum to 4% , and at the meeting on Jan. 26 1932 the quarterly dividend payable March 30 1932 was further reduced to only $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% , or to the basis of only 2% per annum. Furthermore, at the time of this latter declaration an announcement was given out, which made it plainly apparent that any dividends at all for the immediate future would be dependent entirely upon an improvement in the Corporation's volume of business and earnings from the low depths to which the business had fallen. This announcement is reprinted in the present report as part of the history of the year and was to the following effect: "The directors of the United States Steel Corporation to-day declared a dividend for the quarter of 50c. upon the common shares of the corporation. During the year 1931, as the published figures show, nothing was earned upon the common shares; the total distribution in 1931 (approximately \$37,000,000) of dividends upon such shares having been taken from surplus. It is manifest that continuance of dividends must depend upon an improvement in the Corporation's volume of business and earnings."

While, however, there is nothing new in the poor income results for the year, the report, by its analysis of the business and operations of the year, furnishes a revealing insight and an interesting picture of the adverse conditions under which the operations had to be carried on, and also of the universal nature of the depression, it extending to all lines and all branches of the company's business. In any general study of the operations not too much stress can be laid upon one feature, namely the progressive character of the decline in business. Beginning with the third quarter of 1929 each succeeding quarter, without a single exception, has shown smaller earnings than the preceding quarter and in the most recent quarters the shrinkage has been most pronounced of all.

In the June quarter of 1929 the Corporation had aggregate earnings of \$73,861,425, in the September quarter of that year there was a drop in these earnings to \$72,009,666 and in the December quarter to \$57,988,855. In the March quarter of 1930 there was a shrinkage to \$49,615,397, in the June quarter to \$47,061,304, in the September quarter to \$37,995,299 and in the December quarter to \$23,038,230. In 1931 there was a further decline to \$19,464,835 in the March quarter to \$13,817,524 in the June quarter, to \$9,181,091 in the Sept. quarter and to \$4,020,548 in the Dec. quarter. In other words, as against \$73,861,425 in the June quarter of 1929 the earnings in the December quarter of 1931 were only

\$4,020,548. The monthly figures are even more impressive as to the extent of the shrinkage. In the month of December 1931 the earnings were no more than \$1,081,332, as against \$24,917,157 in July 1929 and \$25,298,058 in August 1929. In the following we show the earnings by months and by quarters for each of the last three calendar years. The earnings are exclusive of charges for interest on bonded and other debt, and of depletion, depreciation and obsolescence; but inclusive of allowances for estimated amount of Federal income taxes payable in the succeeding year.

Period—	1929.	1930.	1931.
January-----	\$19,384,243	\$15,404,360	\$6,118,411
February-----	19,704,866	16,107,409	6,155,548
March-----	22,889,876	18,103,628	7,190,876
First quarter-----	\$61,978,985	\$49,615,397	\$19,464,836
April-----	\$22,983,772	\$16,113,583	\$5,135,499
May-----	26,226,654	16,570,790	4,182,732
June-----	24,650,998	14,376,931	4,499,293
Second quarter-----	\$73,861,425	\$47,061,305	\$13,817,524
July-----	\$24,917,157	\$13,479,870	\$3,661,751
August-----	25,298,059	13,000,496	2,960,293
September-----	21,794,450	11,514,933	2,559,047
Third quarter-----	\$72,009,666	\$37,995,300	\$9,181,091
October-----	\$22,664,300	\$10,943,449	\$1,690,527
November-----	18,839,380	7,949,384	1,248,689
December-----	16,485,176	4,145,397	1,081,333
Fourth quarter-----	\$57,988,856	\$23,038,230	\$4,020,549
Total for year-----	\$265,838,932	\$157,710,232	\$46,484,000

The results for the 12 months of 1931 as a whole can be stated in brief by saying that with earnings of \$46,483,999 the charges and allowances for depletion, depreciation and obsolescence aggregated \$47,317,894, showing an actual deficiency for the year in amount of \$833,894. That is to say, the company, on the operations of the year considered by itself, failed not only to earn anything on the common stock nor on the preferred stock, but did not even interest on the bonds of the subsidiary companies and the small amount of its own bonded indebtedness outstanding. Fortunately it had a special income for the year arising from profits on sales of fixed property in amount of \$19,341,659. However, even with this substantial windfall, the Corporation was unable to avoid a huge net deficit for the year, after providing for fixed charges and the dividends paid on the preferred and common shares. Interest on outstanding bonds and mortgages of the subsidiary companies aggregated \$5,435,405, though that on the Steel Corporation's own bonded indebtedness (thanks to the retirement in 1929 of two issues of company's bonds aggregating \$271,462,000 out of the proceeds of new common stock sold at 140) was only \$34,218, making \$5,469,623 together; the 7% dividends on the preferred shares called for \$25,219,677 and the $4\frac{1}{4}\%$ dividends declared on the common shares required \$36,983,949. After providing for these charges and dividends a net deficit of \$49,165,485 remained, which of course had to be taken out of the undivided surplus of the company.

The company was fortunate in having a large surplus, accumulated out of profits of previous years, to draw upon and still more fortunate in having it available in the shape of actual cash or easily realizable assets. After allowing for this deficiency and for some smaller items of deduction aggregating \$780,081, the company still had on Dec. 31 1931 an "earned Undivided Surplus of \$421,837,191.

This undivided surplus of \$421,837,191, it should be understood, is entirely apart from the \$270,000,000 of earned surplus actually appropriated and invested in capital expenditures. The two items together, it will be seen, make the total of the earned surplus, appropriated as well as undivided, no less than \$691,837,191. As stated in our review of the report for 1930, it is this application of surplus earnings for the improvement and extension of plant and property and to strengthen its financial condition that furnishes the key to the wonderful success which the Steel Corporation has enjoyed during the long years of its existence, and which, it is to be hoped, has now been interrupted for only a brief time.

The report, which is signed by J. P. Morgan as Chairman of the Board of Directors and by James A. Farrell as President (the latter having now been succeeded by William A. Irvin) speaks with great restraint regarding the outlook for the immediate future, but the following concluding paragraph from the report is worth reproducing here, since the sum and substance of it, namely that the depression in trade and business has reached such a stage that it cannot well go much lower, considering the requirements of the country alone for maintenance and current uses, is so strongly to the point that it cannot be too conspicuously kept in view.

"In 1931 the production of raw steel in the United States declined to about 26,000,000 tons, a reduction of 15 millions of tons compared with the preceding year and 30 millions of tons less than were produced in 1929. The production in 1931 was but 46% of the 1929 output. The average annual production during the ten years, 1922 to 1931, inclusive, was 43,000,000 tons, compared with a production of 26,000,000 tons in 1931. It seems reasonable to suppose that on the basis of average demands in the United States for steel products during the past ten years, the requirements of this country for maintenance and current uses alone, exclusive of development and expansion, should call for steel products in considerably greater tonnage than was consumed in 1931. To meet these demands at an economical cost of production and distribution the properties of the organization are admirably equipped, organized and located."

As for the Steel Corporation's financial condition, which attracts unusual attention this time by reason of the large draft on accumulated surplus because of the heavy income deficit, the balance sheet shows current assets Dec. 31 1931 of \$494,532,807 (including \$302,599,748 of inventories), while current liabilities were no more than \$63,881,148. Of the \$494,532,807 of current assets \$75,239,562 consisted of actual cash (in hand or in bank), which, therefore, more than exceeded the whole of the current liabilities of \$63,881,148 reported at the same date. This is the situation, too, in face of considerable capital outlays—not so large as those of the previous year (1930) which were of exceptional magnitude, and yet of no mean proportions. This process of making large capital expenditures each year—concurrently with a reduction of the corporation's aggregate indebtedness, has been a distinctive feature of the administration of the property for almost its entire history, as we have repeatedly pointed out in reviewing previous annual reports. In 1930 total expenditures for additions, extensions, &c., reached no less than \$144,439,895, and even the net amount, after allowing for offsets of \$19,928,904 for salvage of plants and improvements disposed of, &c., amounted to no less than

\$124,510,991. In 1931 the gross expenditures made by the Corporation and subsidiary companies for additional property, new plants, extensions, improvements, &c., footed up \$59,754,985, against which there were credits for property sold or dismantled in the sum of \$29,629,632, leaving a net addition to Property Investment of \$30,125,353.

As in previous years, debt reduction has attended the heavy yearly capital expenditures—out of earnings or out of financial resources provided in other ways. During 1931 there was a reduction in the bonded and mortgage debt in amount of \$2,932,816, concurrently with, as we have just seen, a net addition to Property Investment Account of \$30,125,353. In 1930 there was a reduction in bonded and mortgage debt in amount of \$10,479,567, while the net expenditures for capital account were, as stated above, \$124,510,991, this last not including \$50,519,537, the investment cost of the properties, plants and business of the Atlas Portland Cement Co., the Columbia Steel Corp., and the Oil Well Supply Co., acquired by purchase during the year and paid for by the issue of common stock therefor. In 1929 the debt reduction reached exceptional proportions because the company arranged for the retirement of the two whole issues of Steel Corporation bonds in amount of \$134,830,000 and \$136,632,000, respectively, a total for the two issues combined of no less than \$271,462,000. In addition, there were also called for redemption in that year the entire outstanding issue of the Indiana Steel Co. first mortgage bonds in the sum of \$20,858,000 and the National Tube Co. first mortgage bonds in amount of \$10,791,000. Altogether the bonded and mortgage debt of the company was reduced in 1929 in amount of \$344,344,437, while concurrently the Steel Corporation and its subsidiary companies had to provide for capital expenditures in making provision for additional property, new plants, and extensions and improvements in the aggregate sum of \$59,329,674.

This reduction of extraordinary size in bonded indebtedness in 1929 was simply a continuance of the policy of constant debt reduction made in previous years during almost the entire history of the corporation. Thus during 1928 the capital expenditures by all companies for the acquisition of additional property, new plants, extensions and betterments, including stripping and development expense at mines, aggregated \$47,146,725. Yet there was a net decrease of \$18,572,113 during that year in the bonded and mortgage debt of the Steel Corporation and its subsidiaries, through sinking fund operations and other processes for retiring debt. In 1927 the new capital additions were no less than \$97,585,998, while net indebtedness was reduced \$17,514,824. In 1926 the new capital expenditures amounted to \$76,080,520, while there was a reduction in net indebtedness of \$16,776,225.

In 1925 the capital expenditures reached \$70,893,944, while net debt was reduced \$1,774,852. In 1924 the capital expenditures amounted to \$79,619,986 and were coincident with a debt reduction of \$15,886,800. Similarly in 1923 the new capital outlays were \$60,762,920, while indebtedness diminished \$12,580,538. In 1922, with new capital expenditures of \$29,571,662, the net decrease in debt was \$1,124,500. In 1921, in the face of new capital expenditures of \$70,091,866, the net indebtedness was reduced in the sum of \$14,163,865. In 1920

when the capital expenditures amounted to \$102,956,133, there was a decrease in debt of \$13,870,450. And in 1919, when the capital expenditures aggregated \$87,091,515, net debt diminished \$13,921,885. The record, as already stated, furnishes an insight into the underlying causes of the company's great financial strength, which enables it to pass through a year even of unexampled depression in trade like 1931 without impairment of its financial resources in any way.

Congress and the Cotton Markets.

The usual hue and cry against "short selling" in the cotton markets is now being heard in the halls of Congress. This agitation, recent press dispatches indicate, comes mainly from the professional farm lobbyists, whose activities have foisted upon a long-suffering country another "noble experiment" in the shape of the Federal Farm Board. Going back for many years, whenever the price of cotton, or for that matter any other commodity, has declined because of an unwieldy supply or on account of financial depression, these professional agitators have sought to place the blame for hard times on the Cotton Exchanges where the contract markets are conducted.

This recurring drive against the New York and New Orleans Cotton Exchanges has at various times taken the form of bills either abolishing trading in future contracts for the delivery of cotton or of regulatory measures intended to cripple and hamper the exchanges in the operations of the markets. To the credit of these exchanges, it may be said that their responsible heads have always fought for open markets, which permitted trading on either the buying or the selling side, under certain rules and regulations intended to promote fair dealings and conducive to just principles of trade. There have been occasions when changed conditions brought about by the passage of time have brought to light certain defects in the methods of trading, and when this was shown to be the case the exchanges voluntarily accepted sound legislation along this line. In fact, such legislation was initiated by members of the exchanges themselves. The United States Cotton Futures Act, as it stands to-day, emanated from the brilliant mind of the late Col. W. B. Thompson, a former President of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, who sought to correct abuses that had crept into the cotton business without impairing the economic usefulness of the contract markets themselves. Southern deliveries on contracts are a more recent instance of economic reform in the cotton market, and this change was the result of a sentiment that was aroused among the cotton trade itself.

So far as we have been able to ascertain, there has been no demand from the cotton trade itself for any changes in the present satisfactory law regulating trading on the exchanges. The commodity short selling bill now being considered by the House Committee on Agriculture would, in a measure, replace the United States Cotton Futures Act, and would bring cotton trading within the supervision of the Grain Futures Administration of the Department of Agriculture, and proposes to vest in the Secretary of Agriculture arbitrary powers to regulate trading in the cotton contract markets. We think this is too much power to place in the hands of any one official; in fact, the testimony thus far brought out before the committee does not show that there

is any real need for any such legislation as is contemplated in the bill under consideration. Outside of the professional farm lobbyists, there has been no support in favor of the bill. The cotton exchanges, as represented by their delegations; trade interests and textile operators, have strongly opposed the measure. In view of these facts, we think Congress would do well to pigeon-hole this bill, the only effect of which, if enacted into law, would be to stifle speculation in cotton and still further cripple markets operating under the handicap of the huge hoarded surplus piled up as a result of the Federal Farm Board's interference with the working out of the law of supply and demand.

Do Not Fetter the Banks.

The idea advanced in some important circles that large banks deliberately hoard funds for the purpose of keeping them out of circulation in order to convey the impression that money is scarce appears preposterous.

The paramount obligation of a bank is to keep itself solvent, lest it become worse than useless. Both the stockholders and the management to whom authority is delegated must observe this duty, not only in their own private interest, but in recognition of their responsibility to the community which the institution was created to serve, and having due regard for the rights of creditors. No other class of corporations created by either State or Federal authority assumes such a moral liability as do the banking institutions.

As the onus is direct and cannot be evaded, the management of a bank must therefore have a greater measure of latitude in the conduct of affairs than is delegated to the owners and management of other associations. Laws, both State and National, are enacted providing for strict examinations by expert accountants of accounts and assets to assure no deviation from prescribed regulations. It is required of the management that it shall conform strictly to the provisions of the law.

But above all the legal red tape, much must be left to the integrity and judgment of the men whom the stockholders have chosen. Conditions of trade and business generally are constantly changing. No body of men keeps closer watch upon affairs of the country as a whole, and especially of their respective local communities, than do the officers and directors of well-conducted banks.

There are times when loaning rates have far less to do with the prosperity of a financial corporation than the ability of would be borrowers to meet obligations which they are anxious to assume. Under such vexatious conditions the authority of the managers must be supreme and it cannot be evaded, and in such crises they should be unhampered in the exercise of their discretion.

Banks seek deposits, without which their functions would be greatly restricted. Paid-in capital is usually small compared with the amount of deposits, which are usually of two or three kinds, namely, those that are payable upon demand, such as checking accounts; time deposits for a definite period, and savings, which may be withdrawn upon notice ranging from ten days to thirty.

Every bank must keep ample funds on hand to conduct current business and upon the management rests the responsibility of fixing the amount of sur-

plus funds, available to meet not only ordinary requirements but demands which may be entirely unexpected under extraordinary conditions that suddenly arise.

Public officials do not have the means of ascertaining what sums of money may be needed to meet all possible demands promptly. State and Federal supervision depends upon periodical examinations, but emergencies often occur between dates of examinations when delay caused by too much red tape would be hazardous.

If public officials had authority to determine to whom funds should be loaned, for what purpose and upon what security, little faith would be placed in institutions so controlled and too strict regulation would defeat its own purpose. Business in the United States is conducted upon a huge scale as the result of the marvelous growth of corporations. Industry grew more rapidly than the Nation's banks, which were compelled to increase their capitalization to accommodate borrowers' needs, and this condition induced many bank mergers.

The great banks in the larger cities are the cornerstone upon which industries have been reared. They are often termed "credit mills." Credit is the lifeblood of business. Legislation which will unduly interfere with credit machinery will handicap the enterprise of business men of the United States.

Our Banking Situation—A Suggestion for Reducing Bank Failures.

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Among the numerous unfavorable economic and financial developments, which have featured the past two years of depression in the United States, none is deserving of more thoughtful consideration than the failure and closing of hundreds of National and State banking institutions. During 1930, 1,345 banks, with total deposits of \$864,715,000, were closed, while in 1931, 2,298 banks, with aggregate deposits of \$1,691,510,000, failed. It is difficult to evaluate the far-reaching effects of this untoward development which, in some cases, has wiped out the life-long savings of entire families, the thrift accounts of thousands of school children who were being taught the wisdom of saving, and which has frozen the total financial resources of some rural communities and suburban neighborhoods. Needless to say, this substantial crop of bank failures since 1929 has exercised a potent restraint on business generally, and has greatly added to the hardships and visibly shaken the morale of an important part of our population.

Many of the recent disturbing events, which have caused such an extraordinary shrinkage in practically all types of assets, occurred with amazing suddenness and some of these, directly affecting banks, were admittedly beyond the control of our bankers. Nevertheless, it does not seem unfair to say that a majority of our banking troubles appear traceable to the fact that the number of banks in operation far exceeds the number of capable bankers available to manage them. The following measures are suggested as a means of correcting this fundamental weakness over a period of time, and of materially strengthening the safety of billions of dollars of deposits.

1. The granting of charters to new National and State banks should be greatly restricted.

Many of the banks which have failed during the past two years had no valid excuse for ever having existed. Some of them were organized primarily as stock promotion schemes, some to provide funds for speculation in the security markets, some to facilitate the exploitation of real estate developments, others to provide positions for retired politicians, professional and business men who had outlived their usefulness or had been unsuccessful in their respective fields of endeavor. Many of these new banks were opened in communities which were already adequately served with banking facilities, and, in such cases, the only business available to the new institutions consisted of the unprofitable accounts which the well-established banks did not want, or the accounts which were attracted by more liberal terms than the

conservative banks were willing to grant. Obviously, such a new bank from the very beginning of its existence rested on a shaky and vulnerable foundation.

Under the present law, a National bank may be organized with a minimum capital of \$25,000 in a community whose population does not exceed three thousand inhabitants, with a minimum capital of \$50,000 in a community whose population does not exceed six thousand, and in larger towns and cities with a minimum capital of \$100,000. The minimum capital requirements should be raised to at least \$100,000 regardless of the size of the community; and the responsibility should rest on those applying for a charter to prove that there is a real need for the services of the new institution in the community; that it has the support of a substantial number of local residents, that its shareholders are financially responsible, and that its directors and officers are individuals of recognized character, ability and experience. Even when all of these requirements have been fulfilled, the Comptroller of the Currency should have authority to deny a petition for a new banking charter, the petitioner having the right to appeal his decision in the courts.

The laws of the various States should also be amended raising the requirements with respect to the issuance of charters to new State banks and trust companies.

2. Active officials of both National and State banks should be required to pass an examination covering the fundamental principles of the banking business.

Perhaps in no other type of business or financial enterprise is the element of management of such predominant importance as in the banking business. Many of our banking failures can be attributed to mismanagement, due primarily to lack of ability and knowledge of the fundamentals of sound banking policy.

This lack of ability and essential knowledge is particularly apparent among banking officials in rural communities, our so-called "country bankers." The typical "country banker" has lived in his community all of his life; is known and respected by all of the local residents; has worked in the bank since he was a boy, rising from a position as clerk to that of cashier or president over a period of twenty years or longer; is usually thoroughly honest and, if not endowed with unusual mental powers, has a reasonable amount of common sense. These men know local conditions and the financial resources of most of their local people thoroughly; consequently, they have had a reasonably successful record with their local loans. Unfortunately, however, the legitimate demands for accommodation in many small communities is limited, and numerous country banks have turned to bonds and stocks for the employment of as much as 50% to 75% of their deposits. It is in the field of investments that many bank officers have displayed an appalling ignorance of even the most elementary principles. The portfolios of some small banks are devoid of any strictly high grade bonds of the type which should predominate in any bank investment account, while high coupon issues of weak intrinsic quality are well represented. In fact, the bond accounts of many small banks present such a deplorable picture that the officials responsible therefor might be charged with criminal negligence in investing their depositors' funds, if they could not truthfully plead ignorance and incompetence. It should not be inferred from these comments that only country banks are mismanaged, for it is true that some of our large city institutions have suffered because of the lack of ability of their executives.

Most of our States require physicians, lawyers, veterinarians, accountants and even barbers to pass successfully a thorough examination, testing their knowledge of the fundamentals of their respective callings, before they are permitted to have dealings with the public. Such examinations, administered by established State commissions, of course, do not insure the public that every individual, represented in the above-mentioned classes of public servants, is skilled and thoroughly reliable, and they would not afford such a guarantee with respect to bankers. But they would protect the public to the extent that every active bank officer would be required to possess and demonstrate at least a rudimentary knowledge of sound banking principles before being permitted legally to engage in the banking business.

Such examinations, to which the officers of all National and State banks would be subject, should cover:

(a) The most important principles involved in granting the following types of credits:

- Real estate mortgage loans.
- Commercial loans.
- Loans to individuals.

- (b) The management of a bank's investment account.
This would include a review of the cardinal standards which should be applied in judging the intrinsic merits of the various classes of eligible obligations, i.e. railroads, public utilities, industrials, municipals, etc.; degree of marketability necessary; proper diversification as to classes and maturities; etc.
- (c) Factors affecting interest and money rates.
- (d) General facts concerning our banking system and banking laws.
This would include a knowledge of the Federal Reserve Act and the operation of the Federal Reserve System, the National Banking Act, and any State statutes to which the bank is subject.
- (e) The routine mechanics of operating a bank.

Note: If the bank in question has Trust Powers, the examination should fully cover this department of the bank's business.

Some of our ablest bankers are not college graduates, having acquired their knowledge and developed themselves through years of conscientious work and study. Perhaps the most valuable banking knowledge will always be obtained through actual experience, but it would seem appropriate that the Schools of Business Administration in our leading colleges and universities should offer a series of courses on the fundamentals of banking which would afford a valuable background of practical information to the young man who aspires to become a bank executive. It is possible that some of our State universities could establish night and extension courses, affording clerks at present employed in both city and country banks an opportunity to study all important phases of the banking business. As an indirect result of requiring bank officers to pass a National or State Board examination, an ambition might be instilled into many of the "rank and file" of bank employees to acquire a knowledge of departments of the banking business other than those in which they work, in order to prepare themselves for the official examination, and thereby become eligible for advancement to an executive position. It is possible that a more efficient and intelligent personnel throughout the field of banking would thus be attained.

(3) The published statements of a bank should give the public a clear and accurate idea of its condition.

The average citizen has only one means of judging the strength of his bank,—its published statements. As published to-day, the average statement not only does not present a true idea of a bank's condition as of a certain date, but, in many cases, is definitely misleading. For example, a small trust company in one of our large cities, as of March 25 1931, reported Paid in Capital of \$200,000, Surplus of \$2,500,000, Undivided Profits of \$195,000 and Deposits of about \$8,200,000. Many depositors of this bank, chiefly because of its large Surplus, regarded the institution as thoroughly sound. Nevertheless, within three months after the publication of the March statement, this trust company closed its doors and in informed quarters it is considered doubtful whether the depositors will receive as much as twenty-five cents on the dollar through liquidation.

The items of capital, surplus and undivided profits, which the layman has been accustomed to consider a margin of safety for deposits, are meaningless and fictitious in the average bank statement as compiled to-day. This is true because the chief items on the asset side of the balance sheet, namely loans and investments, are also usually fictitious, being carried at their cost or face value rather than at their real present worth. In some cases the depreciation on a bank's investment account alone is sufficient to wipe out most of the stated surplus and undivided profits, and often an impairment of capital has only been avoided by a very liberal policy of valuation.

About the only reliable information which a layman can obtain from a present-day bank statement is an idea of the bank's liquid position; that is, the amount of its cash and United States Government obligations in relation to its total deposits. But it is even impossible to obtain this information from some bank statements, all securities, including United States Government issues, being grouped together under the one heading of "investments." Some banks go so far as to lump all of their principal assets into the single item of "loans, discounts and investments."

Every bank and trust company, whether operating under a National or State charter, should be required to publish quarterly statements which, among other things, would set forth the following *separate* items:

- (a) Cash held and due from other banks.
(b) United States Government bonds and certificates owned.
(c) Other marketable securities owned, *stated at cost or market price, whichever is lower.*
(d) Demand loans secured by marketable collateral.
(e) Other loans and discounts.

Note.—Collateral loans, which are under margined, and other loans, on which interest is past due or which are of doubtful value, should be marked down to conservative figures.

A law which would compel banks to present periodically the true value of their assets might, in itself, prove to be a very effective curb upon speculative and undesirable banking policies.

Under present unsettled conditions, it would probably be inexpedient to adopt the above-mentioned corrective measures, since to do so might seriously embarrass hundreds of small banks. However, as soon as general conditions become sufficiently stabilized, these or other similar measures should be enacted by the proper legislative bodies as a step in achieving a sounder banking structure for the future in good times and bad.

Kreuger Case Points Lesson—Great Builders Court Disaster by Quitting Specialty.

[Charles F. Spéare in the Newark "Evening News."]

The tragic ending of the career of Ivar Kreuger, the Swedish industrialist, adds to the list of men who have been eminently successful in their own field of business activity and then have lost their fortunes and their prestige by launching out into enterprises foreign to those originally developed by them and thus becoming involved in all sorts of financial entanglements.

Kreuger was a genius in the match industry. He made of this what amounted to an international monopoly. Those who followed him realized large profits in his undertakings. But, when he courted greater power and linked himself with promotions that were as remote from the match business as brimstone is from paradise, he assumed financial responsibilities that would have been difficult to carry in normal times and were impossible to negotiate in a period of limited banking accommodations and rapidly fluctuating and depreciating currencies.

The successful shoemaker "sticks to his last." It has been the history of the present depression, more truly than of those preceding it, that a majority of the financial tragedies have arisen out of the unwillingness of industrialists and bankers to limit themselves to their own sphere of conquest. Many of the failures on the New York Stock Exchange since the panic developed have been due to the entrance of brokerage houses into the realm of sponsorship for finance companies, such as investment trusts and fixed trusts.

BANKS' TROUBLES SIMILAR.

The large losses of banks have grown out of the unsuccessful dealings of their security affiliates. Several of the entanglements of individuals who have had a remarkable capacity for organizing and managing public utility companies have been due to their creation of speculative subsidiaries whose securities have had an enormous depreciation, which in turn affected the credit of associated operating companies. There have also been some notable adventures in the railroad world, where holding companies have been set up to expand the influence of carriers, the sequel to which has been an unfortunate reaction on the shares of parent companies.

From the investors' standpoint the result of these ramifications of finance into all sorts of unrelated enterprises has been to involve and confuse the status of original securities so that, eventually, it has been difficult to unravel or "break down" these securities in a way that would permit of an exact appraisal of their worth. This has been one of the growing complications of the Kreuger situation. Recently it became evident that issues previously enjoying a fair rating were being revalued in the market place to a lower level, owing to the intricate network of securities being established and the narrowing base on which they rested.

RECALLS LOWENSTEIN CASE.

The Kreuger tragedy has some points in common with that which startled the world in 1928 when Alfred Lowenstein, Belgian operator in public utilities, fell from an aero-

plane while crossing the English Channel. Lowenstein, like Kreuger, was not content with the field in which he had been successful. He coveted the power that comes from making large deals with governments. Eventually he became so deeply involved that at the time of his death his commitments were out of proportion to his resources.

Another striking case of a successful industrialist who sought to conquer unknown worlds was that of one of the great German iron masters who poured the profits of his steel mills into every sort of German enterprise until they finally sucked up most of the fortune he had made in the industry with which he was familiar.

Out of the complexity of corporation life, as it was being developed during the period of inflation, will gradually come a simpler financial structure among corporations, the sloughing off of subsidiaries and affiliates of a parasitical character and the return of "captains of industry" to the fields where they belong and in which they can normally make a reasonable profit for their shareholders. It is only fair to state that while the speculative fever ran highest in the United States during 1928 and 1929, the sensational exploits of promoters, both in the industrial and banking world, were those of natives of England, France, Austria, Belgium and Sweden.

California's Position in Matter of Wealth and Business as Disclosed in Census Reports—Study by Bank of America National Trust & Savings Association of San Francisco.

California's predominant position in the business and wealth of the United States is clearly indicated in reports made by the United States Department of Commerce and compiled into a study by the Bank of America National Trust & Savings Association of San Francisco. The following information was made public by the institution on March 5:

California leads all States of the nation in per capita sales. These totaled \$573.73 per capita for California compared with New York in second place with \$572.12; Nevada third, \$553.51; Washington fourth, \$495.29; Massachusetts fifth, \$483.56; and a national average of \$407.53.

Five out of the first ten States in per capita sales, California, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, and Colorado, were from the West, indicating that not only the greatest purchasing power existed in California but that the Western States presented the greatest buying power, as a group, in the nation.

Further interpreting the census figures, the Bank of America points out that although California has but 4.6% of the population of the nation, its sales totaled 6.53% of all reported in the United States, this State ranking sixth in population and fourth in actual volume of sales and being preceded only by New York, Pennsylvania and Illinois.

Although outranked in population by Texas and Ohio, it precedes those States in volume of business transacted.

San Francisco, ranking eleventh in population, is credited with per capita sales totalling \$786.67 and is second only to Boston reporting \$861.20.

Los Angeles, ranking fifth in population, was third in per capita sales totalling \$738.32, being preceded only by San Francisco and Boston.

Commenting on the census figures, the bank states:

Although all the data covers the year 1929, and conditions to-day are not comparable, still it must be remembered that conditions are considered to be less severe in California than elsewhere, so that any change in relative position will probably be in favor of California.

The high per capita sales in California would lead one to the assumption that the average income per citizen is higher in California than in other States. While this is possible, the retail sales figures should not be taken as an exact measurement of this difference. Large numbers of tourists visit this State every year and their purchases help to increase retail sales.

A study of the per capital sales in 47 cities of California having a population of over 10,000 reveals some very interesting facts. The heaviest sales, are in those cities which are the principal trading centres of the rich agricultural valleys. These are followed by those cities in which there is a sizable colony of retired people of substantial means.

The bank further says:

Modesto, ranking thirty-third in population, leads in per capita sales with \$1,373.

Santa Rosa, ranking forty-fifth in population, is second with per capita sales of \$1,368.

Ventura, fortieth in population rank, is third in per capita sales with \$1,131.

Salinas, ranking forty-seventh in size, is fourth with per capita sales of \$1,085.

Fresno, eleventh in population, is fifth in per capita sales with \$1,009.

The Course of the Bond Market.

Although the financial situation was little changed during the past week, aside from some additional easing of the money market, bonds of all classes showed steady declines from the closing levels of a week ago. It is difficult to ascribe the downward trend to any specific cause, unless it is the fact that the financial community is beginning to realize that business improvement is essential to any sustained recovery in the markets, and that mere gains in sentiment are alone not enough to sustain prices over a prolonged

period of time. The suicide of the Swedish financier and industrialist Ivar Kreuger was, of course, a very disturbing incident.

In the domestic list, railroad bonds showed most marked price declines. Chesapeake Corp. 5s, 1947, are off less than two points for the week, but in the meanwhile moved within a wide range. Missouri Pacific bonds went counter to the general trend, and partially recovered losses suffered in preceding days.

Utilities as a class were inactive, although there were a few exceptions. West Texas Utilities 5s of 1957 lost more than ten points since last Saturday. There was only a small turnover among industrials. For the entire 120 domestic bonds the price index on Friday night was 75.61, as contrasted with 77.55 one week ago.

Foreign bonds were irregular, with Argentine issues the feature. Argentine 6s and Buenos Aires liens were down about ten points for the week. In spite of the tragic death of Ivar Kreuger, Scandinavian bonds held well. Japanese issues were off only slightly over the seven-day period. The average yield for the 40 foreign bonds now amounts to 12.62%, compared with 12.31% last Friday and 6.57% a year ago.

Two substitutions have been made in the foreign list as a result of downward rating revisions. Tokio 5½s of 1961, rated A have been substituted for Danish Consolidated Municipal 5s of 1953, while Cologne 6½s, 1950, rated Ba, replace Bulgaria 7s, 1967.

The usual price and yield tables follow:

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

1932 Daily.	All 120 Domestic.	120 Domestic by Ratings.				120 Domestic by Groups.		
		Aaa.	Aa.	A.	Baa.	RR.	P. U.	Indus.
Mar. 18.....	75.61	96.70	84.72	73.85	56.58	71.19	81.07	74.98
17.....	76.03	96.85	84.97	73.95	57.37	71.77	81.66	75.09
16.....	76.25	97.00	85.23	73.85	57.77	71.87	82.14	75.19
15.....	76.25	97.16	85.23	74.05	57.77	71.96	82.26	75.29
14.....	76.78	97.16	85.61	74.67	58.38	72.55	82.87	75.50
12.....	77.44	97.62	85.99	75.29	59.36	73.55	83.35	76.03
11.....	77.55	97.62	85.74	75.29	59.80	73.85	83.35	76.14
10.....	77.77	97.78	85.61	75.50	60.16	74.25	83.60	75.03
9.....	77.55	97.16	85.35	75.29	60.09	74.40	83.23	75.40
8.....	76.89	96.85	84.72	74.46	59.51	73.85	82.62	74.67
7.....	76.46	96.54	84.22	73.95	59.22	73.45	82.14	74.25
5.....	76.03	96.08	84.72	73.35	58.80	73.05	81.54	73.95
4.....	75.82	95.63	83.48	73.35	58.66	72.95	81.42	73.55
3.....	75.50	95.33	82.99	73.25	58.32	72.65	81.18	73.15
2.....	74.98	94.58	82.50	72.95	57.91	71.96	80.49	73.05
1.....	74.67	94.43	82.38	72.45	57.67	71.48	80.14	72.95
Feb. 29.....	74.77	94.14	82.50	72.55	57.64	71.67	80.14	72.85
28.....	74.57	94.43	82.02	72.36	57.50	71.48	79.91	72.75
26.....	74.57	94.29	82.02	72.26	57.67	71.67	79.68	72.75
Weekly.....								
Feb. 26.....	74.57	94.29	82.02	72.26	57.67	71.67	79.68	72.75
19.....	74.46	93.70	81.54	71.77	58.32	71.77	79.56	72.45
11.....	72.16	91.67	79.80	69.77	55.55	69.31	77.11	70.62
5.....	72.65	91.81	80.49	70.62	55.73	70.15	77.44	70.71
Jan. 29.....	72.95	92.25	81.07	70.52	55.99	70.71	77.66	70.81
22.....	74.36	93.40	82.99	72.06	57.17	72.06	80.14	71.48
15.....	74.77	93.70	82.87	73.15	57.30	72.16	81.54	71.19
Year Ago.....								
Mar. 18 1931.....	93.11	106.07	101.14	91.67	77.44	93.11	96.54	89.72
Two Years Ago.....								
Mar. 15 1930.....	95.18	102.47	99.36	94.14	86.25	98.25	94.73	92.82

*Note.—These prices are computed from average yields on the basis of one "ideal" bond (4½% coupon, maturing in 31 years), and do not purport to show either the average level or the average movement of actual price quotations. They merely serve to illustrate in a more comprehensive way the relative levels and the relative movement of yield averages, the latter being the truer picture of the bond market.

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

1932 Daily Averages.	All 120 Domestic.	120 Domestic by Ratings.				120 Domestic by Groups.			40 Foreign.
		Aaa.	Aa.	A.	Baa.	RR.	P. U.	Indus.	
Mar. 18.....	6.61	4.96	5.82	6.78	8.89	7.05	6.12	6.67	12.62
17.....	6.57	4.95	5.80	6.77	8.77	6.99	6.07	6.66	12.58
16.....	6.55	4.94	5.78	6.78	8.71	6.98	6.03	6.65	12.51
15.....	6.55	4.93	5.78	6.76	8.71	6.97	6.02	6.64	12.41
14.....	6.50	4.93	5.75	6.70	8.62	6.91	5.97	6.62	12.45
12.....	6.44	4.90	5.72	6.64	8.48	6.81	5.93	6.57	12.31
11.....	6.43	4.90	5.74	6.64	8.42	6.78	5.93	6.55	12.31
10.....	6.41	4.89	5.75	6.62	8.37	6.74	5.91	6.57	12.32
9.....	6.43	4.93	5.77	6.64	8.38	6.72	5.94	6.63	12.39
8.....	6.49	4.95	5.82	6.72	8.46	6.78	5.99	6.70	12.47
7.....	6.53	4.97	5.86	6.77	8.50	6.82	6.03	6.74	12.57
5.....	6.57	5.00	5.90	6.83	8.56	6.86	6.08	6.77	12.51
4.....	6.59	5.03	5.92	6.83	8.58	6.87	6.09	6.81	12.55
3.....	6.62	5.05	5.96	6.84	8.63	6.91	6.11	6.85	12.52
2.....	6.67	5.10	6.00	6.87	8.69	6.97	6.17	6.86	12.55
1.....	6.70	5.11	6.01	6.92	8.74	7.02	6.20	6.87	12.57
Feb. 29.....	6.69	5.13	6.00	6.91	8.73	7.00	6.20	6.88	12.59
27.....	6.71	5.11	6.04	6.93	8.75	7.02	6.22	6.89	12.63
26.....	6.71	5.12	6.04	6.94	8.74	7.00	6.24	6.89	12.82
Weekly.....									
Feb. 26.....	6.71	5.12	6.04	6.94	8.74	7.00	6.24	6.89	12.82
19.....	6.72	5.16	6.08	6.99	8.63	6.99	6.25	6.92	12.86
11.....	6.95	5.30	6.23	7.20	9.05	7.25	6.47	7.11	13.23
5.....	6.90	5.29	6.17	7.11	9.02	7.16	6.44	7.10	13.00
Jan. 29.....	6.87	5.26	6.12	7.12	8.98	7.10	6.42	7.09	13.22
22.....	6.73	5.18	5.96	6.96	8.80	6.96	6.20	7.02	13.12
15.....	6.69	5.16	5.97	6.85	8.78	6.95	6.08	7.05	13.44
8.....	6.94	5.18	6.17	7.12	9.30	7.38	6.12	7.34	13.86
2.....	7.26	5.26	6.32	7.47	10.00	7.93	6.23	7.63	15.68
Yr. Ago.....									
Mar 18 '31.....	5.20	4.39	4.68	5.30	6.44	5.20	4.97	5.44	6.57
2 Yrs. Ago.....									
Mar 15 '30.....	5.06	4.60	4.79	5.13	5.70	4.86	5.09	5.22	6.23

RANGE OF PRICES ON THE LOS ANGELES STOCK EXCHANGE FOR THE YEARS 1928, 1929, 1930 AND 1931.

[Note.—Issues removed from trading are not included in this summary.]

Table with columns for LISTED SECURITIES, Par., and four groups of price data for Calendar Year 1931, 1930, 1929, and 1928. Each group includes High, Low, and Last prices. The table lists numerous companies such as Associated Gas & Electric, Barnsdall Oil, and various banks and utility companies.

* No par value. a \$1 par in 1929 and 1928. b Changed to no par in 1929—100% stock dividend. c Removed during 1931. m Stock split 2 for 1 in 1929.

RECORD OF PRICES ON SAN FRANCISCO STOCK EXCHANGE.

We give below a complete record of the range of prices of all stocks [and bonds in 1931] dealt in on the San Francisco Stock Exchange for each month of the calendar years 1931 and 1930. The compilation is of course based on actual sales, and covers these and nothing else.

The following is a comparative table of transactions on the Stock Exchange for the last five years:

Table with 3 columns: Year, Stocks (Shares Sold), and Stocks (Market Value). Rows for years 1927-1931.

MONTHLY RANGE OF PRICES ON SAN FRANCISCO STOCK EXCHANGE FOR YEAR 1931.

Main table with columns for months (January to December) and price ranges (Low/High). Rows list various stocks and their price movements throughout 1931.

MONTHLY RANGE OF PRICES ON SAN FRANCISCO STOCK EXCHANGE FOR THE YEAR 1931 (Concl.)

Table with columns for STOCKS—1931 (Con.) and months from January to December. Rows include various companies like Shell Union Oil Corp, Telephone Investment Corp, and Bonds.

x Name changed from Standard Oil Co. of New York on July 30 1931. y Name changed to Socony-Vacuum Corp. on July 30 1931.

MONTHLY RANGE OF PRICES ON SAN FRANCISCO STOCK EXCHANGE FOR YEAR 1930.

Table with columns for STOCKS—1930 and months from January to December. Rows include companies like Alaska Packers Associations, Bank of California N.A., and Douglas Aircraft Co.

MONTHLY RANGE OF PRICES ON SAN FRANCISCO STOCK EXCHANGE FOR YEAR 1930 (Concluded).

Table with columns for STOCKS-1930, months (January to December), and price ranges (Low High). Rows list various companies like Galland Mercantile Laundry, General Paint Corp, Golden State Milk Prod Co, etc.

New Member of Governing Committee of New York Stock Exchange.

Lewis A. Williams of the firm of Abbott, Hoppin & Co. Drayton, according to an announcement made by the Exchange on March 18. Mr. Williams has been a member of New York Stock Exchange to succeed the late Emlen M. the Exchange since June 28 1917.

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Frigh Night, March 18 1932.

Cold weather has helped the sale of winter goods to some extent, but on the other hand has hurt trade in spring goods. Summed up, the condition of business in this country is still quiet to fair. But it seems to be more quiet than otherwise. In the wholesale business the orders are still small. The buying is still to supply temporary needs. Nobody is venturing much. Of late the stock market has been declining and also grain, cotton and rubber. The grain markets were hit early in the week when the House of Representatives rejected a proposition to refer the carrying out of the prohibition law to the States themselves. And now there is disturbing talk from Washington to the effect that the Government may endeavor to get rid of its heavy load of wheat and cotton by selling these commodities to Europe and other parts of the world on long credit. This sort of talk caused a break of about \$1 a bale in cotton to-day and 2c. a bushel in wheat, not to speak of the declines in other grain. The outstanding fact, meanwhile, is that the trade of the country does not improve. The tone is better but business is not. The heavy industries are still dull. Unemployment is still a serious drawback, limiting the buying power of the people, keeping trade dull and delaying collections. But one big fact of the times is the tendency towards lower rates of money, not only in this country but throughout the world. It is a question whether this is of any assistance to trade. At all events, actual betterment in trade has not as yet come to pass. The suicides of Ivar Kreuger and George Eastman naturally cast a pall over the business world of two hemispheres, especially when that fine figure of a man, George Eastman, disappeared. With the disappearance of such an essentially great man the sky, in the Emerson phrase, looks down upon less worth in the population. None the less, even these regrettable events do not, of course, affect the fundamentals of the world's business. That must and will go on. There is a tendency towards betterment, even though it is slow in coming with such tangible things as greater actual business in merchandise among great trading nations of the earth. But that is bound to come. It cannot be otherwise.

Meanwhile, iron and steel, as already intimated, remain dull. If anything, the steel output is rather smaller than it was recently. The trading in that great modern convenience, the automobile, is still slow, something that naturally reacts unfavorably upon the steel trade. The output of automobiles in February is supposed to have been equal to that of January. It may be exceeded in March. But taking the automobile trade as a whole, it reflects the dullness of the times. Wheat is down 4 to 4½ cents within a week owing partly to the Washington talk already mentioned and partly to the fact that as a rule export trade is dull. As the case stands, exporters seem to be less inclined to buy than they were recently. They prefer to await the action of the Farm Board in regard to sales of its supplies to foreign buyers. Corn is down 2 to 2½c., with no further export trade of consequence, and the cash market otherwise dull. Rye declined 4½c. despite some reports of export business, for as usual it was affected by the drop in wheat. Provisions have been quiet and in some cases, lower. Lard futures declined about 10 points. Coffee futures dropped 5 to 22 points and might have gone lower but for Brazilian buying. Raw sugar futures have fallen to new low levels. There is nothing certain as to what will be done in regard to Cuba and Java in the matter of coming production and with Cuba in the meantime selling steadily here.

Cotton declined some 25 points, partly owing to rumors that the Farm Board may try to get rid of some of its big supplies, by exportation to foreign countries. Cotton goods here have been for the most part quiet, and in some cases lower. Some constructions of gray goods have been a little more active, but as a rule, the demand has been sluggish. Manchester, England, has on the other hand reported an excellent demand from the home buyers as well as from India and China, and some business with other foreign countries. The Chinese mills in the Shanghai district are said to be resuming work. Rubber has declined 40 to 50 points with nothing done as regards restriction, though there have been plenty of conversations between British and Dutch officials

on the subject. Hides have advanced 35 points. Cocoa dropped 13 to 15 points. Silk futures are off 7 to 10 points, and silver futures 25 to 30. The cold weather has plainly helped the coal trade, especially anthracite. The show manufacturing business seems to be an exception to the rule of dullness. Indeed, it seems to make the best showing of any of the manufacturing lines. In New England and the Northwest the sale of winter goods as already intimated has been stimulated by the very cold weather. There is some increase in the trade in hardware and electrical goods. Some dry goods have been in rather better demand. Stationery and tires make at least as good a showing as they did a year ago. Retail failures are less numerous than they were in the previous week. Chattanooga reports that textiles are still leading in southern industries. In New York City the trade in cotton goods, furs and paper at wholesale is reported to be equal to that of a year ago. Dressmaking trades are more active in this city following the ending of the needle workers' strike. There is a fair wholesale business in millinery. A falling off is noticed in the failures of wholesalers and jobbers. The petroleum industry is encouraged by the success at this time of the proration law of East Texas. The result is that the Mid-Continent area is not increasing its stocks as rapidly as it was at one time. And taking it for all and all the petroleum industry is in rather better shape with price firmer and prospects pointing to a better business in gasoline as spring advances. The output of lumber on the Pacific Coast is small, being only 23% of capacity in the Spokane section and prices are said to be below the cost of production. Akron, Ohio, reports the rubber trade still dull, though there is a slight increase in the manufacture of standard equipment. The plate-glass trade is as dull as ever. In Baltimore the manufacture of straw hats is increasing.

On the 12th inst. the stock market was dull and irregular within narrow bounds. Even those ordinarily the most mercurial stirred but little. The stock sales were less than 650,000. The changes were mostly a fractional advance, but in some cases there was an advance of 1 to 2 points, even on the eve of the German elections. German bonds to the surprise of some, advanced with the election impending. Argentine issues rose to the highest price thus far seen this year. United States Government bonds were quiet and unchanged to 9-32 higher except Treasury 4½s, which advanced 5-32. But American railroad issues in general were lower. On the 14th inst. stocks declined 2 to 6½ points, the latter on Eastman Kodak. The suicide of the Swedish capitalist Ivar Kreuger, undoubtedly had a profound effect in Europe with repercussions in New York. It affected not only Kreuger shares here but also the whole list, illogical as it was. Kreuger & Toll dropped only 2⅞ points while American stocks fell 2 to 6½. The suicide of George Eastman did not become known in Wall Street until towards the close. The declines included 2¼ in United States Steel, 6¼ in Auburn, 4⅞ in Union Pacific, 4 in Amer. Telephone, 3¾ in Santa Fe, 2¾ in American Can, and Southern Pacific, 2⅜ in Consolidated Gas and 2¼ in J. I. Case. The break in wheat of 2½ to 3c. also counted. Cotton fell 10 to 12 points. What is more, bonds declined owing to the Kreuger tragedy. The virtual victory of President Hindenburg in Germany had no effect. It might have been a pronounced bullish factor but for the Kreuger affair which shook the bourses of Europe so sharply. London, Paris and Berlin all declined. The transactions in stocks here reached some 2,034,000 shares. Bonds were less active and generally 1 to 5 points lower. Kreuger & Toll 5s declined 16 points, International Match convertible 5s fell 12⅞ points and 5s of 1947, 11 points. Swedish Kingdom 5½s dropped over 3 points. Bonds of the International Tel. & Tel. Co. in which Kreuger & Toll have an interest, sold off, with the 5s of 1955 to near the lowest price of the year at 42¼. Convertible 4½s dropped 2 points, debentures 4½s fell to new low ground at 38½. German, Argentine and other South American bonds were unsettled. High-grade public utility bonds acted well. Railroad bonds declined including, New York Central, Pennsylvania, Southern Pacific, Baltimore & Ohio and Erie.

On the 15th inst., the movement of stock prices kept within a narrow groove. In Eastman issues the trading in 11,100 shares resulted in a net advance of ⅝, touching 73⅞,

only to rally to 75%. The Kreuger-Eastman tragedies, deeply regrettable as they were, did not affect fundamental conditions. But human nature, being what it is, they could not fail to have a certain sentimental effect. Kreuger & Toll significantly enough in trading in 243,000 shares ended exactly unchanged. United States Steel common closed only $\frac{3}{8}$ lower; American Can, unchanged; Auburn, 1 point higher; American Telephone, $\frac{1}{2}$ point off; Santa Fe, $1\frac{3}{4}$ off; International Business Machines, $4\frac{1}{2}$ off; du Pont, $\frac{7}{8}$ off; New York Central, $\frac{1}{2}$ off, and Western Union, $\frac{3}{8}$ off. The trading in stocks was in only 1,470,000 shares. There was no excitement. Bond transactions were \$10,380,000, with United States Government issues generally 2-32 to 24-32 points lower, though Treasury 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ s rose 3-32 points. Many railroad bonds fell 1 to 5 points, following the recent rise of half a dozen points in some cases on various domestic bonds. German issues were steady. Kreuger & Toll had a small rally from the sharp declines of the 14th inst. Other foreign bonds were irregular. Nothing sensational happened in either stocks or bonds. It seemed to be a case of the proverbial "sober second thought."

On the 16th inst. test stocks had an average decline of $1\frac{3}{4}$ points on total sales of some 1,460,000 shares. Leading the decline were Union Pacific with a drop of $3\frac{3}{4}$, U. S. Steel and New York Central with $1\frac{3}{8}$, Westinghouse Electric $1\frac{1}{4}$, American Telephone $2\frac{1}{2}$, American Case $1\frac{1}{2}$ and Auburn $5\frac{1}{4}$ and motor stocks in some cases $1\frac{5}{8}$ to $18\frac{7}{8}$ points, the latter on General Motors. In bonds railroad issues led the decline. Government bonds were lower and German issues $\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\frac{7}{8}$ points off. Lower prices prevailed for South American, especially for Argentine. Domestic corporation bonds were as a rule quiet. Kreuger & Toll fell 3 to $4\frac{1}{2}$ points. Japanese bonds dropped. The total sales of all bonds were down to \$9,295,000.

On the 17th inst. a rally in stocks left the net average gain of active stocks about $1\frac{1}{4}$ points on sales of some 1,770,000 shares. The Bank of England reduced its discount $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% to $3\frac{1}{2}$, a decline in a single week of $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ with the banks ratio up to $37\frac{1}{4}$, a recent gain of 6%. It was taken as a sign of growing confidence in Great Britain and British funds advanced sharply in London. In New York bonds advanced, recapturing the losses of the previous day. Only a few railroad issues showed any activity. U. S. Government bonds ended unchanged to 10-32 points higher. Kreuger & Toll were $\frac{1}{8}$ lower to $1\frac{1}{2}$ higher. To-day stocks had an average decline of 2 points after $1\frac{3}{4}$ yesterday. The transactions were some 1,400,000 shares. Bonds gave way as a rule. A mood of discouragement prevailed. Wheat declined $1\frac{3}{4}$ to 2c. and cotton 15 to 20 points in the fear of government selling abroad its surplus stocks of wheat and cotton on long credits and hitting the regular export trade. General trade is still slow. Some thought the revised Glass banking bill introduced in the Senate had something to do with the depression. Others put it down to a tired feeling among bulls. Utility stocks averaged 1 to 2 points lower. American Telephone fell 5 points and closed $3\frac{1}{2}$ net lower, Santa Fe $2\frac{1}{2}$, Auburn 2, Du Pont $1\frac{5}{8}$, U. S. Steel $1\frac{1}{4}$, J. I. Case 2, and Union Pacific $1\frac{1}{4}$.

Providence, R. I., wired that bills which would prohibit night work for women in Rhode Island mills and limit their hours of labor to 48 hours a week have been introduced in the Rhode Island Legislature, both at the request of the Secretary of the National Federation of Women. One bill would prohibit the employment of women in factories between 10 p. m. and 6 a. m. The laws if adopted go into effect Aug. 1 of this year. Raleigh, N. C., wired a belief that there is a promising field for cotton goods in suitings and sports wear for women is being justified by experiments conducted by the textile school of North Carolina State College through the annual style shows, the fifth of which is to be held at Raleigh, N. C. At Stanley, N. C., the Lola Mills have discontinued night work for the time being, the night force working half the week and the day force half time. At Gastonia, N. C., it was reported that the Flint Mills Nos. 1 and 2 have had an unprecedented trade for the past several weeks, running on full schedule day and night.

Marion, N. C., wired that with three hosiery mills operating continuously from Sunday midnight to Saturday midnight, every week, and the other major industries observing full time schedules, or nearly full time, more than 2,500 are employed. At Knoxville, Tenn., the Goodall Mfg. Co., manufacturers of Palm Beach clothing for men, has now an operating force of 600 working full time. At Stevenson, Ala., the Stevenson Hosiery Mill has adopted

a full time operating schedule. Seventy-five of the hosiery machines are being operated day and night, it is reported. This plant has been closed down for several months. Louisville, Ky., wired that the textile mills in the Ohio Valley have been running on a very fair basis for several weeks and some are reported operating on full time, with orders in hand of sufficient volume to keep them going for some weeks at least.

In the Milwaukee textile district spring business is said to have opened up well. Orders for spring merchandise are reported to be quite satisfactory in knitting mills, hosiery mills, dry goods houses and among clothing manufacturers. Orders are said to show a tendency to increase and the outlook is considered more favorable than for some time. Mills are sold ahead on cotton towels and backlog necessitates night operations in many cases. Washington wired that nearly all the Chinese and British cotton mills in the Shanghai International Settlement have reopened, according to the Department of Agriculture from Commissioner Dawson at Shanghai. About 30% of them are running night shifts. One Japanese mill has reopened. The resumption of normal activities in Chinese mills is largely dependent upon improvement in the currency situation. At the present rate of consumption, Japan could use between 1,500,000 and 1,600,000 bales of American cotton during the year ending July 31 1932 it is said.

Manchester, England, advices stated in effect that trade was brisk. Sir K. D. Stewart, Chairman of the Lancashire Cotton Corp., outlined the policy of Lancashire's largest and most powerful cotton-spinning combine at the annual meeting. We are now operating, he said, rather more than 10,000 looms out of the total of 16,000, which we intend to run, and we are operating them at nearly 100% capacity. Before very long we intend to scrap 14 mills, containing approximately 1,250,000 spindles. Before our program is complete we intend to add another 11 mills to the scrapped list, so that we shall have closed down 25 mills in all. This will leave us with about 82 mills containing approximately 8,000,000 spindles. It is said that the sales of 68x72s of 4.75 yard cloths this week total between 7,000,000 and 8,000,000 yards at $4\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Some small lots were sold by second hands at $4\frac{3}{8}$ ¢, but this had no effect on the general market for this construction. At Winstboro, S. C., the Winstboro Mills of the United States Rubber Co., which manufactures tire fabrics is operating on a day and night schedule.

Shoe production registered a marked increase during the month of February, according to preliminary figures of the Tanners' Council received by the Hide Exchange. The estimate places the output for last month at 25,200,000 pairs, against 23,971,000 pairs during February 1931 and 20,960,000 pairs in January. The additional work day in February this year is held partly responsible for the increase shown over the corresponding month in 1931. It is further estimated, however, that the output of shoes during the first six months of this year will be lower than the first half of last year.

The cold weather continued early in the week. On the 14th inst. at New York it was 19 to 36 degrees, with the wind 18 to 38 miles an hour. Chicago had 12 to 24 degrees; Cincinnati, 20 to 28; Detroit, 14 to 22; Kansas City, 18 to 38; Milwaukee, 10 to 20; St. Paul, 2 to 20; Montreal, 4 to 10; New Orleans, 38 to 62; Omaha, 16 to 30; Philadelphia, 24 to 36; Seattle, 46 to 50; Spokane, 34 to 42; St. Louis, 20 to 34, and Winnipeg, 1 below to 12 above. On the 15th inst., the temperatures in New York were 15 to 26, an average of 20 against an average for 46 years on the same date of 37. Chicago had 20 to 36; Cleveland, 14 to 24; Omaha, 24 to 52; Kansas City, 26 to 60; Detroit, 10 to 30; Minneapolis, 14 to 20; Montreal, 2 to 12; St. Louis, 28 to 50, and Winnipeg, 10 to 24. On the 16th inst. the cold wave which had lasted a week or more moderated here and temperatures were 18 to 39 degrees. Chicago had 32 to 52; Cincinnati, 28 to 60; Cleveland, 18 to 44, and Kansas City 48 to 56. On the 17th inst. the temperatures here were 30 to 40 degrees. Chicago had 34 degrees; Kansas City, 28 to 52, and Cincinnati, 36 to 40. To-day the temperatures here were 30 to 42 degrees; in Chicago, 28 to 34; Cleveland, 26 to 32; Detroit, 26 to 38; Kansas City, 38 to 62; St. Paul, 22 to 32; St. Louis, 34 to 44; Montreal, 20 to 26; Winnipeg, 2 below to 16 above, and Hamilton, Bermuda, 54 to 66.

Loading of Railroad Revenue Freight Still Low.

Loading of revenue freight for the week ended on March 5 totaled 559,439 cars, the Car Service Division of the Ameri-

Better Business, as to Fundamentals, Rather Than Surface Conditions, Seen by Col. Leonard P. Ayres of Cleveland Trust Co.—“Free Gold” of Federal Reserve System Tripled Through Glass-Steagall Act—Reduced Corporation Earnings.

“That business conditions are genuinely better in March than they were in December, or January, or February, despite the fact that business activity is not greater now than it was then” is the statement made by Col. Leonard P. Ayres, Vice-President of the Cleveland Trust Co. of Cleveland, in the company’s “Business Bulletin” issued March 15. Col. Ayres goes on to say that “the improvement is in the fundamentals rather than on the surface. It is present in fact, even although it is to but slight degree reflected in the figures. In recent weeks there has been a long series of developments that are either directly conducive to business improvement or are safeguards against continued decline. Even a partial list of them makes an impressive array.” Col. Ayres also has the following to say in part:

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation is in effective operation, and has made a considerable number of loans to railroads and to financial institutions. The Glass-Steagall Bill has been enacted into law, and has increased the flexibility of the Federal Reserve System. The voluntary wage adjustments of the railroad employees have been put into effect. Bank suspensions have greatly decreased. The hoarding of money has not only been checked, but the movement has been reversed, and funds that were being held out of circulation are being returned to the banks.

Bond prices have been rising steadily for a month, and stock prices have shown renewed strength. The declines in commodity prices have been less rapid, and during several recent weeks the numbers of advances in the lists of commodities have exceeded the numbers of the declines. The production of pig iron increased in February, and four additional blast furnaces were blown in. There has been a small but well distributed increase in railroad freight loadings. There were increases in February in the production of textiles, leather goods, cement, and tobacco products after making allowance for seasonal changes.

The New York Federal Reserve Bank has lowered its rediscount rate, and the System reports purchases of Government securities. Several central banks in countries abroad have lowered their rediscount rates. The British treasury has made large advance payments on the loan negotiated last summer. The war waged by Japan against China seems nearer a settlement. In Washington the Congress continues to make resolute progress in measures designed to balance the national budget.

Free Gold.

The amount of free gold held by the Federal Reserve System has been nearly tripled by the passage of the Glass-Steagall Act. The new law does this by removing a technicality which has been causing the Federal Reserve banks to impound, and virtually sterilize, large sums of gold in excess of those that the Federal Reserve Act originally intended them to use as note backing. The method by which the change has been brought about is illustrated in the diagram [this we omit—Ed.] in which the column on the left shows the distribution of Federal Reserve gold, and the eligible paper used as backing for Reserve notes, before the passage of the act, while the right hand column shows the conditions after its passage. Small changes in the redemption fund are omitted from the computations.

In February, just before the passage of the act, the Reserve banks held 503 millions of gold as security for deposits. This is represented by the section at the bottom of the left-hand column [this we omit—Ed.] and it remains the same under the new arrangement. There were 2,924 millions of notes issued of which 2,657 millions were in circulation. As security for them the Reserve banks were required to hold 40% as much gold, which amounted to 1,063 millions. The rest of the backing for notes was to have been in eligible paper according to the provisions of the Federal Reserve Act, but the amount of such paper has so diminished in this depression that actually the system had only 992 millions of it. To make up the deficiency the Reserve Bank had to use 868 millions of additional gold, and this left 460 millions of free gold.

The Glass-Steagall Act allows the Reserve banks to make up most of the 868 millions deficiency by using the 741 millions of United States securities owned by the banks instead of using that much added gold to make good the shortage in eligible paper.

The result is to increase the free gold from 460 millions to 1,201 millions. This increase in the free gold greatly strengthens the system, places it in a position to satisfy without hesitation any foreign demands for gold that may be made, and gives it freedom to meet any domestic needs that may arise.

The new act is not inflation. It strengthens the Federal Reserve System, and renders it more flexible. It is a repair job which removes an unforeseen defect in the Reserve Act. The Glass-Steagall Act has one serious fault, which is that the provision just discussed is to be in effect for one year only. The act is a piece of emergency legislation which repeats the ancient folly of deciding in advance how long the emergency is going to last. In this respect it is like the action taken by Congress at the outbreak of the Civil War by which the soldiers were enlisted for the period of three months.

Corporation Earnings.

The net earnings of 25 leading corporations in the last quarter of 1931 were only a little more than one-fifth as great as they were in the second quarter of 1929, and far less than in any previous quarter in the past eight years. It is already evident that they will be still smaller in the current first quarter of 1932. The earnings referred to in these comparisons are the net earnings available for dividends on the common stock.

The companies for which these figures have been compiled include many of the great leaders among the industrials and the utilities, such as U. S. Steel, General Motors, General Electric, and the American Telephone and Telegraph, and some of the leading railroads, such as Pennsylvania, New York Central, and Chesapeake and Ohio. They constitute in the aggregate a fairly representative sampling from among the corporate leaders in our national business activity. Probably the recent shrinkages in their earnings have been rather less severe than those of typical smaller companies engaged in corresponding lines of production and transportation.

In the diagram the upright columns represent the aggregate net earnings of the 25 corporations in each quarter during the past eight years. [This we omit.—Ed.] The general trend of increase during the first six years was impressively rapid, while the decline since the summer of 1929 has been almost unbelievably great. The average quarterly earnings in 1924

amounted to 109 millions of dollars, while five years later in 1929 they had advanced to more than 285 millions, or an increase in that brief time of some 162%.

The long bull market for stocks, and the collapse of stock prices since the autumn of 1929, do not appear to be entirely unreasonable when they are considered in comparison with the records of earnings, but they are still examples of extremes in price changes. While the earnings of these corporations increased by 162% from the average of 1924 to that of 1929, the market value of their outstanding common stock increased by over twice as much, or by 334%. The decrease in earnings from the high quarter of 1929 to the low one of 1931 was 78%, while the decline in stock prices of the same corporations from the high month of 1929 to the low one of 1931 was 70%.

Industrial Production.

The industrial production index of this bank fell to a new low level in January, and it now appears probable that the February record will be still lower. In 1931 the volume of production increased during the first four months of the year, and stood at 21.8% below the computed normal level in April. Since then it has steadily fallen. The percentage below normal was 37.4 in October, 38.4 in November, 39.4 in December, and 40.3 in January. The data on which the index is based are compiled by the Federal Reserve Board, and include 12 major groups of manufactured products, and six groups of mining output.

The decline from December to January is due to decreases in the average daily outputs of mines, for the manufacturing production showed no total decline, although some of its sub-groups did. In manufacturing there were increases in the production of iron and steel, textiles, leather goods, cement, and tobacco, and decreases in automobiles and nonferrous metals. Mining showed significant decreases in all six groups, which include bituminous and anthracite coal, petroleum, zinc, silver, and lead.

The February increases in the production of iron and steel are hopeful. Pig iron output scored its first gain since April of last year. Average daily output was 33,251 tons, as against 31,380 tons during January, and 60,950 in February of last year. There was a net gain of four blast furnaces during the month. At the beginning of February 61 were active, while at the beginning of March there were 65.

Wholesale Prices.

The decline in the prices of commodities at wholesale still continues, and it constitutes one of the most disquieting elements in the depression, as well as perhaps the most important single factor contributing to it. Probably it will prove to be true that business improvement cannot get under way until the rapid decline in commodity prices is checked, and advances are recorded in at least some important lines. At the bottom of previous depressions the averages of prices have sometimes continued to decline after the volume of industrial production has begun to increase, but such declines have been slow and small.

In the diagram [this we omit.—Ed.] the solid line shows the monthly changes in Prof. Irving Fisher’s index number of wholesale prices during the past three years. The average during January of 1929 is taken as being equal to 100, and the subsequent prices are expressed as percentages of that base. The number for February of this year is 65.5. This means that the wholesale prices now are less than two-thirds as high as they were just before the depression began, and that the purchasing power of the dollar spent for these commodities is now more than 50% greater than it was then.

The dashed line in the diagram has been constructed by an entirely different method. Each week Dun’s “Review” quotes the current wholesale prices on about 285 different commodities. The dashed line has been made by counting the number of different commodities showing advances each month, and the number showing declines, and adding or subtracting the net differences between the two numbers. In the 38 months since the beginning of 1929 the total number of advances have been 3,454, while the declines have numbered 5,556.

The net differences have been cumulatively carried forward, and have formed the dashed line. They have produced a rather more trustworthy indicator of the drift of prices than have the actual averages themselves. The general trends of both lines have been declining ones, but the dashed line has been smoother and less interrupted by reverses than the solid line based on the prices.

Automobiles.

Not quite as many passenger cars were registered in this country in 1931 as there were in 1930, and not as many in that year as there were the year before. The decline has been slight, but it is a striking fact that after many years of rapid increase the numbers registered have actually decreased in this depression. The registrations in 1929 were more than 23 million, and in 1931 they had declined by nearly 400 thousand.

Wholesale Price Index of United States Department of Labor Decreased Slightly During Week Ended March 5.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Department of Labor announces that the index number of wholesale prices for the week ended March 5 stands at 66.2 as compared with 66.3 for the week ended Feb. 27. In addition the Bureau said March 9:

This index number, which includes 784 commodities or price series, weighted according to the importance of each article and based on the average prices in 1926 as 100.0, shows that a slight decrease has taken place in the general average of all commodities for the week of March 5, when compared with the week ending on Feb. 27.

The accompanying statement shows the index numbers by groups of commodities for the weeks ending Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 and March 5.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES FOR WEEKS OF FEB. 6, 13, 20, 27, AND MARCH 5.

	Week Ending.				
	Feb. 6.	Feb. 13.	Feb. 20.	Feb. 27.	Mar. 5.
All commodities.....	66.7	66.2	66.3	66.3	66.2
Farm products.....	52.1	50.7	50.9	51.2	50.9
Foods.....	63.0	62.4	62.9	62.9	62.7
Hides and leather products.....	79.1	78.5	78.1	77.9	77.9
Textile products.....	60.0	59.9	59.9	59.7	67.9
Fuel and lighting.....	68.1	68.0	67.8	67.8	67.9
Metals and metal products.....	81.3	81.0	80.9	80.9	80.6
Building materials.....	73.8	73.3	73.2	73.6	73.4
Chemicals and drugs.....	75.8	75.7	75.5	75.7	75.2
House furnishing goods.....	78.7	78.7	78.7	78.6	78.6
Miscellaneous.....	64.9	64.5	64.7	64.6	64.6

Wholesale Price Index of National Fertilizer Association Moved Up Slightly During Week Ended March 12.

Due to better prices for fats and oils and grains, feeds and livestock, wholesale prices moved up slightly during the latest week. The wholesale price index of the National Fertilizer Association advanced one fractional point during the week ended March 12. During the preceding week the index declined five fractional points, while two weeks ago there was a slight advance of one fractional point. The latest index number, 62.7, is one fractional point above the record low point reached on March 5. A month ago the index number was 63 and a year ago the index number was 75.8. (The index number 100 represents the average for the three years 1926-1928.) Under date of March 14 the Association further reports:

Five of the 14 groups in the index advanced during the latest week, four declined and the remaining five showed no change. The largest gains were shown in the groups of fats and oils and grains, feeds and livestock. Both groups advanced more than 1%. Other groups that advanced were building materials, fuel and fertilizer materials. The declining groups were foods, metals, textiles and miscellaneous commodities. The declines were comparatively small.

Twenty-eight commodity prices moved up during the latest week, while the prices for 21 commodities were lower. During the preceding week 16 commodity prices advanced and 27 declined. Important commodities that advanced during the latest week were cotton, lard, butter, potatoes, peanuts, corn, oats, hogs, finished steel and gasoline. Listed among the commodities that showed price losses were eggs, bread, apples, dried fruits, wheat, cattle, copper, leather, wool and silk.

The index number and comparative weight of each group are shown 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. 12 1932.	Preceding Week.	Year Ago.	Month Ago.
16.0	Fuel	57.8	57.3	68.6	58.7
12.8	Grains, feeds and livestock	49.2	47.7	71.1	47.7
10.1	Textiles	49.7	49.9	65.6	49.4
8.5	Miscellaneous commodities	61.7	62.9	72.0	62.4
6.6	Automobiles	89.2	89.2	88.4	89.1
6.2	Building materials	73.4	72.7	83.5	72.4
4.0	Metals	71.0	71.1	81.5	71.7
3.8	House furnishings	81.4	81.4	92.5	82.2
1.0	Chemicals and drugs	48.0	46.4	66.8	45.8
.4	Fertilizer materials	88.8	88.8	93.8	88.8
.4	Mixed fertilizer	69.3	69.2	83.9	70.0
.3	Agricultural implements	76.9	76.9	91.9	79.1
		92.7	92.7	95.4	92.7
100.0	All groups combined	62.7	62.6	75.8	63.0

"Annalist" Weekly Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices.

The "Annalist" weekly index of wholesale commodity prices dropped back almost to its low of a fortnight past and stood at 91.4 on March 15, compared with 91.8 last week, 91.3 two weeks ago, and 109.3 at the same time last year. The "Annalist" further reports:

Lower prices for the grains, livestock, sugar, bituminous coal, and copper were chiefly responsible for the decline; the meats, dairy products and gasoline were higher, though not enough to offset the losses.

The world movement of prices continues generally to parallel the decline in this country, although the present decline is rather less severe elsewhere. Of the countries shown below, for which wholesale price indices are available for January, all show declines both for the month and the year, except France, which reports a small advance over December. Germany is the only one, however, which shows a loss for the month at all comparable to our own, hers amounting to 3.6%, against ours of 3.7%. In considering the small year's decline reported for the United Kingdom, it should be kept in mind that there was a definite advance in that country's price level following her departure from the gold standard; her index fell as low as 99.2 in September, marking a 7.2% loss from the preceding January.

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN WHOLESALE PRICES INDICES. (1913=100.)

	January 1932.	December 1931.	January 1931.	Month's Change Per Cent.	Year's Change Per Cent.
United States of America	94.0	97.6	114.8	-3.7	-18.1
United Kingdom	105.8	105.9	106.9	-0.1	-1.0
France	405.4	404.4	483.7	+0.2	-16.2
Germany	100.0	103.7	115.2	-3.6	-13.2
Italy	317.0	319.0	342.0	-0.6	-7.3
Japan	*	114.1	119.8	*	*

* Not available.
Indices used.—United States of America, "Annalist"; Great Britain, Board of Trade; France, Statistique Generale; Germany, Federal Statistical Office; Italy, Bachi; Japan, Bank of Japan.

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

	Mar. 15 1932.	Mar. 8 1932.	Mar. 17 1931.
Farm products	74.1	76.1	99.7
Food products	95.6	94.3	118.3
Textile products	78.0	*78.0	102.3
Fuels	122.8	121.8	129.0
Metals	95.8	96.2	105.7
Building materials	108.1	108.3	123.2
Chemicals	96.1	96.1	100.4
Miscellaneous	84.2	84.2	87.8
All commodities	91.4	91.8	109.3

* Revised.

Trend of Employment in United States During January —Per Capita Weekly Earnings of Industrial Groups.

Supplementing the data given in our issue of Feb. 27, page 1445, covering employment conditions in the United States during January, as made available by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor, we give below additional statistics supplied in the Bureau's pamphlet report of January employment conditions:

Employment decreased 3.9% in January 1932, as compared with December 1931, and payroll totals decreased 7.5%.

The industrial groups surveyed, the number of establishments reporting in each group, the number of employees covered, and the total payrolls for one week, for both December 1931, and January 1932, together with the per cents of change in January, are shown in the following summary:

SUMMARY OF EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TOTALS, DECEMBER, 1931, AND JANUARY, 1932.

	Estab-lish-ments.	Employment.		P. C. of Ch'ge.	Payroll (1 Week).		P. C. of Ch'ge.
		Dec. 1931.	Jan. 1932.		Dec. 1931.	Jan. 1932.	
Indust. Group—					\$	\$	
Manufacturing	16,197	2,788,626	2,716,535	-2.8	\$57,775,112	\$54,022,362	-6.9
Coal mining	1,359	297,841	291,970	-2.0	6,263,328	5,268,642	-15.0
Anthracite	160	109,138	104,183	-4.5	3,114,085	2,441,655	-21.6
Bituminous	1,199	188,703	187,787	-0.5	3,149,243	2,827,087	-10.2
Met'ferous mining	239	29,586	28,465	-3.8	613,150	531,045	-13.4
Quarrying & non-metallic mining	618	22,158	20,088	-9.3	408,000	334,354	-18.1
Crude petroleum producing	236	20,659	19,509	-5.6	751,193	635,767	-15.4
Public utilities	12,059	661,261	657,597	-0.6	20,459,614	19,699,312	-3.7
Telep. & teleg.	8,178	294,116	293,708	-0.1	8,856,828	8,515,984	-3.8
Power, lt. & wat.	3,883	233,119	230,528	-1.1	7,416,966	7,186,307	-3.1
Elec. rail'r'd oper. & maint., excl. of car shops	498	134,026	133,361	-0.5	4,185,820	3,997,021	-4.5
Trade	14,390	488,674	400,489	-18.0	11,056,830	9,414,246	-14.9
Wholesale	2,457	67,692	66,213	-2.2	2,011,045	1,916,584	-4.7
Retail	11,933	420,982	334,276	-20.6	9,045,785	7,497,262	-17.1
Hotels	2,262	140,675	140,772	+0.1	62,202,488	62,157,811	-0.0
Canning & preser'g	783	26,531	22,792	-14.1	421,119	362,503	-13.9
Laundries	813	55,295	54,882	-0.7	968,895	955,826	-1.3
Dyeing & cleaning	295	9,726	9,404	-3.3	198,201	192,024	-3.1
Total	49,251	4,541,032	4,362,503	-3.9	101,117,930	93,573,892	-7.5

RECAPITULATIONS BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS.

	Estab-lish-ments.	Employment.		P. C. of Ch'ge.	Payroll (1 Week).		P. C. of Ch'ge.
		Dec. 1931.	Jan. 1932.		Dec. 1931.	Jan. 1932.	
Geographic Div. c					\$	\$	
New England	7,174	500,075	480,714	-3.9	\$10,944,573	\$10,364,755	-5.3
Middle Atlantic	8,727	1,379,535	1,311,866	-4.9	32,828,854	29,865,254	-9.0
East North Central	10,322	1,196,711	1,168,826	-2.3	27,490,754	25,778,203	-6.2
West North Central	5,108	285,840	274,620	-3.9	6,333,513	6,105,566	-3.4
South Atlantic	5,242	493,366	484,588	-1.8	8,546,227	8,032,126	-6.6
East South Central	2,493	185,643	178,098	-4.1	2,854,579	2,629,322	-7.9
West South Central	2,933	154,831	146,779	-5.2	3,475,228	3,150,702	-9.3
Mountain	1,826	84,361	75,707	-10.3	2,030,475	1,746,775	-14.0
Pacific	5,416	260,670	241,305	-7.4	6,418,927	5,851,189	-8.8
All divisions	49,251	4,541,032	4,362,503	-3.9	101,117,930	93,573,892	-7.5

a Weighted per cent of change for the combined 89 manufacturing industries, repeated from Table 1, pamphlet report; the remaining per cents of change, including total, are unweighted. b The amount of payroll given represents cash payments only; the additional value of board, room, and tips can not be computed. c New England—Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts; New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont; Middle Atlantic—New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania; East North Central—Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin; West North Central—Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota; South Atlantic—Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia; East South Central—Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee; West South Central—Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas; Mountain—Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming; Pacific—California, Oregon, Washington.

All of these industrial groups, with the exception of hotels, reported decreases, over the month interval, in both employment and earnings. As regards number of persons employed, the decreases ranged from 0.1% in the telephone and telegraph group to 20.6% in the retail trade group. As regards total payroll, the decreases ranged from 1.3% in laundries to 21.6% in anthracite mining. The hotel group reported an increase in employment of 0.1% and a decrease in earnings of 2%.

All the geographic divisions reported decreases in employment in January 1932, as compared with December 1931, coupled with larger decreases in total payroll. The South Atlantic group showed the smallest change in numbers employed, 1.8%, while the New England States had the smallest decrease in payrolls, 5.3%. The Mountain division reported the largest decreases in both items, namely, 10.3% in employment and 14% in earnings.

PER CAPITA WEEKLY EARNINGS IN JANUARY 1932, AND COMPARISON WITH DECEMBER, 1931, AND JANUARY, 1931.

Industrial Group.	Per Capita Weekly Earnings in January 1932.	Per Cent of Change January 1932, Compared with	
		December 1931.	January 1931.
Manufacturing (\$9 industries)	\$19.89	-4.2	-12.2
Coal mining			
Anthracite	23.44	-17.9	-18.3
Bituminous	15.05	-9.6	-25.5
Metalliferous mining	18.66	-10.0	-25.1
Quarrying and non-metallic mining	16.64	-9.8	-21.1
Crude petroleum producing	32.59	-10.3	-11.5
Public utilities			
Telephone and telegraph	28.99	-3.8	+0.9
Power, light and water	31.17	-2.0	-0.4
Electric railroads	29.97	-4.0	-5.1
Trade			
Wholesale	28.95	-2.6	-7.4
Retail	22.43	+4.5	-6.7
Hotels (cash payments only) a	15.33	-2.1	-8.4
Canning and preserving	15.90	(0)	-3.8
Laundries	17.42	-0.5	-5.8
Dyeing and cleaning	20.42	+0.2	-8.0
Total	21.45	-3.7	-9.6

a The additional value of board, room, and tips can not be computed. b No change. Per capita earnings for January 1932, given in the preceding table, must not be confused with full time weekly rates of wages; they are actual per capita weekly earnings, computed by dividing the total amount of payroll

for the week by the total number of employees (part-time as well as full-time workers). Comparisons are made with per capita earnings in December 1931, and in January 1931.

Data are not yet available showing railroad employment for January 1932. Reports of the Inter-State Commerce Commission for class I railroads show that the number of employees (exclusive of executives and officials) decreased from 1,154,540 on Nov. 15 1931, to 1,119,396 on Dec. 15 1931, 3.0%; the amount of payroll decreased from \$148,646,952 in November to \$147,562,367 in December, or 0.7%.

"Annalist" Monthly Index of Business Activities—February Marks New Low.

With only a slight decline, the "Annalist" index of business activity for February marks, nevertheless, a new low at the provisional figure of 62.0, which is a drop of 0.4 points from the revised January index of 62.4. Continuing, the "Annalist" says:

The decline is very small compared with that from the December index of 65.5 to the January figure. Last month's index compares with 76.2 in February of 1931. Four of the nine components of the February index for which estimates or actual figures are available show advances. Four show declines, and one is unchanged. In January one of the nine components was unchanged from December, while the other eight showed declines. The upward movements in February were comparatively large in the production of bituminous coal and of boots and shoes; while the largest decline occurred in automobile production.

Table I gives for the last three months the combined index and its components, each of which is adjusted for seasonal variation and where necessary for long-time trend. The adjusted index of electric power production for February is based on an estimated output of 6,798,000,000 kwh., as against the Geological Survey total of 7,401,000,000 kwh. for January and 7,160,000,000 kwh. for February 1931. The adjusted index of boot and shoe production for February is based on the Tanners' Council estimated of 25,200,000 pairs, as against a Department of Commerce total of 20,960,037 pairs in January and 23,970,956 pairs in February 1931. Table II gives the combined index by months back to the beginning of 1927.

TABLE I. THE "ANNALIST" INDEX OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY AND COMPONENT GROUPS.

	February.	January.	December.
Pig iron production.....	31.5	31.5	31.9
Steel ingot production.....	31.1	32.7	32.7
Freight car loadings.....	61.7	62.8	65.6
Electric power production.....	*71.0	72.1	76.9
Bituminous coal production.....	62.5	57.1	64.6
Automobile production.....	*35.9	43.7	59.7
Cotton consumption.....	71.5	70.3	72.1
Wool consumption.....	---	71.0	67.8
Boot and shoe production.....	*88.1	81.2	80.7
Zinc production.....	41.9	41.6	43.0
Combined Index.....	*62.0	62.4	65.5

TABLE II. THE COMBINED INDEX SINCE JANUARY 1927.

	1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.
January.....	62.4	74.4	95.0	105.5	98.0	102.2
February.....	*62.0	76.2	94.2	106.1	99.7	104.7
March.....	---	78.0	91.2	104.3	99.4	106.9
April.....	---	80.8	95.0	108.8	99.9	104.4
May.....	---	78.1	90.0	110.1	101.3	104.8
June.....	---	76.5	89.0	108.9	98.7	103.4
July.....	---	78.2	86.4	109.9	100.5	101.5
August.....	---	73.5	83.1	108.1	102.1	101.8
September.....	---	70.8	82.4	107.3	102.4	100.9
October.....	---	66.3	79.5	105.7	105.0	98.2
November.....	---	65.1	76.1	96.9	103.7	95.5
December.....	---	65.5	76.1	92.1	102.0	93.7

* Subject to revision.

Valuation of Construction Contracts Awarded as Compiled by the F. W. Dodge Corporation Shows 61% Decline for February.

The valuation of construction contracts awarded in the 37 States east of the Rocky Mountains in the month of February, 1932, was \$146,359,300 less than in February, 1931, the figure for February of this year being only \$89,045,800, against \$235,405,100 in the same month of last year, a decline of 61%, as compared with a decline of 63% in January of 1932 in comparison with January of 1931. For the two months ended with February, the decline from last year was \$289,517,300.

A gain of almost 5% in construction awards during February as compared with the low figures of January reflects a normal rise approximating seasonal proportions, according to F. W. Dodge Corp. Losses from February, 1931, were registered in all four of the major construction classes, with public utilities making the best relative showing and public works and residential building the poorest comparison. The \$89,045,800 total in new construction awards for February was divided among the four major construction classes with \$24,417,300 going to residential building, \$36,347,700 to non-residential building, \$15,633,400 to public works, and \$12,647,400 to public utilities.

For the first two months of 1932 construction awards of all descriptions in the 37 States east of the Rockies are reported by F. W. Dodge Corp. to amount to \$173,844,200. The four major classes were represented in this total as follows: \$51,921,600 in residential building, \$69,585,400 in non-residential building, \$35,127,400 in public works and \$17,209,800 in public utilities.

Compared with January, six territories reported contract gains in February. These were the Southeastern, with \$5,570,100 in new contracts; the Chicago district, with \$17,196,900; the Central Northwest territory with \$3,161,300; the Kansas City territory, with \$5,665,300; the New Orleans territory, with \$3,214,000, and the State of Texas, with \$7,078,000.

Not one of these 13 districts comprising the 37 States east of the Rockies was able to show February contracts ahead of those reported for a year ago; but the best relative comparisons were made in the Central Northwest, Chicago, Kansas City and Texas territories.

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS AWARDED—37 STATES EAST OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN.

	No. of Projects.	New Floor Space (Sq. Ft.)	Valuation.
<i>Month of February—</i>			
1932—Residential building.....	2,817	6,071,200	\$24,417,300
Non-residential building.....	1,796	6,051,500	36,347,700
Public works and utilities.....	595	176,300	28,280,800
Total construction.....	5,208	12,299,000	\$89,045,800
<i>1931—</i>			
Residential building.....	4,520	16,559,300	\$77,917,800
Non-residential building.....	2,016	11,457,600	78,472,500
Public works and utilities.....	1,093	321,700	79,014,800
Total construction.....	7,629	28,338,600	\$235,405,100
<i>Two Months Ended February—</i>			
1932—Residential building.....	5,456	12,993,100	\$51,921,600
Non-residential building.....	3,277	21,430,100	69,585,400
Public works and utilities.....	1,134	476,600	52,337,200
Total construction.....	9,867	24,899,800	\$173,844,200
<i>1931—</i>			
Residential building.....	8,576	28,794,400	\$132,293,300
Non-residential building.....	3,882	23,224,700	155,292,500
Public works and utilities.....	2,082	954,400	175,775,500
Total construction.....	14,540	52,973,500	\$463,361,500

CONTEMPLATED WORK REPORTED—37 STATES EAST OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS.

	1932.		1931.	
	No. of Projects.	Valuation.	No. of Projects.	Valuation.
<i>Month of February—</i>				
Residential building.....	3,639	\$37,993,300	5,274	\$100,092,900
Non-residential building.....	2,516	\$7,605,700	2,843	123,117,900
Public works and utilities.....	1,290	69,580,200	2,050	198,665,200
Total construction.....	7,445	\$165,179,200	10,167	\$421,876,000
<i>Two Months Ended February—</i>				
Residential building.....	7,043	\$92,418,000	10,265	\$192,491,400
Non-residential building.....	4,753	119,214,700	5,810	285,140,800
Public works and utilities.....	2,377	159,888,600	3,988	392,421,100
Total construction.....	14,173	\$371,521,300	20,063	\$870,053,300

Production of Electricity Declined 8.2% During the Week Ended March 12 1932, as Compared with the Same Period Last Year.

The production of electricity by the electric light and power industry of the United States for the week ended Saturday, March 12, was 1,538,452,000 kwh., according to the National Electric Light Association. The Atlantic seaboard shows a decrease of 3.1% from the corresponding week last year, and New England, taken alone, shows a decrease of 3.9%. The central industrial region, outlined by Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, St. Louis and Milwaukee, registers as a whole a decrease of 11.1%, while the Chicago district, alone, shows a decrease of 4.5%. The Pacific Coast shows a decline of 12.1% 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	1,825,959,000	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---	1,578,817,000	1,683,712,000	1,769,683,000	1,718,304,000	6.2%
Feb. 20---	1,545,459,000	1,680,029,000	1,744,039,000	1,708,719,000	7.4%
Feb. 27---	1,512,153,000	1,639,029,000	1,745,978,000	1,702,570,000	8.7%
Mar. 5---	1,519,679,000	1,664,125,000	1,750,070,000	1,687,229,000	8.2%
Mar. 12---	1,538,452,000	1,676,422,000	1,735,673,000	1,687,229,000	8.2%
Months January—	7,014,066,000	7,439,888,000	8,021,749,000	7,585,334,000	5.7%

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%.

Country's Foreign Trade in February—Imports and Exports.

The Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce at Washington on March 16 issued its statement on the foreign trade of the United States for February and the eight months ended with February. The value of merchandise exported in February 1932 was estimated at \$155,000,000, as compared with \$224,346,000 in February 1931. The imports of merchandise are provisionally computed at \$131,000,000 in February the present year, as against \$174,946,000 in February the previous year, leaving a favorable balance in the merchandise movement for the month of February 1932 of approximately \$24,000,000. Last year in February there was a favorable trade balance in the merchandise movement of \$49,400,000. Imports for the eight months ended February 1932 have been \$1,249,042,000, as against \$1,683,017,000 for the corresponding eight months of 1930-31. The merchandise exports for the eight months ended February 1932 have been \$1,412,726,000, against 2,241,407,000, giving a favorable trade balance of

Cincinnati to 8% in Toledo, and amounting to 2% in Youngstown, 3% in Cleveland, 4% in Columbus, and 6% in Dayton. Non-manufacturing employment declined in all the chief cities of the State except Akron and Columbus, both of which reported no change from the previous month. Construction employment declined in February from January in Akron, Toledo, Youngstown, and Canton, but remained unchanged from January in Dayton, and increased in Cincinnati, Cleveland and Columbus.

As compared with February 1931, non-manufacturing employment declined in all the chief cities of the State, the declines ranging from 5% in Cincinnati to 17% in Dayton, and amounting to 6% in Akron, 8% in Toledo and Columbus, and 9% in Canton. The decline in construction employment for the same period ranged from 24% in Columbus, to 69% in Akron, and amounted to 47% in Dayton and Cincinnati, 55% in Toledo, 63% in Canton, and 66% in Youngstown. For the first two months of this year as compared with the corresponding period of 1931, all types of employment declined in all the eight chief cities, construction employment showing the largest percentage decline and non-manufacturing employment, the smallest.

INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT IN OHIO.

In Each Series Average Month 1926 Equals 100

(Based on the number of persons on the payroll on the 15th of the month or nearest representative day as reported by co-operating firms.)

Industry.	No. of Reporting Firms.	Index Feb. 1932.	Change from Jan. 1932.	Average Change from Feb. 1927-31. Jan.	Change from Feb. 1931.	Average Jan.-Feb. Change from 1931.
Chemicals	19	86	0	+1%	-6%	-7%
Food products	47	103	0	0	-3	-4
Lumber products	28	60	+1%	+1	-8	-11
Machinery	110	73	-2	+2	-20	-18
Metal products	153	61	+1	+3	-17	-16
Paper and printing	50	96	-1	0	-7	-7
Rubber products	23	65	+1	0	-4	-6
Stone, clay and glass prods.	70	64	+6	+4	-14	-13
Textiles	46	90	+8	+3	-1	-2
Vehicles	57	67	+3	+10	-20	-22
Miscell. manufacturing	43	90	-3	+2	-15	-6
Total manufacturing	648	70	+1	+3	-13	-13
Service	17	102	0	0	-3	-4
Trade	47	78	-3	-2	-4	-4
Trans'n and public utility	14	82	-2	-1	-14	-14
Total non-manufacturing	88	77	-2	-1	-9	-9
Construction	164	29	-9	+2	-45	-40
All industries	900	71	0	+2	-13	-13

Business Conditions in Pacific Southwest As Viewed by Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles—Real Improvement in Sentiment Noted During February.

"Information derived from various sources in Los Angeles and a majority of other communities situated in the southern part of the State evidences the fact that a real improvement in sentiment occurred during the month of February," says the March 1 "Monthly Summary" of the Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles, which adds:

In the larger cities, dependent primarily upon commercial and industrial sources of income, the increased assurance noted is apparently attributable for the most part to the actual results or those anticipated from relief legislation such as the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and the Glass-Steagall bill, which establishes more lenient rediscount and note issue requirements. Declines in the amount of money in circulation and increasing financial stability during recent weeks indicate the efficacy of these measures in relieving tension and creating a more salutary psychological attitude. In metropolitan centres the most important increase in activity was observed in the sales volumes of representative retail mercantile establishments. To some extent the movement of goods into consumer channels was stimulated by well designed and executed advertising and merchandising programs.

In the smaller localities in which purchasing power is more directly related to the returns from agricultural pursuits, better feeling appears to have been engendered by heavy snows in the mountains and widespread rainfall.

Surface and subterranean supplies of water have been augmented substantially and the question of shortages for crop, pasture and domestic purposes has been eliminated in most sections for some months to come. As a result, costs of irrigation will be minimized in many localities and the net income to farmers enhanced.

Building activity in Los Angeles, as reflected by the value of projects for which permits were issued, increased in February over the total for the preceding month. The demands for iron and steel products used in construction work were at about the same level during the first two months of the year, while some further slackening in cement output was noted in the past month, due primarily, it is believed, to unfavorable weather conditions. To this latter fact is also attributed the falling off in automobile tire purchases reported by local manufacturers. Furniture producers in the industrial area of this city experienced better sales in February, while changes in grain milling and meat packing tonnages were minor in proportions and mixed in character.

Seasonal Gain of 1% Reported in Factory Employment in Pennsylvania by Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank—Fractional Decline Noted in Wage Payments from January to February.

Factory employment in Pennsylvania showed a seasonal gain of nearly 1%, while wage payments registered a fractional decline from January to February, according to preliminary indexes of the Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank computed from reports of 822 manufacturing plants employing 256,000 workers, whose weekly payroll amounted in February to \$4,500,000. The Bank's survey, issued March 16, adds:

The largest gains in employment occurred in transportation equipment, foods and tobacco, and leather products. Groups comprising metal, lumber and chemical products, and paper and printing reported smaller

working forces than in January. All groups except metals reported increases in payrolls, the largest gains occurring in textiles, foods and tobacco, and leather and rubber products. The decline in wage payments of the metal group was due principally to steel works and rolling mills and electrical apparatus. As these industries are the largest single industries included in the index, they naturally depressed the average wage earnings most severely.

FACTORY EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE PAYMENTS IN PENNSYLVANIA.

	Employment February 1932 Compared with		Payrolls February 1932 Compared with	
	Month Ago.	Year Ago.	Month Ago.	Year Ago.
All manufacturing	+0.6	-13.9	-0.2	-28.4
Metal products	-1.2	-21.5	-6.5	-40.6
Transportation equipment	+2.5	-21.1	+1.4	-33.7
Textile products	+1.7	-3.8	+6.1	-13.0
Foods and tobacco	+5.2	-7.7	+5.2	-12.8
Stone, clay and glass	+1.8	-11.1	+3.9	-33.3
Lumber products	-1.6	14.6	+0.9	-24.5
Chemical products	-0.2	-6.8	+0.1	-19.3
Leather and rubber products	+4.9	-2.1	+15.6	-15.9
Paper and printing	-0.3	-6.8	+3.7	-13.7

Eleven out of 17 cities show more workers in February than January, the largest increases taking place in the Wilkes-Barre, Sunbury, Williamsport, and Erie industrial areas. The regions embracing Altoona, Johnstown, Philadelphia, Scranton, and York showed the most pronounced reduction in the number of workers. The sharpest increases in payrolls occurred in Wilkes-Barre, Sunbury, Williamsport, Reading-Lebanon, Harrisburg and Erie areas, while the largest reductions in payrolls were reported for Altoona, Pittsburgh, and Philadelphia sections.

Operating time for the industry as a whole declined slightly, according to reports showing employee-hours worked in February in 586 plants. This was due largely to a reduction in working time in some of the metal industries, particularly steel works and rolling mills, and electrical apparatus, certain building material manufacturers, and printing and publishing. Noticeable expansion in working hours was reported for groups made up of leather and rubber products, foods, textile products, and transportation equipment.

The Pennsylvania employment index in February was 68.9% of the 1923-1925 average, which was 14% lower than in February 1931. The payroll index stood at 49.1%, or 28.4% lower than a year ago. The most pronounced reductions in payrolls from a year ago, amounting to more than one-third, occurred in metal products, transportation equipment, and stone, clay and glass products.

Delaware factories reported a loss of 1% in employment, but a gain of 3% in wage payments from January to February. Operating time also increased 3%. The sharpest gains in employee-hours worked during February were in metal, textile, lumber and leather products, while chemical products and paper and printing showed declines.

FACTORY EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Compiled by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia in Co-operation with the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry, and the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Index Numbers—1923-1925 avg.—100.

Group and Industry.	No. of Plants Reporting.	Employment February 1932.			Payrolls February 1932.		
		Feb. Index.	Per Cent Change Since		Feb. Index.	Per Cent Change Since	
			Jan. 1932	Feb. 1931.		Jan. 1932.	Feb. 1931.
All manuf. indust. (51)	822	68.9	+0.6	-13.9	49.1	-0.2	-28.4
Metal products	248	60.1	-1.2	-21.5	37.6	-6.5	-40.6
Blast furnaces	12	42.9	+8.3	-4.9	22.6	-4.2	41.1
Steel works & rolling mills	50	54.1	+0.2	-24.4	31.6	-6.0	46.1
Iron and steel forgings	9	55.2	-0.7	-21.7	36.6	+8.6	40.8
Structural iron work	10	81.9	+3.0	-5.6	49.8	-6.2	23.4
Steam and hot water heating appliances	15	78.0	0.0	-19.3	52.5	+4.4	-39.9
Stoves and furnaces	7	57.6	+8.7	-1.5	32.1	+8.4	-16.0
Foundries	35	59.5	+0.8	-21.4	32.4	+1.9	-46.0
Machinery and parts	46	68.9	-0.4	-19.3	47.1	+2.7	-30.7
Electrical apparatus	22	83.8	-6.8	-11.7	60.4	-14.9	-29.1
Engines and pumps	10	36.0	-4.5	-44.6	19.8	-13.9	-59.3
Hardware and tools	20	64.5	-0.5	-15.9	45.8	+1.1	-27.4
Brass and bronze products	12	57.7	+1.8	-21.1	35.6	0.0	38.3
Transportation equipment	35	48.5	+2.5	-21.1	35.0	+1.4	-33.7
Automobiles	4	58.7	+11.2	-5.8	35.6	+13.7	-11.4
Automobile bodies-parts	11	68.1	-8.7	+35.1	61.4	-10.2	+56.2
Locomotives and cars	12	21.1	+9.9	-23.0	13.6	+13.3	-33.0
Railroad repair shops	5	72.0	+2.0	+1.1	47.5	-5.8	-25.3
Shipbuilding	3	37.4	-0.5	-48.3	53.1	+10.2	-51.2
Textile products	164	87.7	+1.7	-3.8	71.6	+6.1	-13.0
Cotton goods	13	61.3	-3.0	0.0	54.7	-0.9	-12.2
Woolens and worsteds	13	60.0	+7.1	-1.0	49.4	+10.0	-11.5
Silk goods	46	94.6	+2.0	-8.1	83.7	+5.4	-20.3
Textile dyeing & finishing	11	85.3	+3.1	-6.7	75.6	+6.5	-19.7
Carpets and rugs	9	52.1	-1.5	-2.3	36.6	+0.5	-4.9
Hats	3	59.2	-8.8	-27.9	41.6	+3.0	-9.0
Hosiery	31	115.5	+2.5	+7.3	100.6	+8.2	-2.7
Knit goods, other	13	75.6	+5.4	-6.0	49.7	+8.0	-28.6
Men's clothing	9	74.2	+15.2	-5.5	50.1	+17.9	-23.0
Women's clothing	8	114.1	+3.3	-19.4	95.3	-1.1	-31.9
Shirts and furnishings	8	116.9	+0.2	-11.2	83.2	+3.2	-21.0
Foods and tobacco	91	96.9	+5.2	-7.7	83.0	+5.2	-12.8
Bread and bakery prods.	27	98.8	-1.1	-9.0	86.1	-2.8	-17.1
Confectionery	13	93.4	-2.5	-7.9	89.7	+6.8	-12.7
Ice cream	11	82.8	+1.2	-7.7	79.7	+2.3	-9.6
Meat packing	14	94.0	-1.2	-2.7	80.1	-2.0	-6.5
Cigars and tobacco	26	95.3	+14.3	-8.0	70.6	+16.9	-13.1
Stone, clay & glass products	66	51.8	+1.8	-11.1	29.4	+3.9	-33.3
Brick, tile & pottery	33	53.1	-12.1	-25.7	25.0	-18.0	-53.7
Cement	15	46.7	-1.3	-11.7	26.9	-1.5	-33.3
Glass	13	61.0	+32.0	+13.8	44.7	+52.6	-3.5
Lumber products	50	43.7	-1.6	-14.6	35.4	+0.9	-24.5
Lumber & planing mills	16	32.6	-3.0	-11.7	25.5	-3.0	-13.6
Furniture	28	52.3	-1.5	-16.1	36.9	-4.4	-26.2
Wooden boxes	6	57.5	-1.5	-14.6	42.9	+25.4	-30.8
Chemical products	56	82.4	-0.2	-6.8	72.1	+0.1	-19.3
Chemicals and drugs	34	59.9	-1.0	-16.7	48.7	-5.8	-27.1
Coke	3	62.4	0.0	-15.3	31.1	+6.1	-46.3
Explosives	3	71.0	-0.4	-6.7	58.1	-10.2	-30.8
Paints and varnishes	10	88.2	-2.3	+8.4	76.5	+4.9	-9.3
Petroleum refining	6	121.5	+0.7	-1.1	120.3	+0.9	-0.0
Leather & rubber products	45	92.0	+4.9	-2.1	74.3	+15.6	-15.9
Leather tanning	17	89.0	+1.8	-13.2	66.8	+7.1	-27.7
Shoes	7	75.0	+16.1	-3.1	73.7	+18.3	-14.2
Leather products, other	4	79.3	-1.2	-9.2	75.9	+14.5	-9.9
Rubber tires and goods	67	88.0	-0.3	-6.8	86.0	+3.7	-13.7
Paper and wood pulp	13	75.4	-1.3	-7.1	66.0	+9.8	-12.7
Paper boxes and bags	10	72.4	-0.4	-2.0	65.8	+0.9	-24.1
Printing & publishing	44	95.2	+0.1	-6.2	95.4	+2.0	-12.0

* Preliminary.

EMPLOYEE-HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY WAGES IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Compiled by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia in Co-operation with the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry and the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Group and Industry.	No. of Plants Report- ing.	Empl. Hours % Change from Jan. '32 to Feb. '32	Hourly Wages.		*Weekly Wages.	
			Feb. 1932.	Jan. 1932.	Feb. 1932.	Jan. 1932.
All manufacturing industries (46)	586	-0.2	\$ 512	\$ 531	\$17.65	\$17.83
Metal products	209	-5.5	574	587	15.76	16.69
Blast furnaces	12	-4.4	582	582	15.95	18.04
Steel works and rolling mills	38	-4.5	571	585	13.83	14.75
Iron and steel forgings	9	+8.6	489	490	17.14	15.69
Structural iron work	9	-0.6	561	583	15.71	18.31
Steam & hot water heat. appar.	15	+5.0	536	543	19.31	18.49
Foundries	30	+7.3	541	557	15.82	15.21
Electrical apparatus	40	+3.2	607	619	20.20	19.69
Machinery and parts	21	-15.0	609	608	18.53	20.61
Engines and pumps	10	-0.5	559	589	14.75	16.41
Hardware and tools	15	+8.5	467	477	16.54	16.27
Brass and bronze products	10	-2.6	536	544	17.39	17.89
Transportation equipment	29	+6.8	553	583	21.48	21.78
Automobiles	4	+13.4	513	511	22.68	22.16
Automobile bodies and parts	8	-6.8	563	591	27.03	27.46
Locomotives and cars	10	+26.6	491	516	18.74	18.35
Railroad repair shops	4	+0.9	629	695	16.99	18.67
Shipbuilding	3	+12.8	654	673	24.98	22.54
Textile products	94	+7.0	334	404	16.69	16.16
Cotton goods	10	-4.9	449	447	19.01	19.53
Woolens and worsteds	7	+25.4	431	451	19.40	18.87
Silk goods	35	+5.5	350	356	14.91	14.40
Textile dyeing and finishing	8	+6.2	471	490	21.74	21.11
Hosiery	14	+9.8	419	460	18.57	17.98
Knit goods, other	7	+15.1	357	363	11.55	11.26
Men's clothing	3	+35.1	349	352	11.01	10.74
Women's clothing	5	-1.6	272	273	11.53	12.04
Shirts and furnishings	4	+2.7	258	290	11.31	10.98
Carpets and rugs	3	+2.4	481	454	17.88	17.50
Foods and tobacco	56	+3.1	418	448	15.03	15.02
Bread and bakery products	21	+3.0	460	467	24.40	24.62
Confectionery	9	+23.7	410	419	18.72	17.11
Ice cream	8	+46.1	464	615	30.72	30.07
Meat packing	9	-5.0	515	516	26.03	26.21
Cigars and tobacco	9	-8.3	314	339	11.97	11.72
Stone, clay and glass products	46	-4.7	465	479	15.82	15.52
Brick, tile and pottery	24	-21.4	448	466	12.16	13.02
Cement	12	-5.6	461	471	18.13	18.19
Glass	10	+28.0	493	520	16.62	14.56
Lumber products	44	-0.5	457	468	16.39	15.87
Lumber and planing mills	14	-8.7	476	472	17.07	17.22
Furniture	26	-2.2	445	459	17.00	17.34
Wooden boxes	4	+21.1	468	497	14.43	11.33
Chemical products	24	-1.9	565	548	23.88	23.76
Chemicals and drugs	13	-4.1	463	470	20.87	21.60
Paints and varnishes	7	+19.1	471	425	21.34	19.38
Petroleum refining	4	-3.6	609	605	28.43	28.34
Leather and rubber products	28	+16.6	435	381	18.16	16.51
Leather tanning	9	+10.4	498	504	19.15	18.23
Shoes	9	+25.6	326	242	15.01	12.55
Leather products, other	6	+12.8	487	473	22.93	22.54
Rubber tires and goods	4	+12.8	523	517	23.54	20.31
Paper and printing	54	-7.0	625	626	29.12	27.98
Paper and wood pulp	10	+13.0	510	476	24.08	21.66
Paper boxes and bags	8	+6.2	375	375	14.37	14.19
Printing and publishing	36	-19.7	746	743	33.14	32.63

* These figures are for the 822 firms reporting employment.

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES IN DELAWARE.
Compiled by Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.

Industry.	No. of Plants Report- ing.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) Feb. 1932 from Jan. 1932.		
		Employ- ment.	Total Wages.	Average Wages.
All manufacturing industries	58	-1.1	+2.8	+3.8
Metal products	13	-0.2	+6.5	+6.8
Transportation equipment	5	-5.6	-0.6	+5.3
Textile products	3	+0.1	+7.8	+7.8
Foods and tobacco	8	+0.9	+2.9	+2.0
Stone, clay and glass products	4	-16.8	-16.2	+0.7
Lumber products	4	-1.4	+12.1	+13.7
Chemical products	5	-8.4	-12.3	-4.2
Leather and rubber products	8	+5.1	+5.4	+0.3
Paper and printing	7	+1.3	-5.0	-6.3

EMPLOYEE HOURS IN DELAWARE.
Compiled by Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.

Industry.	No. of Plants Report- ing.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) Feb. 1932 from Jan. 1932.		
		Employ- ment.	Total Wages.	Total Hours.
All manufacturing industries	53	+0.2	+2.9	+3.8
Metal products	11	-0.8	+7.0	+5.2
Transportation equipment	5	-5.6	-0.6	+2.2
Textile products	3	+0.1	+7.8	+8.0
Foods and tobacco	7	+0.9	+2.9	+1.1
Stone, clay and glass products	4	-16.8	-16.2	-25.7
Lumber products	5	-1.4	+12.1	+12.0
Chemical products	5	-8.4	-12.3	-13.0
Leather and rubber products	7	+5.4	+6.3	+9.5
Paper and printing	6	+1.4	-5.3	-6.7

FACTORY EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE PAYMENTS BY INDUSTRIAL REGIONS.

Compiled by the Department of Research and Statistics of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.

City Areas.	No. of Plants Report- ing.	Employment Percentage Change Feb. 1932 from		Payrolls Percentage Change Feb. 1932 from	
		Jan. 1932.	Feb. 1931.	Jan. 1932.	Feb. 1931.
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton	76	+1.2	-20.5	-1.7	-36.2
Altoona	14	-11.9	-23.8	-5.6	-36.3
Erie	24	+3.7	-12.3	+7.1	-24.1
Harrisburg	33	+1.2	-26.4	+13.9	-31.0
Hazleton-Pottsville	19	+0.2	+14.1	+3.5	+7.6
Johnstown	15	-1.0	-31.7	-1.6	-54.0
Lancaster	29	+0.8	+6.2	-2.6	-13.2
New Castle	11	+2.1	-36.9	+1.0	-60.6
Philadelphia	217	+1.6	-8.8	-3.3	-18.0
Pittsburgh	64	+3.5	-15.2	-5.4	-41.0
Reading-Lebanon	37	-5.9	-27.5	+1.3	-12.4
Scranton	24	+7.8	-15.1	+20.6	-34.1
Sunbury	24	+11.9	+0.2	+28.1	-7.4
Wilkes-Barre	25	+5.6	-3.0	+10.4	-10.9
Williamsport	27	+0.4	-3.3	1.8	-14.0
Wilmington	46	-2.0	-21.5	+2.1	-28.8

Business in Minneapolis Federal Reserve District Declined in February as Compared with January—Below Year Ago.

The preliminary summary of agricultural and business conditions prepared by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis states that "the volume of business in the Ninth (Minneapolis) District declined in February from the level of January, and was lower than a year ago. Unfavorable weather conditions prevailed during most of February, which reduced the volume of business in such lines as building operations. In February last year the weather was mild." The summary issued March 15 added:

The daily average of bank debits was 27% lower in February this year than in February a year ago. The country check clearings index for February was 29% lower than in the corresponding month last year. Freight carloadings for the first three weeks in February were 25% smaller than in the same weeks last year. Other decreases occurred in electric power consumption, building permits and contracts, flour shipments, lined products shipments, grain marketings, receipts of cattle and calves and department store sales. The only increases in volume over February last year were reported for receipts of hogs and sheep and carloadings of coal.

Estimates of farmers' cash income from seven important items were 57% smaller in February this year than in February a year ago. The decrease was principally caused by reduced marketings of grain and lower prices for hogs. In February the prices of bread wheat, durum wheat, barley, and rye were higher than a year ago, but prices of all other important farm commodities were lower than last year's prices.

ESTIMATED VALUE OF IMPORTANT FARM PRODUCTS MARKETED IN THE NINTH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT.

	February 1932.	February 1931.	P.C. Feb. '32 of Feb. '31
Bread wheat	\$949,000	\$6,614,000	14
Durum wheat	425,000	3,430,000	12
Rye	105,000	33,000	318
Flax	180,000	657,000	27
Potatoes	1,413,000	1,743,000	81
Dairy products	9,499,000	11,611,000	82
Hogs	4,579,000	16,160,000	28
Total of seven items	\$17,150,000	\$40,248,000	43

Great Lakes Pulp & Paper Co. of Canada Reported Bankrupt.

The following from Toronto March 14 is taken from the New York "Times":

The Great Lakes Pulp & Paper Co., Ltd., which has a large pulp and paper mill at Fort William and was originally established by the Backus interests, was adjudged bankrupt by Justice Sedgewick to-day. F. C. Clarkson was appointed custodian of the estate.

The judgment was given on petition of the Inland Coal & Dock Co., Ltd., of Minneapolis, which has a claim for \$253,509.

Substantial Excess of Lumber Orders Again Reported.

The substantial excess of orders over curtailed production that has characterized the lumber movement since the beginning of the year, continued during the week ended March 12, it is indicated in telegraphic reports to the National Lumber Manufacturers Assn. from regional associations covering the operations of 691 leading hardwood and softwood mills showing new business received 43% greater than their combined production of 106,757,000 feet. Shipments were 32% above this figure. A week earlier 718 mills reported orders 43% above and shipments 38% above a cut of 102,853,000 feet. A slight increase in production over the previous week with an equivalent increase in new business is indicated for the latest week. Comparison by identical mill figures for the week with the equivalent period a year ago shows—for softwoods, 439 mills, production 51% less, shipments 38% less and orders 33% less than for the week in 1931; for hardwoods, 180 mills, production 43% less, shipments 39% less and orders 39% under the volume for the week last year.

Lumber orders reported for the week ended March 12 1932 by 495 softwood mills totaled 139,556,000 feet, or 46% above the production of the same mills. Shipments as reported for the same week were 126,598,000 feet, or 33% above production. Production was 95,351,000 feet.

Reports from 215 hardwood mills give new business as 13,430,000 feet, or 18% above production. Shipments as reported for the same week were 14,153,000 feet, or 24% above production. Production was 11,406,000 feet. The Association, in its statement, further adds:

Unfilled Orders.

Reports from 420 softwood mills give unfilled orders of 458,021,000 feet, on March 12 1932, or the equivalent of 12 days' production. This is based upon production of latest calendar year—300-day year—and may be compared with unfilled orders of 513 softwood mills on March 14 1931, of 749,732,000 feet, the equivalent of 16 days' production.

The 388 identical softwood mills report unfilled orders as 448,364,000 feet on March 12 1932, or the equivalent of 12 days' average production, as compared with 676,697,000 feet, or the equivalent of 18 days' average production, on similar date a year ago. Last week's production of 439 identical softwood mills was 89,746,000 feet, and a year ago it was 181,528,000 feet; shipments were respectively 120,284,000 feet and 192,504,000 feet; shipments were respectively 120,284,000 feet and 192,504,000 feet.

orders received 131,271,000 feet and 195,562,000. In the case of hardwoods, 180 identical mills reported production last week and year ago 9,795,000 feet and 18,580,000; shipments 12,106,000 feet and 19,988,000; and orders 11,631,000 feet and 19,158,000.

West Coast Movement.

The West Coast Lumbermen's Assn. wired from Seattle the following new business, shipments and unfilled orders for 216 mills reporting for the week ended March 12:

NEW BUSINESS.		UNSHIPPED ORDERS.		SHIPMENTS.	
Feet.		Feet.		Feet.	
Domestic cargo delivery	27,316,000	Domestic cargo delivery	100,566,000	Coastwise and intercoastal	28,932,000
Export	10,755,000	Foreign	73,012,000	Export	7,379,000
Rail	24,991,000	Rail	71,229,000	Rail	23,793,000
Local	4,222,000			Local	4,222,000
Total	67,284,000	Total	243,806,000	Total	64,325,000

Production for the week was 60,267,000 feet. For the year to March 5 171 identical mills reported orders 17.3% above production, and shipments were 17.1% above production. The same number of mills showed a decrease in inventories of 5.2% on March 5, as compared with Jan. 1.

Southern Pine.

The Southern Pine Assn. reported from New Orleans that for 125 mills reporting, shipments were 27% above production, and orders 35% above production and 6% above shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 28,098,000 feet (previous week 33,180,000 at 135 mills); shipments 26,586,000 feet, (previous week 29,505,000); and production 20,871,000 feet, (previous week 22,115,000). Orders on hand at the end of the week at 105 mills were 69,237,000 feet. The 109 identical mills reported a decrease in production of 47%, and in new business a decrease of 35%, as compared with the same week a year ago.

Western Pine.

The Western Pine Association reported from Portland, Ore., that for 125 mills reporting, shipments were 158% above production, and orders 231% above production and 29% above shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 42,056,000 feet, (previous week 36,296,000 at 126 mills); shipments 32,698,000 feet, (previous week 36,434,000); and production 12,692,000 feet, (previous week 12,209,000). Orders on hand at the end of the week at 125 mills were 170,977,000 feet. The 105 identical mills reported a decrease in production of 70%, and in new business a decrease of 16%, 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 1,794,000 feet and new business 1,174,000 feet. The same number of mills reported a decrease of 38% in orders, compared with the same week a year ago.

Northern Hemlock.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Assn., of Oshkosh, Wis., reported production from 19 mills as 1,163,000 feet, shipments 1,000,000 and orders 789,000 feet. The 16 identical mills reported production 58% less and new business 22% less than for the same week last year.

Hardwood Reports.

The Hardwood Manufacturers Institute, of Memphis, Tenn., reported production from 196 mills as 9,975,000 feet, shipments 12,716,000 and new business 11,455,000. The 164 identical mills reported a decrease of 43% in production and a decrease of 44% in new business, compared with the same week of 1931.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association, of Oshkosh, Wis., reported production from 19 mills as 1,431,000 feet, shipments 1,437,000 and orders 1,975,000. The 16 identical mills reported production 67% less and new business 12% more than for the same week a year ago.

Five-Cent Duty Urged on Sunday Papers from United States Entering Canada.

Associated Press accounts from Ottawa March 16 said:

A tariff of five cents a copy on all United States Sunday newspapers entering Canada is being urged on the Government. Representations have been made to the Administration that imposition of such a duty would increase the annual revenue of the country by \$500,000 a year. No definite decision has been reached.

Seasonal Gain Reported in Output and Shipments of Pneumatic Casings and Tubes—Inventories Continue Below Figures a Year Previous.

According to figures estimated to represent 80% of the industry, as released by the Rubber Manufacturers Association, Inc., production in January amounted to 2,769,988 pneumatic casings—balloons and cords—and 8,522 solid and cushion tires, as compared with 2,114,577 pneumatic casings and 10,272 solid and cushion tires in the preceding month, and 2,939,702 pneumatic casings and 12,631 solid and cushion tires in the corresponding month last year. Shipments totaled 2,602,469 pneumatic casings and 9,488 solid and cushion tires, as against 2,225,036 pneumatic casings and 10,705 solid and cushion tires in December 1931 and 2,995,479 pneumatic casings and 13,072 solid and cushion tires in January 1931. Pneumatic casings on hand Jan. 31 1932 amounted to 6,329,417 as compared with 6,219,776 at Dec. 31 1931 and 7,165,846 at Jan. 31 1931.

Output of balloon and high-pressure inner tubes during January 1932 amounted to 2,718,508 as against 2,077,704 in the preceding month and 2,898,405 in the same period last year. Shipments reached a total of 2,803,369 tubes, as compared with 2,213,261 in December last and 3,249,734 in January 1931. Inventories at Jan. 31 1932 amounted to 6,175,055 tubes, as against 7,551,503 a year earlier and 6,337,570 at Dec. 31 1931.

According to figures based on the above estimates, shipments of pneumatic casings for the month of January for 100% of the industry amounted to 3,253,086 casings, an increase of 17% over December, but were 13.1% below January 1931, states the Association, which further reports production of pneumatic casings for January to be 3,462,485 units, an increase of 31%, as compared with December 1931, but were 5.8% below January a year ago. Pneumatic casings on hand Jan. 31 1932 amounted to 7,911,771 units, an increase of 1.8% over December, although 11.7% below Jan. 31 1931. The actual figures are as follows:

PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENTS OF PNEUMATIC CASINGS (FROM FIGURES ESTIMATED TO REPRESENT 100% OF THE INDUSTRY).

	Shipments.	Production.	Inventories.
January 1932	3,253,086	3,462,485	7,911,771
December 1931	2,781,295	2,643,221	7,774,720
January 1931	3,744,349	3,674,628	8,957,308

The Association, in its bulletin dated Mar. 11 1932, gave the following data:

PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENTS OF PNEUMATIC CASINGS AND INNER TUBES (BY MONTHS).

[From figures estimated to represent 80% of the industry.]

	Pneumatic Casings.			Inner Tubes.		
	Inventories.	Output.	Shipments.	Inventories.	Output.	Shipments.
1932—						
January	6,329,417	2,769,988	2,602,469	6,175,055	2,718,508	2,803,369
1931—						
January	7,165,846	2,939,702	2,995,479	7,551,503	2,898,405	3,249,734
February	7,628,520	3,188,274	2,721,347	9,936,773	3,132,770	2,720,135
March	8,011,592	3,730,061	3,297,225	8,379,974	3,559,644	3,031,279
April	8,025,135	3,955,491	3,945,525	8,330,155	3,693,222	3,708,949
May	8,249,856	4,543,003	4,332,137	8,438,799	4,329,731	4,224,594
June	8,357,768	4,537,970	4,457,509	8,403,401	4,286,467	4,317,543
July	7,935,565	3,941,187	4,369,526	7,671,801	3,964,174	4,664,964
August	7,117,037	3,124,746	3,967,987	7,019,217	3,548,335	4,240,403
September	6,526,762	2,537,575	3,145,488	6,476,191	2,759,431	3,320,103
October	6,640,062	2,379,004	2,281,322	6,656,913	2,461,578	2,250,494
November	6,335,227	2,000,630	2,309,971	6,495,708	1,954,915	2,075,716
December	6,219,776	2,114,577	2,225,036	6,337,570	2,077,704	2,213,261
Total	38,992,220	40,048,552			38,666,376	40,017,175
1930—						
January	9,539,353	3,588,862	3,525,404	10,163,267	3,685,410	3,885,717
February	9,928,838	3,644,606	3,356,104	10,428,968	3,707,056	3,489,919
March	10,010,173	3,890,981	3,773,865	10,543,026	3,952,921	3,784,789
April	10,461,208	4,518,034	4,071,823	11,027,711	4,408,050	3,875,697
May	10,745,389	4,573,895	4,173,777	11,081,523	4,428,397	4,058,847
June	10,621,634	4,007,808	4,234,994	10,389,444	3,959,972	4,212,082
July	9,449,318	3,193,057	4,357,836	9,325,602	3,151,107	4,684,182
August	8,678,164	3,332,489	4,139,900	8,589,304	3,836,880	4,609,856
September	7,849,411	2,692,355	3,524,141	8,052,121	3,053,424	3,632,458
October	7,842,150	2,865,933	2,799,440	8,413,578	3,161,048	2,777,965
November	7,675,786	2,123,089	2,267,465	8,250,432	2,143,609	2,230,654
December	7,202,750	2,251,269	2,688,960	7,999,477	2,448,195	2,729,973
Total	40,772,378	42,913,108			41,936,029	43,952,139

CONSUMPTION OF COTTON FABRICS AND CRUDE RUBBER IN THE PRODUCTION OF CASINGS, TUBES, SOLIDS AND CUSHION TIRES AND OUTPUT OF PASSENGER CABS AND TRUCKS.

Calendar years:	Consumption.			x Production.	
	Cotton Fabrics (80%)	Crude Rubber (80%)	Gasoline (100%)	Passenger Cars. (100%)	Trucks (100%)
	(Pounds)	(Pounds)	(Gallons)		
1926	165,963,182	518,043,062	10,708,068,000	3,929,535	535,006
1927	177,979,818	515,994,728	12,512,976,000	3,093,428	486,952
1928	222,243,398	600,413,401	13,633,452,000	4,024,590	576,540
1929	208,824,653	598,994,708	14,748,552,000	4,811,107	810,549
1930	158,812,462	476,755,707	16,200,894,000	2,939,791	569,271
1931	151,143,715	456,615,425	16,941,750,000	2,036,567	435,784
Month of:					
January 1929	19,779,481	54,160,529	949,284,000	367,781	55,874
January 1930	14,559,163	42,108,149	1,080,660,000	243,955	39,522
January 1931	12,738,467	36,318,980	1,127,532,000	144,878	33,521
January 1932	12,156,282	36,850,171	1,112,370,000	101,915	21,160

x These figures include Canadian production and cars assembled abroad the parts of which were manufactured in the United States.
Note.—With the exception of gasoline consumption and car and truck production; the figures shown above since January 1929 are estimated to represent approximately 80% of the industry as compared with 75% for prior years.

Consumption of Crude Rubber by Manufacturers in the United States Gained in February—Imports Again Decline—Inventories 51.3% Over a Year Ago.

Consumption of crude rubber by manufacturers in the United States for the month of February amounted to 30,011 long tons, as compared with 27,962 long tons for January 1932, and represents an increase of 7.3%, which is contrary to the usual seasonal decline of 3.5%, according to statistics released by The Rubber Manufacturers Association. Consumption for February a year ago was 28,797 long tons. Imports of crude rubber for the month of February totaled 30,546 long tons, a decrease of 2.4% under the January figure and 16.6% below February a year ago.

The Association estimates total domestic stocks of crude rubber on hand Feb. 29 at 322,117 long tons, which compared with Jan. 31 stocks of 322,860. While February stocks show little change as compared with January, they were 51.3% above stocks the same date last year. The participants in the compilation report 51,728 long tons of crude rubber afloat for the United States ports on Feb. 29, which compares with a revised figure of 42,234 long tons afloat on Jan. 31 1932.

British Confirm Alliance with Continental Dye Interests.

The British Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd. has confirmed the report that an agreement affecting the European dye market has been concluded between them and Continental dye makers, states a radiogram from Commercial Attache Wm. L. Cooper, London, to the Department of Commerce. The Department also had the following to say, March 9:

In discussing this recent development, C. C. Concannon, Chief of the Chemical Division of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce said that details of the pact are not available but it is believed that the accord relates to allocation of markets, excluding the United States. It is not thought that the present arrangement includes price control or interchange of technical information. Since the conclusion of the agreement German dye prices in England have increased 10% and a further increase of prices by British dye makers is expected.

Mr. Concannon called attention to the international agreement entered into in 1929 between Germany, Switzerland and France. During the conference preliminary to the establishment of the three Power Continental cartel attempts were made to include British interests but no definite basis of agreement was evolved until recently. While the accord consummated in 1929 was based essentially upon market allocations and price stabilization the agreement also provided for exchange of information regarding processes and the industrial utilization of dyes. At the same time each signatory reserved independence with respect to technical and commercial details.

With the entrance of British interests into an understanding with Continental producers, the European dye cartel now comprises predominant interests in Germany, France, Switzerland, Italy and Great Britain.

Italy Lightens Restrictions on Use of Foreign Wheat.

The Italian Government's restrictions on the use of foreign wheat were lifted further on March 10, said Associated Press advices from Rome, which also stated:

It was announced that beginning March 21 millers in northern and central Italy would be allowed to use imported grain for 50% of their flour, while those in southern and insular Italy would be permitted to use 70%. Both increases are of 10%.

The Government has been gradually lightening the restrictions in view of an insufficient production of domestic wheat. Formerly millers could use foreign wheat for only 25% of their flour.

Italy in Market for Cheap Wheat—Needs Approximately 75,000,000 Bushels Until Harvest—Argentine Deal Looms.

Associated Press advices as follows from Rome (Italy), March 5, are from the New York "Evening Post":

Mussolini's granaries are nearly empty and Italy is shopping for something like 75,000,000 bushels of wheat on world markets.

Price is the chief consideration this year; quality is secondary. Only enough wheat will be bought to run until the new Italian crop comes in and then again the bars will be put up against foreign breadstuffs.

Wheat here sells for \$1.65 a bushel, roughly three times the price in the Americas. Freight adds something but the big difference comes in the Italian import duty of 85 cents a bushel, more than the cost of the wheat where it is grown.

Bread and spaghetti for 40,000,000 people here take about 300,000,000 bushels annually or seven and one-half bushels for each person. Of this Italy grows about three-fourths.

Mussolini Boosts Production.

The \$1.65 a bushel price is supported because the Italian farmer says he can't make a living without heavy tariff protection. For years Mussolini has sought to increase wheat growing so his country could make its own bread. His encouragement has sent up the average production per acre 40% in five years.

Italian buying of wheat abroad has been held up because of several reasons.

Primarily, because the Italian farmer needs money from his crops quickly, the Government kept out foreign wheat by limiting millers to 5% of foreign wheat last fall. Second, the Government wished to reduce imports drastically to prevent money from going abroad and endangering the lira.

Government Revenue Cut.

This made Italy more solid on the gold standard but also reduced Government revenue by \$20,000,000 in the last half year through reduced receipts from duty on wheat imports. Wheat duties recently have brought in 6% of the State's annual revenue.

Much wheat has been bought from South America in the past but Italian importers this year think it likely more than ever will be bought there because of the price, particularly in Argentina.

Paris to Raise Duty on Canadian Wheat—Tariff of Extra \$1 a Bushel After June 1 Planned.

The following (United Press) from Paris March 9 is from the New York "World-Telegram":

The French Government intends to apply a tariff of an extra dollar a bushel on Canadian wheat June 1, when the Franco-Canadian trade convention expires, unless Ottawa concludes a working agreement, official circles learned to-day. No negotiations for a working agreement have been begun.

Canadian wheat, like American and Argentine, at present comes under a minimum tariff of 80 francs a quintal, or approximately a dollar a bushel. The expiration of the convention means Canadian wheat will be subject to the general tariff of 160 francs a quintal.

The result would be that Canadian wheat, of which France bought 30,000,000 bushels in 1931, would be almost unsalable in France, throwing the trade to the United States and Argentina.

It was announced that from Jan. 1 until to-day, Argentina shipped 3,300,000 bushels of wheat to France.

The Minister of Commerce told the United Press there had been no indication that Ottawa desires to negotiate.

Germany Will Ease Wheat Restrictions—To Reduce Tariff About 50 Cents a Bushel and Permit Use of More Imported Grain.

From Berlin March 11 the New York "Times" reported the following (Associated Press):

A reduction of Germany's high tariff on wheat and an increase in the percentage of foreign wheat which may go into German-made flour will be put into effect on or about April 1, according to reliable information received to-day. The proposed action here is one phase of a similar move, although not so extensive, planned in France and Italy.

In authoritative circles here it was predicted that the reduction of Germany's wheat tariff would be from 250 marks a ton to from 180 to 200 marks. (This would be a reduction of about 50 cents a bushel.)

At present the amount of foreign wheat that may go into German-made flour approximates 30% as a maximum, but most millers use no more than 20% of foreign grain. A partial withdrawal of the restriction, however, would be likely to give a fillip to world grain markets, particularly those in North and South America, authorities here said they believed.

In Berlin grain circles to-day it was said the Russian Government seemed to be making a strenuous attempt to corral grain for foodstuffs and for seed.

Rise in Wheat Prices Doubted at Berlin—Agricultural Inquiry Institute Says Higher Price Would Increase Production.

Under date of March 5 a wireless message from Berlin to the New York "Times" said:

The Agricultural Inquiry Institute states that considerable import of wheat will be necessary in Germany between now and the new harvest. It points out that thus far an abnormally large proportion of consumers' requirements have been met from home production. The Institute adds, however, that despite this year's reduced world production of wheat, there is no sign of approaching equilibrium between demand and supply. It declares, in fact, that any considerable rise of prices would result in restoring production to a possibly new high record.

Reports of damage to Russian winter wheat continue. The Soviet has ceased publishing buying-up statistics of wheat, but it is admitted that, in view of the partial failure of the crop in the lower Volga region, in West Siberia and Kalakistan, the buying-up campaign of last year is shown to have been pushed too far. The Government has been compelled to return to the districts where shortage is threatened 1,000,000 tons of grain for food and spring sowing. In the Ukraine also a deficiency of seed is reported, and delay in delivery is caused by shortage of railway cars.

Less Wheat in Argentina—Forecast is 6,148,000 Tons, 173,000 Under the Preceding Crop.

Associated Press advices from Buenos Aires, March 5, said:

Argentina's wheat production for the 1931-32 season was forecast to-day in crop estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture at 6,148,000 tons, a decrease of 173,000 tons from the preceding crop.

Wheat acreage was reported as 19% less than during the previous season, but the quality of the crop was much higher.

Other 1932-32 forecasts were: flax, 2,170,000 tons; oats, 1,005,000 tons, and barley, 481,000, all being larger than last year's crops.

Argentine Shipments of Grain Rise—3,027,007 Tons Exported in January and February, Against 2,848,151 a Year Ago.

Stating under date of March 13 that shipments of all grains were larger the previous week than in the corresponding week in 1931, a cablegram from Buenos Aires to the New York "Times" said:

The market was firm for wheat and corn, and weak for flaxseed. All exports in January and February amounted to 3,027,007 tons, valued at 108,384,021 gold dollars, comparing with 2,848,151 tons, valued at 112,860,827 gold dollars, in January and February 1931.

Argentina Wheat Going to Shanghai.

For the first time in many years Argentine wheat is being shipped to Shanghai and this has resulted in higher cereal prices, according to a cablegram to the Department of Commerce from Commercial Attache Alexander V. Dye, Buenos Aires. The Department advices, March 2, also said:

Imports continue dull. As compared with the corresponding period of 1932, customs receipts from Jan. 1 to Feb. 17 decreased 2,100,000 paper pesos, while, as compared with the corresponding month of 1931, total exports in January increased 4.7% in volume but declined 7.8% in value.

With the exception of the small lot dried fruit market which improved slightly, the foodstuffs market in general is dull. The demand for yarns and fancy piece goods continued fair. Sales of automobiles and trucks continued slow and stocks high. January frigorifico cattle killings amounted to 255,800; of sheep to 448,600, and of swine to 34,900; as compared with 208,125, 468,841 and 25,966, respectively, during January 1931.

All Cuban Bread Must Contain Percentage of Yucca Flour.

The following special correspondence from Havana, March 6, is from the New York "Times":

All bread and crackers manufactured in Cuba after July 1 1932, must contain at least 10% and may contain up to 40% of yucca flour, according to a Presidential decree just signed, which also provides penalties for short weight loaves and makes bakers and sellers jointly responsible.

This legislation is destined to protect domestic agriculture and to provide a market for the enormous quantity of this flour produced here. Yucca, a tuberous plant which has a taste similar to that of the sweet potato, is a favorite vegetable in Cuba and is one of the main items of diet.

Canadian Wheat Crop.

The following from Winnipeg, is from the "Wall Street Journal" of March 5:

Northwest Grain Dealers Association issued its final estimate on the Canadian wheat crop of 1931, placing that cereal's production at 286,000,000 bushels. In this estimate, it used Dominion census figures on acreage, but made an arbitrary reduction of 5,339,000 acres as seeded but not reaped. In November last, this Association placed the wheat crop at 240,970,000 bushels, using at that time its own estimate of 16,601,050 acres net. Average yield per acre is 14 5 bushels in both estimates.

Russian Soviet Farmers Said to Be Far Behind Schedule on Wheat Sowing.

Canadian Press accounts from Riga, Latvia, March 12 said:

Reports reaching here from Moscow say that the Soviet Government is becoming alarmed at the growing apathy of farmers and local officials toward the imperative instructions concerning the spring sowing of grain.

It is asserted that despite orders and threats, the preparations for the spring sowing are falling further behind schedule.

Spring sowing was interrupted chiefly by shortage of grain resulting from the crop failure in many districts last fall, and the necessity of supplying food grain to many millions of peasants in need of relief has further complicated the situation.

The Soviet press says the Government orders have failed to overcome the apathetic attitude of the farmers and predicts that the seed plan will be unfulfilled in many districts. In Kazakstan only about 18% of the seed grain required is available, while in the Ukraine only 40% of the required seed grain is prepared.

Ship Lines Enter Coffee Rate Pact—New Conference Is to Fix Uniform Tariffs from Brazil, with Limit on Sailings—Three Months' Trial Set.

A new shipping conference, to be known as the Brazil-United States Freight Conference, was announced March 15 by the Shipping Board, said a dispatch from Washington on that date to the New York "Times" in which it was also stated:

The lines forming the conference are the Lamport & Holt, Munson Steamship Company, Lloyd Brasileiro, International Freighting Corporation, Moore & McCormack Company, Prince Line, Ltd., American Republics Line and the Wilhelmsen Line. The agreement affects trade between Rio de Janeiro, Santos and New York.

The member lines are to agree on uniform rates on coffee, except that a differential of 5 cents a bag is to be allowed to cargo lines with transit time of more than twenty days from Santos or Rio de Janeiro to New York.

Sailings are to be limited approximately to one every two weeks by the Munson and Prince Lines, two a month by the Lloyd Brasileiro and one a month each by the other member companies.

Any other line in the same trade is eligible to membership in the conference.

The conference covers a trial period of three months. Any member may withdraw upon thirty days' written notice.

Yield of Cocoa in Gold Coast Colony, West Africa.

The yield of cocoa in the Gold Coast Colony, West Africa, for the year beginning Oct. 1 1931 and ending Sept. 30 1932, is estimated at 217,000 tons by American Trade Commissioner Leonard J. Schwarz in his annual crop estimate in a radiogram to the New York Cocoa Exchange. Mr. Schwarz is the representative of the United States Department of Commerce at the Gold Coast, which is the world's most important cocoa producing area. The estimate compares with Gold Coast shipments of 217,131 tons in 1930-31 and 226,564 in 1929-30. The total figure for 1931-32 is arrived at as follows:

Exports by sea from Oct. 1 1931 to March 1 1932	143,000
Estimated stocks in merchants' hands in all provinces	50,000
Estimated unsold main crop and inter-season production	4,000
Estimated overland exports	5,000
Estimated mid-crop (subject to revision as the season progresses)	15,000
Total	217,000

Production, Sales and Shipments of Cotton Cloths in February. According to the Association of Cotton Textile Merchants of New York—Stock of Carded Cotton Cloths Smallest Since January, 1928.

The smallest stocks of carded cotton cloths since the beginning of comparable figures, in January, 1928, characterize the statistical reports of production, shipments and sales during the month of February, 1932, which were made public March 14 by the Association of Cotton Textile Merchants of New York. The figures cover a period of four weeks and stocks at the end of the month were 239,654,000 yards. This is a decrease of 5.7% from the total of 254,056,000 yards reported at the end of January. Continuing, the Association reports:

Shipments during the month were 258,744,000 yards, or 105.9% of production, which totaled 244,342,000 yards. Sales were 245,582,000 yards, or 100.5% of production for the period. The average weekly production was 61,086,000 yards.

Unfilled orders at the end of the month amounted to 377,988,000 yards, representing a decline of only 3.4% from the total of 391,150,000 yards at the end of January.

These statistics are compiled from data supplied by 23 groups of manufacturers and selling agents reporting to the Association of Cotton Textile

Merchants of New York and the Cotton-Textile Institute, Inc. These groups report on more than 300 classifications of carded cotton cloths and represent the major portion of the production of these fabrics in the United States.

Production Statistics, February 1932.

The following statistics cover upwards of 300 classifications or constructions of carded cotton cloths, and represent a very large part of the total production of these fabrics in the United States. This report represents yardage reported to our Association and the Cotton-Textile Institute, Inc. It is a consolidation of the same 23 groups covered by our reports since October, 1927. The figures for the month of February cover a period of four weeks:

	February, 1932
	(4 Weeks)
Production was	244,342,000 yards
Sales were	245,582,000 yards
Ratio of sales to production	100.5%
Shipments were	258,744,000 yards
Ratio of shipments to production	105.9%
Stocks on hand Feb. 1 were	254,056,000 yards
Stocks on hand Feb. 29 were	239,654,000 yards
Change in stocks	Decrease 5.7%
Unfilled orders Feb. 1 were	391,150,000 yards
Unfilled orders Feb. 29 were	377,988,000 yards
Change in unfilled orders	Decrease 3.4%

Census Report on Cotton Consumed in February.

Under date of March 14 1932 the Census Bureau issued its report showing cotton consumed in the United States, cotton on hand, active cotton spindles and imports and exports of cotton for the month of February 1932 and 1931. Cotton consumed amounted to 450,018 bales of lint and 52,764 bales of linters, compared with 435,337 bales of lint and 50,241 bales of linters in January 1932 and 433,376 bales of lint and 53,687 bales of linters in January 1931. It will be seen that there is an increase over February 1931 in the total lint and linters combined of 15,719 bales, or 3.2%. The following is the official statement:

FEBRUARY REPORT OF COTTON CONSUMED, ON HAND, IMPORTED AND EXPORTED, AND ACTIVE COTTON SPINDLES.

(Cotton in running bales, counting round as half bales, except foreign, which is in 500-pound bales.)

Year	Cotton Consumed During—		Cotton on Hand Feb. 29—		Cotton Spindles Active During February, (Number)
	Feb'y (bales)	Seven Months Ended Feb. 25. (bales)	In Consuming Establishments. (bales)	In Public Storage & at Compresses. (bales)	
United States	1932 450,018	3,081,290	1,633,380	9,510,690	25,189,748
	1931 433,376	2,893,626	1,550,351	7,313,912	25,798,034
Cotton-growing States	1932 365,075	2,523,307	1,305,612	9,093,045	17,008,576
	1931 341,439	2,301,447	1,155,589	6,913,013	17,018,704
New England States	1932 71,592	453,517	271,632	2,574,746	7,207,838
	1931 77,612	493,212	326,604	147,662	7,879,764
All other States	1932 13,351	104,466	66,136	211,899	973,334
	1931 14,325	98,967	68,158	253,237	899,566
Included Above—					
Egyptian cotton	1932 7,019	46,215	30,955	11,975	-----
	1931 8,377	60,290	62,221	27,080	-----
Other foreign cotton	1932 3,071	26,946	24,789	6,960	-----
	1931 6,389	43,395	26,790	19,119	-----
American-Egyptian cotton	1932 1,066	8,746	7,053	14,457	-----
	1931 1,641	7,719	6,570	11,857	-----
Not Included Above—					
Linters	1932 52,764	386,021	281,289	52,969	-----
	1931 53,687	389,648	273,573	92,046	-----

Country of Production.	Imports of Foreign Cotton (500-lb. Bales).			
	February.		7 Mos. Ended Feb. 29.	
	1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.
Egypt	4,825	1,960	21,479	5,542
Peru	228	873	1,171	893
China	264	4,848	4,111	17,779
Mexico	2,621	634	18,945	1,502
British India	1,146	2,453	9,415	14,673
All other	160	397	830	988
Total	9,244	11,165	55,951	41,377

Country to Which Exported.	Exports of Domestic Cotton, Excluding Linters (Running Bales—See Note for Linters).			
	February.		7 Mos. Ended Feb. 29.	
	1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.
United Kingdom	142,992	61,616	862,521	861,760
France	46,583	68,817	246,699	787,447
Italy	51,143	29,209	441,010	344,333
Germany	141,486	84,982	1,067,139	1,232,420
Other Europe	56,634	40,686	608,001	499,601
Japan	396,006	96,014	1,695,300	732,419
All other	135,575	51,656	1,106,221	454,357
Total	970,419	432,980	5,924,891	4,912,337

Note.—Linters exported, not included above, were 10,223 bales during February in 1932 and 8,157 bales in 1931; 67,325 bales for the 7 months ending Feb. 29 in 1932 and 72,155 bales in 1931. The distribution for February 1932 follows: United Kingdom, 652; Netherlands, 1,655; Belgium, 20; France, 725; Germany, 4,832; Canada, 1,474; Japan, 800; Panama, 15; South Africa, 50.

WORLD STATISTICS.

The world's production of commercial cotton, exclusive of linters, grown in 1930, as compiled from various sources, was 25,304,000 bales, counting American in running bales and foreign in bales of 478 lbs. lint, while the consumption of cotton (exclusive of linters in the United States) for the year ending July 31 1931 was approximately 22,402,000 bales. The total number of spinning cotton spindles, both active and idle, is about 162,000,000.

Egyptian Cotton Slumps—Rise of Sterling Almost Results in Panic on Cairo Exchange.

Under date of March 10 Cairo advices to the New York "Times" said:

The sudden rise in the British pound sterling caused cotton prices to fall sharply, resulting in almost a panic on the Cotton Exchange here. Prices fell to 12.43 cents a pound for Sakellaris and 10.63 for Kalmuni.

Matters are so serious that Ahmed Abdul Wahab Pasha, Under-Secretary of Finance, was sent to Alexandria to confer with the Cotton Exchange Commission. It is understood the price will be regulated so that the fall cannot exceed a cent at a time.

Rise in Sterling Rate Affects India Cotton Market.

Bombay advices March 10 to the New York "Evening Post" stated that the jump in the sterling dollar cross rate is seriously affecting the Indian cotton market, where, apart from large stocks carried unhedged, there is also a long position on forward contracts held by speculators. The advices added:

Their position is precarious as, owing to the closing of the local markets, they are unable to hedge. It is expected that speculators will sell heavily when the local markets open, and this is likely to bring down values all over India.

United States Cotton Exports to India Rise.

The New York "Journal of Commerce" reported the following from Washington, March 11:

Increased demand for American cotton at Bombay and reopening of nearly all of the Chinese and British cotton mills in the Shanghai International Settlement was reported by the Department of Agriculture to-day in a review of foreign crops and markets.

Indications of "no marked change" in winter sowings of wheat and rye to date in principal producing countries compared with last year were given by the Department in the fifteen countries that have so far reported winter wheat acreage for harvest this year is estimated at 138,551,000 acres, as compared with 142,272,000 acres in 1931.

Terming the large takings of American cotton at Bombay "one of the brightest features of the current United States trade with India," the Department pointed out that while there has been for several years a good demand for American cotton there in mills manufacturing moderately fine textiles, marked developments in the manufacture of better grades of cotton goods in the last year have greatly increased the quantity of cotton imported from the United States. From August 1931 to the end of the past January 83,982 bales of cotton were exported to British India, compared with 44,568 bales during the same period last year and 6,193 bales two years ago.

World mill consumption of cotton for the six months ended in January was 11,470,000 running bales, compared with 11,319,000 bales the preceding six months and 11,164,000 bales the same period a year ago, according to reports to the Department.

World Consumption of Cotton in First Half of Current Cotton Season at 6,150,000 Bales Compares with 5,377,000 in Same Period Last Season.

World consumption of American cotton in the first half of the current cotton season was 6,150,000 bales, according to the New York Cotton Exchange Service. In issuing this figure the Service states that it represents an upward revision of 153,000 bales from the preliminary estimate of 5,997,000 bales. The Exchange Service on March 15 also said:

The consumption of 6,150,000 bales in the first half of this season compares with 5,736,000 in the second half of last season and 5,377,000 in the first half of last season. In other words, the world used 414,000 more bales of American cotton in the last six months than in the preceding six months and 773,000 more than in the six months before that. This pronounced upward trend has been due primarily to the increase in spinning of American cotton in Great Britain and the Orient. Consumption by this country has increased by a moderate percentage, while consumption by the Continent of Europe has decreased.

Dutch Rayon Output Cut—A.K.U. Factories Announce 20% Reduction in Production.

The management of the A.K.U. factories at Arnheim and Ede, one of the largest European rayon concerns, announces a 20% reduction in production resulting in the dismissal of a great number of workers at both plants. The foregoing is from an Amsterdam message March 9 to the New York "Times," which continued:

A.K.U., as do all other Dutch export industries, sees its export threatened. Of its total production 93% went abroad. The same restriction in production is also being enforced in the German factories, which are doing better than the Dutch industry.

Dutch rayon exports for February, however, recovered after a drop in January, according to official figures. Both the quantity and total value increased considerably. Exports in February totaled 702 tons, amounting to 1,573,000 guilders (about \$629,200), against 597 tons, amounting to 1,329,000 guilders (about \$531,600), in January. Exports of both electric lamps and radio commodities lag far behind compared with February 1931.

Import Duties Decreased on Cotton Manufactures in Gold Coast Colony—Higher Duties Also on Other Goods.

Effective March 1, the duty on cotton manufactures imported into the Gold Coast Colony was decreased from 15% to 12½% ad valorem, while the duty on goods formerly dutiable at 15% ad valorem, including most foodstuffs and all goods not otherwise specified, in the tariff was increased to 20% ad valorem, said a cablegram received in the Department of Commerce from Trade Commissioner Leonard J. Schwarz. The Department also had the following to say on March 14:

The duty on kerosene was increased from 6d. to 8d. per imperial gallon and that on unmanufactured tobacco from 2s. to 2s. 3d. per pound, while a

duty of 2s per cwt. was imposed on imported flour and 2d. each on imported cocoa bags, both of which were formerly duty free.

In addition to the above individual changes in duties, a general surtax of one-twentieth of the duty was imposed on all dutiable imports except alcoholic beverages.

Census Report on Cottonseed Oil Production During February.

On March 12 the Bureau of the Census issued the following statement showing cotton seed received, crushed, and on hand, and cottonseed products manufactured, shipped out, on hand and exported for seven months ended Feb. 29 1932 and 1931:

State.	Received at Mills.*		Crushed		On Hand at Mills	
	Aug. 1 to Feb. 29.		Aug. 1 to Feb. 29.		Feb. 29.	
	1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.
Alabama.....	317,381	371,480	280,092	348,625	37,958	23,121
Arizona.....	45,659	63,165	39,357	60,658	6,351	2,753
Arkansas.....	482,421	248,114	367,952	226,067	105,066	25,097
California.....	76,381	122,695	65,703	91,113	11,878	39,722
Georgia.....	339,624	604,787	291,889	564,203	49,114	41,313
Louisiana.....	231,028	200,508	209,592	189,475	22,088	11,703
Mississippi.....	658,075	552,059	516,024	502,427	143,132	59,607
North Carolina.....	213,506	272,745	183,121	256,435	31,392	16,674
Oklahoma.....	367,946	246,792	319,517	237,905	47,224	11,169
South Carolina.....	168,756	248,270	160,481	235,001	9,180	13,663
Tennessee.....	452,051	255,094	302,290	228,042	149,999	29,647
Texas.....	1,557,897	1,212,765	1,283,359	1,129,356	287,731	100,112
All other States.....	74,050	63,410	58,031	58,516	16,070	4,896
United States.....	4,984,785	4,461,884	4,077,408	4,127,823	917,183	379,477

* Includes seed destroyed at mills but not 24,784 tons and 45,434 tons on hand Aug. 1. nor 31,078 tons and 57,059 tons reshipped for 1932 and 1931, respectively.

COTTONSEED PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED, SHIPPED OUT AND ON HAND.

Item.	Season.	On Hand Aug. 1.	Produced Aug. 1 to Feb. 29.	Shipped Out Aug. 1 to Feb. 29.	On Hand Feb. 29.
Crude oil.....	1931-32	*8,086,071	1,275,317,632	1,187,514,581	*130,375,236
(pounds).....	1930-31	7,893,957	1,250,461,980	1,183,508,810	104,746,584
Refined oil.....	1931-32	a277,836,530	a1051,872,829	-----	a632,618,450
(pounds).....	1930-31	301,609,092	1,047,709,800	-----	495,138,493
Cake and meal.....	1931-32	146,888	1,828,359	1,744,570	230,677
(tons).....	1930-31	55,352	1,878,120	1,570,784	362,688
Hulls.....	1931-32	47,723	1,149,108	977,425	119,406
(tons).....	1930-31	28,495	1,142,438	1,038,592	232,341
Linters.....	1931-32	175,904	648,020	511,483	312,441
(running bales).....	1930-31	135,220	717,199	523,875	328,544
Hull fiber.....	1931-32	3,564	24,708	18,041	10,231
(50-lb. bales).....	1930-31	2,659	43,871	39,379	7,151
Grablots, motes, &c. (500-lb. bales).....	1931-32	12,475	21,193	13,168	20,500
	1930-31	12,776	29,039	19,023	22,792

* Includes 3,267,812 and 9,581,581 pounds held by refineries and manufacturing establishments and 3,011,840 and 31,184,185 pounds in transit to refineries and consumers Aug. 1 1931 and Feb. 29 1932, respectively.
 a Includes 4,207,734 and 4,020,958 pounds held by refiners, brokers, agents, and warehousemen at places other than refineries and manufacturing establishments and 3,585,902 and 1,886,370 pounds in transit to manufacturers of lard substitute, oleomargarine, soap, &c. Aug. 1 1931 and Feb. 29 1932, respectively.
 b Produced from 1,129,829,480 pounds of crude oil.

EXPORTS OF COTTONSEED PRODUCTS FOR NINE MONTHS ENDED JANUARY 31.

Item—	1932.	1931.
Oil—Crude, pounds.....	3,982,067	4,275,673
Refined, pounds.....	3,336,450	9,732,673
Cake and meal, tons of 2,000 pounds.....	170,069	26,818
Linters, running bales.....	57,102	63,998

Leading Floor Covering Manufacturers Discontinue 3D Grade Linoleum Sales—Regarded as Helping Market for Better Merchandise.

According to advices from Chicago to the "Wall Street Journal" of March 11 leading floor covering manufacturers are abandoning the sale of third grade goods. The account further says:

This action is similar to that of the window glass industry which has given up the practice of offering off-standard merchandise for sale and should benefit the industry by increasing the demand for better grade merchandise. At the same time makers are discussing organization of an association to establish a legal code of ethics and business practices, which should bring surcease to an industry torn by price cutting and competition.

Congoleum-Nairn and Paraffine Companies, Inc., both have announced the discontinuance of their grade line of floor coverings.

All manufacturers of linoleums and felt base floor coverings in the United States met here this week to consider formation and organization of an association as promptly as possible. The association under consideration is what is known as an open price association, which does not deal with fixing or controlling of prices in any respect. Important benefits to be derived from such an association are simplification and standardization of types, classes, gauges, width, &c., of materials manufactured.

Considerable progress was made at this meeting in the formation of a proposed constitution of by-laws, code of ethics and simplification program, and the meeting was adjourned, subject to the call of the proposed business manager, John O. Runkle of Cambridge, Mass. Should the proposed association become a definite organization, Mr. Runkle would undoubtedly become its President and General Manager.

Dictator Urged for Silk Industry—Jacob Widder Suggests Wide Plan to Relieve Condition of Business.

The elimination of night work, creation of a clearing house for distress merchandise, organization of a group to buy up and junk obsolete machinery and the adoption of a uniform cost system by all mills were among the remedies suggested for the correction of current chaotic condition in the broad silk trade at a meeting of the entire industry at the Silk

Association on March 16, said the New York "Journal of Commerce" of March 17, from which we also take the following:

Jacob Widder, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, which was appointed some time ago to make a survey of the trade and to recommend methods of eliminating flagrant abuses, urged the appointment of a man to head the industry and suggested the creation of a legislative and judicial body. He also suggested that the trade organize a subsidiary to the Silk Association and that each plant owner pledge his plant to the value of \$10 per loom to guarantee his faithful adherence to the rules of the organization.

"The plant owner is to be in absolute charge of his own plant at all times and to run and manage these plants in his own way," he said. "Should any members of this organization desire additional weaving, requests should be made to the central body to apportion such weaving to another member who has been unable to keep his plant going. On finding a member guilty of violation of the rules of the organization the judicial body may suspend the member and return the plant from escrow on payment of \$10 per loom."

Overproduction Chief Ill.

Mr. Widder stated that the industry's chief problem is overproduction and that the best way to cure this is to establish uniform cost systems, organize a group to buy obsolete machinery, collect and disseminate accurate statistical information on raw and semi-manufactured silk and keep all mills informed of style changes.

To curb chaotic conditions in the greige goods market, he urged all mills to keep production within bounds, insist on payment of bills within 10 days after delivery or end of month, request raw and thrown silk dealers to sell only to manufacturers who own and operate looms and prevent raw and thrown silk dealers from converting their surplus stocks in cloths to be dumped into the market at what prices they will fetch. He also urged the establishment of a clearing house for distress merchandise. He declared that price weaknesses that develop suddenly can be prevented by the establishment of a price exchange.

Faces Crisis.

Paolino Gerli of Gerli & Co. addressed the industry and lauded mills for the cautious production policies they have pursued since the beginning of the year. He urged mills not to be led by any false spurt in demand into expanding production too drastically. He said that the industry faces a crisis but that it can be averted by co-operation and by sound, intelligent manufacturing and merchandising.

Mr. Widder declared, "I suggest that mill continue curtailment. I am heartily in favor of putting a man at the head of our industry, one who understands figures, manufacturing, selling, &c., and is strong enough not to show any favoritism, forceful enough to abide by and enforce the regulations of the industry."

Petroleum and Its Products—East Texas Allowable Cut—Stronger Market Reflected in Higher Pennsylvania Prices—Advance in Mid-Continent Expected.

Continued improvement in the nation's crude oil situation was reflected this week in higher postings for Pennsylvania crude, and in confident expression of expected higher prices in the Mid-Continent area. The Pennsylvania advance of 5 cents per barrel was made on Buckeye crude by the South Penn Oil Co.

Advices from Mid-Continent indicate that higher prices may be expected to materialize during the latter part of April. It is pointed out that crude prices were on a higher basis when production was greater and consumption less than at present. In view of these conditions, leaders in the industry are ready to abandon the practice of basing operations on a price which does not give any chance of realizing a reasonable profit. Efforts on the part of a few refiners to achieve large gallonage even at the expense of profit resulted last year in a general lowering of prices which has continued into this year.

Production in East Texas has been limited to an output of 325,000 barrels per day, regardless of the number of producing wells. At the present time, this means that each well now in operation is restricted to 72 barrels per day. Should the number of wells increase, the per well allowable will automatically decrease, and vice versa. This new order was made effective on Wednesday, March 16.

The storage situation is expected to be considerably lightened during April when, with normal weather and normal demand ensuing, consumption for domestic crude should average about 150,000 barrels daily in excess of production.

The possibility of a 1-cent per gallon import duty on crude and refined petroleum brought about considerable activity in tanker operations during the past week. A large number of tankers which have been anchored in the lower New York Bay for a considerable time have all been pressed into service, and it is believed that about 50 large tankers are now en route to Mexican and South American ports to bring into this country as much tonnage as possible before the proposed law can become effective.

The situation in East Texas well in hand, the Texas Railroad Commission has called a hearing for March 30 at which time testimony will be taken regarding output allowables in all other oil producing sections of the State. General Wolters, who has been in command of the State militia in East Texas ever since the proclamation of martial law last summer, has asked Governor Sterling to relieve him so that

he might return to his private law practice. He will be succeeded by Col. Louis S. Davidson of Dallas, who will continue the use of the troops in enforcing the rulings of the Railroad Commission.

Production in California increased 6,750 barrels per day during the last week, the daily average up to and including March 12 being 506,400 barrels. It is significant that a marked increase in the movement of California gasoline to East Coast markets has taken place within recent weeks.

Price changes follow:

March 12.—South Penn Oil Co. posts 5c. per barrel advance in Buckeye (Pennsylvania) crude oil, new price being \$1.35 per barrel.

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	.....	.63
Illinois	.....	.80	Salt Creek, Wyo., 40 and over	.....	.65
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
Splinteron, 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 PRICES ADVANCED IN OHIO AND NEW YORK—LOWER OCTANE GASOLINE PRICES FIRM—DIESEL OIL DEMAND IMPROVES—KEROSENE QUIET.

A stronger tone in the gasoline markets was shown this week, and resulted in higher postings by the Standard Oil Co. of Ohio and the Standard Oil Co. of New York. Detroit saw a new price-cutting war in prospect as a result of the action of the Sunny Service Oil Co., which last week received a shipment of 3,000,000 gallons of Rumanian gasoline and has since started selling domestic gasoline for 11½¢., including the State tax of 3c. per gallon. The company holds its imported gasoline at 12½¢. per gallon.

The New York price advance was made effective in Brooklyn and New York only, and raised tank wagon and service station prices 1-5c. per gallon, the new prices being 10½¢. tank wagon and 12½¢. service station. Standard of Ohio announced a ½¢. advance, effective March 16 throughout its territory, the new prices being: Sohio Ethyl, 19½¢. service station and 19c. tank wagon; X70 is 16½¢. service station and 16c. tank wagon.

Substantiation of the reported stronger feeling in gasoline markets on the East Coast is seen in the firming of prices for below 65 octane gasoline, which is now held fairly firm at 5¾¢., as against 5¼¢.-5½¢. which has prevailed for the past several weeks. Above 65 octane is steady at 6½¢., these being bulk tank car listings.

California is preparing to assume again an important position in East Coast gasoline markets. Heavy shipments of the Pacific Coast product are under way now, and contracts have been consummated for large shipments to be made during the early spring and summer months, according to well-founded reports. While no mention has been made of the prices at which this business is being closed, it is generally believed that the gasoline will be landed here on a basis which will allow its distribution on a competitive basis with normal supplies. Shipments of California gasoline to East Coast ports during the first two months of this year totaled less than half the amount received here during the same period in 1931.

There has been an improvement in the local demand for Diesel oil, and the present price, \$1.30 in bulk at refineries, may be advanced at least 10c. in the near future, it is reported. Such an advance is almost certain to come about if the proposed tariff on fuel is enacted, it is felt, but regardless of tariff action, it is believed that normal improvement will bring about a higher price posting.

Kerosene continues quiet, and prices show no change, although a slight improvement in the undertone is noted. Fewer offerings under the posted prices of 5¼¢.-5½¢. for 41-43 water white have been reported during the last few days.

The spot market in Chicago is continuing strong at the higher levels reached last week, although much of the jobbing demand has receded for the present. The maintenance of the Chicago market depends now a great deal upon the weather. If warm weather should prevail from now on the price structure will show marked advances, while slight recessions are to be expected if cold and stormy weather persists throughout March.

Reports from other sections of the country show that both refinery and natural gasolines are firm in the Mid-Continent area, with a good demand continuing for kerosene, tractor fuel and furnace oil. California gasoline prices, as a whole, are unchanged, although strong competition has developed in certain sections since the introduction of third-grade

gasoline at 9 1/2c. Independent dealers in the southern section have met this new fuel price by shading their prices to below 9c.

The Gulf Coast reports few inquiries from export markets and continued quiet in the domestic trade.

Price changes follow:

March 15.—Gulf Refining Co. reduces retail price of Ethyl gasoline 2c. per gallon to new price of 15 1/2c. per gallon, State tax included, in City of Detroit.

March 15.—Shell Petroleum Co. meets Ethyl price cut of Gulf Refining in Detroit territory and announces 2c. cut, new price being 15 1/2c., State tax included.

March 16.—Standard Oil Co. of Ohio advances gasoline prices 1/2c. per gallon throughout territory. New prices: Sohio Ethyl, 19 1/2c. service station and 19c. tank wagon; X-70 16 1/2c. service station, 16c. tank wagon.

March 18.—Standard Oil Co. of New York advances gasoline prices on tank wagon and service station postings 1-5c. per gallon in Brooklyn and New York, new prices being 10 1/2c. tank wagon and 12 1/2c. service station.

March 18.—Standard Oil Co. of Ohio reduces all grades of gasoline 1c. per gallon at Doylestown, and in the following counties: Summit, Portage and Medina, the new prices being 2c. below the State-wide structure.

Gasoline, Service Station, Tax Included.

New York.....\$1.55	Cincinnati.....\$.165	Kansas City.....\$.149
Atlanta......195	Cleveland......165	Minneapolis......162
Baltimore......154	Denver......19	New Orleans......118
Boston......17	Detroit......13	Philadelphia......11
Buffalo......158	Houston......13	San Francisco......17
Chicago......15	Jacksonville......19	St. Louis......129

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

N.Y. (Bayonne) \$.05 1/4 - .05 1/2	Chicago.....\$.02 1/4 - .03 1/4	New Orleans, ex.....\$.03 1/4
North Texas......03	Los Ang., ex......04 1/4 - .06	Tulsa......04 1/4 - .03 1/4

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

N. Y. (Bayonne).....	California 27 plus D.....	Gulf Coast "C".....\$5-.55
Bunker "C".....\$.60	.....\$.75-1.00	Chicago 18-22 D.....42 1/4-.50
Diesel 28-30 D.....1.30	New Orleans "C"......55	

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

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

Gasoline, U. S. Motor, Tank (Above 65 Octave) Car Lots, F.O.B. Refinery.

N. Y. (Bayonne).....	New York.....	New Orleans, ex.....\$.05-.05 1/4
Stand. Oil, N. Y. \$0.06	Colonial-Beacon.....\$.06 1/4	Arkansas......04-.04 1/4
Stand. Oil, N. Y. 0.06 1/2	Crew Levick......06 1/2	California......05-.07
Tide Water Oil Co. 0.06 1/2	z Texas......06 1/2	Los Angeles, ex......04 1/4-.07
Richfield Oil (Cal) 0.06 1/2	Gulf......06 1/2	Gulf Ports......05-.05 1/4
Warner-Quin. Co. 0.06 1/2	Continental......06	Tulsa......04 1/4-.05
Pan-Am. Pet. Co. 0.06	Republic Oil.....*.05 1/4	Pennsylvania......05 1/4
Shell Eastern Pet. 0.06 1/2	Chicago.....\$.03 1/4 - .04	

*Below 65 Octave, z "Texaco" is .07.

Protest to Representative Crisp from Venezuela Against Tax on Petroleum Products—Says 1,000 Americans Would Be Affected.

The following (Associated Press) from Maracaibo, Venezuela, March 10 is from the New York "Times":

Frank C. Laurie, Vice-President and General Manager of the Lago Petroleum Corp., made public to-night a cablegram to Representative Crisp in protest against a proposed tax on petroleum products. It follows: "On behalf of more than 1,000 American citizens employed and families residing in Venezuela, and consisting of employees, many of them with their families, employed by the Lago Petroleum Corp., whose petroleum products constitute a large proportion of the importations of those commodities into the United States of America, I respectfully but most earnestly urge reconsideration by your Committee of the proposed prohibitive taxes on such importations, the consequences of which are matters of the deepest anxiety and concern to those for whom I speak and whose welfare may be vitally and most adversely affected thereby."

Crude Oil Output Continues to Show an Increase Over the Preceding Week But Again Is Below that for the Corresponding Period Last Year.

The American Petroleum Institute estimates that the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended March 12, was 2,145,600 barrels, as compared with 2,140,850 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 4,750 barrels. Compared with the output for the week ended March 14 1931 of 2,190,550 barrels per day, the current figure represents a decrease of 44,950 barrels daily. The daily average production east of California for the week ended March 12 1932, was 1,639,300 barrels, as compared with 1,638,750 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 550 barrels. The following are estimates of daily average gross production, by districts:

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION (FIGURES IN BARRELS).

Weeks Ended—	Mar. 12 '32.	Mar. 5 '32.	Feb. 27 '32.	Mar. 14 '31.
Oklahoma.....	419,300	418,600	431,900	509,800
Kansas.....	99,750	101,600	100,250	111,400
Panhandle Texas.....	47,700	50,700	47,600	52,350
North Texas.....	47,250	47,200	47,300	59,450
West Central Texas.....	24,450	23,600	23,650	25,300
West Texas.....	182,100	177,550	178,750	231,350
East Central Texas.....	55,200	54,850	54,600	46,950
East Texas.....	323,600	309,900	304,750	82,700
Southwest Texas.....	52,250	51,000	51,200	75,600
North Louisiana.....	28,250	27,900	28,200	40,500
Arkansas.....	34,200	34,000	33,850	48,400
Coastal Texas.....	107,750	110,400	109,700	152,350
Coastal Louisiana.....	26,550	27,100	23,150	26,100
Eastern (not incl. Michigan).....	92,450	104,650	101,700	97,500
Michigan.....	15,100	14,950	13,700	8,650
Wyoming.....	37,000	37,450	36,900	41,800
Montana.....	6,150	6,200	7,700	8,400
Colorado.....	3,400	3,550	3,600	4,150
New Mexico.....	36,850	37,550	37,350	39,900
California.....	506,300	502,100	499,200	527,900
Total.....	2,145,600	2,140,850	2,138,050	2,190,550

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 12, was 1,314,050 barrels, as compared with 1,296,900 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 17,150 barrels. The Mid-Continent production, excluding Smackover (Arkansas) heavy oil, was 1,291,000 barrels, as compared with 1,273,850 barrels, an increase of 17,150 barrels.

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

	—Week Ended—		—Week Ended—	
	Mar. 12	Mar. 5	Mar. 12	Mar. 5
Oklahoma—			Southwest Texas—	
Bowlegs.....	11,600	11,200	Chapmann-Abbott.....	1,500 1,500
Bristow-Slick.....	11,450	11,400	Darst Creek.....	15,550 13,700
Burbank.....	11,100	11,100	Luling.....	7,450 7,250
Carr City.....	17,350	17,900	Salt Flat.....	8,000 9,000
Earlsboro.....	12,950	13,600	North Louisiana—	
East Earlsboro.....	12,350	10,950	Sarenta-Carterville.....	800 850
South Earlsboro.....	4,400	4,150	Zwolle.....	5,700 5,700
Konawa.....	4,750	4,600	Arkansas—	
Little River.....	18,250	18,800	Smackover, light.....	2,900 2,900
East Little River.....	1,900	1,650	Smackover, heavy.....	23,050 23,050
Maud.....	2,100	2,100	Coastal Texas—	
Mission.....	5,950	5,650	Barbers Hill.....	17,400 19,700
Oklahoma City.....	93,500	93,150	Raccoon Bend.....	4,900 5,100
St. Louis.....	17,100	17,750	Refugio County.....	10,450 10,850
Searight.....	3,350	3,250	Sugarland.....	10,300 10,200
Seminole.....	11,100	10,400	Coastal Louisiana—	
East Seminole.....	1,200	1,200	East Hackberry.....	3,000 3,300
Kansas—			Old Hackberry.....	600 600
Ritz.....	11,750	13,550	Wyoming—	
Sedgwick County.....	15,000	15,550	Salt Creek.....	23,000 23,000
Voshell.....	7,800	7,950	Montana—	
Panhandle Texas—			Kevin-Sunburst.....	3,200 3,200
Gray County.....	29,100	31,900	New Mexico—	
Hutchinson County.....	11,800	12,300	Hobbs High.....	30,650 31,400
North Texas—			Balance Lea County.....	4,200 4,100
Archer County.....	10,300	10,350	California—	
North Young County.....	5,500	5,500	Elwood-Coleta.....	16,800 16,600
Wilbarger County.....	9,400	9,500	Huntington Beach.....	22,100 21,200
West Central Texas—			Inglewood.....	14,000 13,700
South Young County.....	3,550	3,200	Kettleman Hills.....	57,700 61,600
West Texas—			Long Beach.....	80,500 79,300
Crane & Upton Counties.....	19,800	19,700	Midway-Sunset.....	50,200 48,700
Ector County.....	5,400	5,350	Playa del Rey.....	19,500 19,800
Howard-Glasscock.....	23,100	23,000	Santa Fe Springs.....	66,400 65,000
Reagan County.....	34,200	30,400	Seal Beach.....	13,500 13,600
Winkler County.....	31,500	30,750	Ventura Avenue.....	31,900 36,500
Yates.....	55,100	55,200		
Balance Pecos County.....	2,400	2,500	Pennsylvania Grade—	
East Texas—			Allegheny.....	5,700 7,450
Van Zandt County.....	49,100	48,800	Bradford.....	23,500 27,500
East Texas—			Kane to Butler.....	5,450 7,450
Rusk County: Joiner.....	106,550	101,700	Southwestern Penna.....	2,400 3,100
Kilgore.....	100,200	97,750	Southeastern Ohio.....	4,400 5,500
Gregg Co.: Longview.....	116,805	110,450	West Virginia.....	10,000 12,150

Mid-Continent Oil Men Commend Action of House, Ways and Means Committee in Imposing Tax on Oil.

Associated Press accounts from Tulsa, Okla., on March 5 stated that mid-continent oil men commend the action of the Ways and Means Committee, which recommended a tax of 1 cent a gallon on imported gasoline and crude and fuel oils. The dispatch added:

E. S. Reeser, former head of the American Petroleum Institute, said the oil industry was "grateful" for the action.

Frank Bittram, a leading independent and President of the Oklahoma City Independent Petroleum Association, regarded the excise tax as the "first national victory for the Southwestern States."

"For years the New England States have stressed a tariff and have gotten by with it," he said, "but the leaders there have been brought to see the needs of protecting the Southwestern industry."

A few Oklahoma oil leaders were inclined to believe that the tax would halt imports, but the majority were of the opinion that it would merely serve to curtail the amounts and shipments, especially of refined products.

It was pointed out that the importing companies already had long contracts with their subsidiaries for deliveries of foreign oil, and most leaders in the business believed it might be five or six months before the significance of the tax was fully realized.

Pan-American Employees Association in West Indies Protests to Representative Crisp Against Oil Tax.

Associated Press advices from Aruba (Dutch West Indies) March 11 stated:

D. I. Maxwell, President of the Pan-American Employees Association, has cabled Chairman Charles Crisp of the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives at Washington, protesting against the proposed import tax on petroleum products into the United States.

"On behalf of more than 1,200 American citizens residing in Aruba," Mr. Maxwell said, "who are dependent upon their employment in the American refinery here, most of the petroleum products of which are imported into the United States, I most earnestly urge reconsideration by your Committee of the proposed prohibitive tax on such importation, the consequence of which is a matter of deepest anxiety and concern to those for whom I speak and whose welfare may be vitally and most adversely affected thereby."

Gasoline Rations Decried in Chile—Sales Will Be Only to Holders of Tickets, as Oil Companies Threaten Import Halt—Exchange Curb at Stake—West India and Shell-Mex Demanded Right to Ship Gold for Profits.

Rationing of gasoline throughout Chile for "strictly necessary" purposes is expected to begin soon under government supervision as an economic measure under regulations for the control of foreign exchange, according to Associated Press advices from Santiago March 10 to the New York "Times", which continued:

A decree, which is expected to cut gasoline sales in half, was signed in the Ministry of Industry to-day. It provides that gasoline shall become an "article of emergency" obtainable only by tickets issued by a special commission to be directly responsible to President Juan Esteban Montero.

The Government, under provisions for control of foreign exchange, has determined to prevent the outflow of gold, except where absolutely necessary. Gasoline is sold exclusively in Chile by two foreign firms—the West India, which is a subsidiary of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey and the Shell-Mex, owned by British interests.

The two concerns have served notice that they will import no more gasoline and necessarily will have to raise the price unless they can get gold to send abroad to pay for supplies. They also said they were prohibited from sending any profits outside the country under the foreign exchange regulations.

Anticipating a price rise and a likely stoppage of imports, the Government decided on the rationing plan.

Under the plan, enough exchange would be allowed to the oil companies to bring in a sufficient supply for those permitted to use gasoline under the decree.

The gasoline would be rationed for ambulances, cars of firemen and police, buses, taxicabs and railroads, commercial trucks, automobiles used exclusively for commerce, industry and agriculture. Government cars, diplomatic and other special automobiles in the order named.

The oil companies expect their profits to be reduced because the gold allotted to them would be only sufficient to pay for the importation of supplies. Limitation of the sale of gasoline for business or "necessary" purposes also is expected to eliminate privately owned "pleasure" cars from the streets.

Dealers said it would have the effect of reducing sales of automobiles, tires and accessories.

A further cablegram (March 12) from Santiago to the "Times" said:

The gasoline restriction bill was introduced in the Chilean Congress to-day and is expected to be passed soon in an effort to reduce imports of foreign goods and cut down drafts on foreign markets.

The bill seeks to prohibit the use of private automobiles by providing heavy penalties for those who obtain gasoline from industrial or commercial users. The measure also is aimed at the prevention of speculation in the price of gasoline.

Mexican Oil Refinery Opens—Represents Investment of Nearly \$5,000,000.

President Ortiz Rubio of Mexico on March 5 opened one of the largest oil refineries in Mexico. With the pipe line running from Palma Sola, Vera Cruz, it represents an investment of nearly \$5,000,000, according to advices from Mexico City to the New York "Times," from which we also take the following:

It is owned by the Mexican Eagle Oil Co., an associate of the British Royal Dutch Shell group.

Nearly two years were required for its construction. It can handle 10,000 barrels of crude oil daily and will produce gasoline, gas, oils, kerosene, asphalt and coke.

The pipe line that feeds the new refinery is about 180 miles long. From sea level it runs over a mountainous district having a maximum elevation of 2,183 feet. Seven powerful pumping stations will force the crude oil through the pipe line to the refinery here.

Gasoline Price Advanced by Standard Oil Co. of Ohio.

Effective March 16, the Standard Oil Co. of Ohio increased the price of gasoline one-half cent a gallon throughout its territory, according to an announcement made on March 15.

Gulf Refining Co. and Shell Petroleum Co. Cut Gasoline Prices in Detroit.

A two-cent reduction in the retail price of ethyl gasoline in Detroit was made by the Gulf Refining Co. and the Shell Petroleum Co. on March 15. The new price is now 15.5 cents, including State tax.

Gasoline Prices Advanced by Standard Oil Co. of New York.

Gasoline prices in New York and Brooklyn have been advanced by the Standard Oil Co. of New York a fifth of a cent a gallon, effective March 18. The new tank wagon price is now 10½ cents a gallon and the service station price 12½ cents a gallon, excluding the State tax.

Pennsylvania Crude Oil Price Advanced.

The price of Pennsylvania-grade crude oil in lines of Buckeye Pipe Line has been advanced 5 cents a barrel to \$1.35 by the South Penn Oil Co.

Price of Crude Oil in Pennsylvania Reduced 3 Cents a Barrel.

Tide Water Pipe Co. has announced a reduction of 3 cents a barrel in Pennsylvania crude oil in Bradford and Alleghany districts. The new price is now \$1.82.

Bulk Terminal Stocks of Gasoline and Gasoline in Transit.

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

facture to the ultimate consumer. While it might appear to some that these quantities represent newly found stocks of this product, the industry itself and those closely connected with it, have always generally known of their existence. The report for the week ended Aug. 22 1931, was the first time that definite statistics had ever been presented covering the amount of such stock. 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. 12 1932.	Mar. 5 1932.	Mar. 14 1931.	Mar. 12 1932.	Mar. 5 1932.	Mar. 14 1931.
East Coast.....	8,839,000	8,821,000	8,748,000	1,199,000	1,018,000	2,170,000
Appalachian.....	271,000	287,000	346,000	-----	-----	-----
Ind., Ill., Ky.....	2,276,000	2,108,000	1,060,000	44,000	-----	29,000
Okla., Kans., Mo.....	821,000	917,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
Texas.....	106,000	134,000	160,000	-----	-----	21,000
La.-Ark.....	277,000	217,000	489,000	-----	23,000	10,000
Rocky Mountain.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total east of Calif.	12,590,000	12,484,000	10,803,000	1,243,000	1,041,000	2,230,000
Texas Gulf.....	79,000	106,000	135,000	-----	-----	21,000
Louisiana Gulf.....	208,000	195,000	457,000	-----	23,000	-----

Weekly Refinery Statistics for the United States.

Reports compiled by the American Petroleum Institute for the week ended March 12, from companies aggregating 3,665,600 barrels, or 95.2% of the 3,852,000-barrel estimated daily potential refining capacity of the United States, indicate that 2,063,700 barrels of crude oil were run to stills daily, and that these same companies had in storage at refineries at the end of the week, 45,661,000 barrels of gasoline, and 125,023,000 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 2,813,000 barrels of cracked gasoline during the week. The complete report for the week ended March 12 1932 follows:

CRUDE RUNS TO STILLS, GASOLINE AND GAS AND FUEL OIL STOCKS WEEK ENDED MARCH 12 1932.
(Figures in Barrels of 42 Gallons Each.)

District.	Per Cent Potential Capacity Report- ing.	Crude Runs to Stills.	Per Cent of Total Capacity Report.	a Gasoline Stocks.	Gas and Fuel Oil Stocks.
East Coast.....	100.0	2,976,000	67.1	6,708,000	6,293,000
Appalachian.....	91.8	629,000	65.4	1,810,000	1,149,000
Ind., Illinois, Kentucky.....	98.9	1,887,000	62.5	5,887,000	4,224,000
Okla., Kansas, Missouri.....	89.6	1,521,000	49.9	3,774,000	3,081,000
Texas.....	91.3	3,316,000	61.9	8,913,000	6,569,000
Louisiana-Arkansas.....	98.9	1,006,000	62.3	1,688,000	3,981,000
Rocky Mountain.....	89.4	215,000	21.3	1,965,000	671,000
California.....	97.1	2,896,000	46.6	14,916,000	96,045,000
Total week March 12	95.2	14,446,000	56.3	45,661,000	125,023,000
Daily average.....	-----	2,063,700	-----	-----	-----
Total week March 5.	95.2	13,778,000	53.7	45,429,000	126,175,000
Daily average.....	-----	1,968,300	-----	-----	-----
Total March 14 1931.	95.7	16,201,000	64.8	45,271,000	127,358,000
Daily average.....	-----	2,314,400	-----	-----	-----
c Texas Gulf Coast.....	99.8	2,664,000	71.6	7,134,000	6,849,000
c Louisiana Gulf Coast.....	100.0	670,000	64.9	1,551,000	3,302,000

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 12 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 heading "Gas and fuel oil stocks."

Production and Shipments of Portland Cement Declined During February—Inventories Higher.

According to the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, the Portland cement industry in February 1932 produced 3,971,000 barrels, shipped 3,118,000 barrels from the mills, and had in stock at the end of the month 26,631,000 barrels. Production of Portland cement in February 1932 showed a decrease of 32.9% and shipments a decrease of 38.5% as compared with February 1931. Portland cement stocks at the mills were 6.9% lower than a year ago.

In the following statement of relation of production to capacity the total output of finished cement is compared with the estimated capacity of 165 plants both at the close of February 1932 and of February 1931. The estimates include increased capacity due to extensions and improvements during the period.

RELATION OF PRODUCTION TO CAPACITY.

	Feb. 1931.	Feb. 1932.	Jan. 1932.	Dec. 1931.	Nov. 1931.
The month.....	29.4%	18.7%	22.0%	26.4%	37.2%
The 12 months ended...	59.7%	45.2%	45.9%	46.5%	44.4%

PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS OF FINISHED PORTLAND CEMENT, BY DISTRICTS, IN JANUARY 1931 AND 1932 (IN THOUSANDS OF BARRELS).

District.	Production.		Shipments.		Stocks at End of Month.	
	1931.	1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.	1932.
	Eastern Pa., N. J. & Maryland..	1,630	1,315	1,123	851	6,054	5,706
New York & Maine.....	151	319	182	166	1,957	1,575
Ohio, Western Pa. & W. Va.....	412	215	415	284	3,705	3,405
Michigan.....	109	114	219	121	2,814	2,093
Wis., Ill., Ind. & Ky.....	427	515	416	249	3,966	3,386
Va., Tenn., Ala., Ga., Fla. & La.	836	290	768	359	1,833	1,749
East. Mo., Iowa, Minn. & S. Dak.	766	358	377	150	3,458	3,698
W. Mo., Neb., Kan., Okla. & Ark.	263	179	404	239	2,077	1,942
Texas.....	286	280	328	256	740	847
Colo., Mont., Utah, Wyo. & Ida.	160	7	82	38	486	456
California.....	709	316	602	343	938	1,124
Oregon & Washington.....	171	63	158	62	584	650
Total.....	5,920	3,971	5,074	3,118	28,612	26,631

PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS OF FINISHED PORTLAND CEMENT, BY MONTHS, IN 1931 AND 1932 (IN THOUS. OF BARRELS).

Month.	Production.		Shipments.		Stocks at End of Month.	
	1931.	1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.	1932.
	January.....	6,595	a5,026	4,692	a3,393	27,759	a25,778
February.....	5,920	3,971	5,074	3,118	28,612	a26,631
March.....	8,245	-----	7,192	-----	29,676	-----
April.....	11,245	-----	11,184	-----	29,715	-----
May.....	14,010	-----	14,200	-----	29,554	-----
June.....	14,118	-----	16,077	-----	27,602	-----
July.....	13,899	-----	15,545	-----	25,934	-----
August.....	13,549	-----	15,172	-----	24,313	-----
September.....	12,092	-----	13,671	-----	22,736	-----
October.....	10,762	-----	12,360	-----	21,218	-----
November.....	8,161	-----	7,156	-----	22,219	-----
December.....	a5,974	-----	4,142	-----	a23,942	-----
Total.....	a124,570	-----	126,465	-----	-----	-----

a Revised.
 Note.—The statistics above presented are compiled from reports for January received by the Bureau of Mines from all manufacturing plants except four, for which estimates have been included in lieu of actual returns..

Price of Lead Reduced to 3.15 Cents a Pound.

A reduction of 10 points to 3.15 cents a pound has been made by the American Smelting & Refining Co. in the price of lead.

Tinplate Pool Revived.

The following from London, appeared in the "Wall Street Journal" of Feb. 24:

South Wales tinplate manufacturers have decided to revive the tinplate pool and have fixed 15 shillings as the minimum selling price for tinplate.

1931 Tin Cartel Allotments Announced.

Monthly quotas for various countries in the 1931 International Tin Entente have just been announced, according to a report to the Department of Commerce from Assistant Commercial Attache Daniel J. Reagan, Paris. The Department, in announcing this, March 8, said:

The total monthly production figures for the five tin exporting countries were 10 508 tons during the March to June quarter: 8,841 tons in the June to September quarter; and 9,674 tons for September to the end of the year.

Exports were reported as follows:

Netherland East Indies—March to November.....	19,963 tons
December.....	2,306 tons
Nigeria—March to November.....	5,345 tons
December.....	671 tons
Bolivia—March to November.....	22,974 tons
December.....	2,544 tons
Malay States—March to November.....	38,454 tons
December.....	3,302 tons
Siam—September to November.....	2,808 tons
December.....	700 tons

Liquidation of surplus stocks accounted for the evident excess of exports over output.

World Distribution of Nitrogen Consumption.

It is estimated that the world consumption of pure nitrogen declined from 1,950,797 metric tons in the fiscal year 1929-30 to 1,621,305 in 1930-31 due primarily to the decreased purchasing power of farmers, it is indicated in the annual report of British Sulphate of Ammonia Federation, received in the Commerce Department's Chemical Division. The Department on Feb. 25, said:

The following figures are offered as fair estimates, but strict accuracy is not claimed for them:

WORLD CONSUMPTION OF PURE NITROGEN FOR THE FERTILIZER YEAR 1930-31.

	Europe.	Africa.	Asta.	Oceania*	America.	World.
Ammonium sulphate and ammonia for mixed fertilizer.....	369,459	8,727	200,219	15,149	129,400	722,954
Sodium nitrate, Chilean.....	141,000	30,400	5,900	6,000	61,000	244,300
Calcium cyanamide.....	138,396	654	28,467	6	13,765	181,238
Other synthetic nitrogen products.....	278,191	13,085	8,652	3,345	29,978	343,251
Ammonia products for industrial purposes.....	67,426	505	6,002	934	54,645	129,512
Total.....	994,472	53,371	249,240	25,434	298,788	1,621,305

* Includes Hawaii.

The biggest reductions in tonnage consumed have been in the United States, Germany, Netherlands, France and Poland, and the largest percentage decline in Cuba. The greatest increase in tonnage was in Russia and as a percentage in Portugal. Chilean nitrate consumption declined by 33% while the demand for byproduct and synthetic nitrogen showed a loss of 13 1/4%.

Copper Agreement Halts Price Drag—Metals Market Calm at News of Curtailment Pact.

The recent important announcement that copper producers had come to an understanding both in respect to curtailment and the marketing problem in the export field hardly caused a ripple in the non-ferrous metal industry. "Metal and Mineral Markets" reports and then proceeds as follows:

The agreement, however, did bring to a halt the selling pressure that threatened to drag the price down to record low levels. Buying interest in lead was small and the price was reduced to a new low for the movement. Tin closed slightly lower for the week, with zinc and silver about unchanged. Quicksilver was raised to \$75 per flask.

Buying interest in copper improved as soon as it became known that producers are to curtail output further, but the demand was chiefly for last quarter delivery and sellers were not at all disposed to offer metal for this position at current prices. The result was that the sales tonnage for the week was small, yet sufficient in volume to maintain the market on the basis of 6 cents per pound, delivered Connecticut.

Most of the business placed during the week at the 6 cents level was for May shipment. One lot of August shipment copper was included in the sales for the period. Large producers were out of the market at current levels.

Foreign business booked during the week was on the basis of 6 1/4 cents, c.i.f. usual European ports. Export sales for the month to date amounted to 13,903 short tons. Most of the recent foreign buying has come from England and France. Germany has been restricting business because of the elections and the unfavorable credit situation.

Production of copper under the agreement made last December has fallen to a greater extent than expected. According to those in close touch with the situation, world production in February declined to about 70,000 tons. This compares with approximately 108,000 tons last December. Output under the new plan, to go into effect April 1, is expected to fall below the figure set by producers. In other words, the feeling is gaining ground that production will drop well below the present rate of consumption estimated at between 70,000 and 75,000 tons a month.

Agreement on Copper Curtailment Reached at Conferences of Representatives of World Producers.

With reference to the agreement reached in this city a week ago on plans to curtail copper production, to which we referred in our issue of March 12, page 1856, we quote the following from the New York "Times" of March 12:

After holding conferences here more than a month, representatives of the world's leading copper companies announced yesterday that they had agreed upon further curtailment of production, and that foreign sales would continue to be made through Copper Exporters, Inc., the co-operative selling organization whose existence had been threatened by dissension over marketing arrangements.

The new agreement, which is expected to become effective at the beginning of next month, provides for an operating rate, by companies participating in the conference, of 20% of capacity, compared with 26 1/2% at present. It will decrease the world's monthly output from 85,000 tons to between 65,000 and 70,000, and will probably bring production below the present rate of consumption, thus causing a reduction in surplus stocks.

More Stable Market Expected.

The new accord was hailed by copper authorities as offering a program which would stabilize the industry for several months at least and might result in a definite turn for the better. In the last six months the metal has been selling at the lowest prices ever recorded and also substantially below production costs of most companies. . . .

Of the world's monthly production of 85,000 tons, approximately 30,000 is accounted for by companies not represented at the conference. Some of these companies are small independent units and others are in Japan and Canada. In recent months these units have shown a willingness to co-operate moderately regarding curtailment programs sponsored by members of Copper Exporters, and they are expected to show a similar spirit toward the latest agreement. Some Canadian producers that have a large gold content in their ore would be under a hardship in reducing output drastically.

The cut to 20% is expected to result in the closing of most American mines in the summer months. Copper authorities said it would be more efficient to close entirely for perhaps six months in the year, and then operate at about 40% of capacity in the colder months. Several American companies adopted this plan last summer.

The announcement that producers and custom smelters would continue to sell in foreign markets through Copper Exporters means that this body will function under rules in effect until the end of last year. Copper Exporters' regulations do not embrace fire-refined copper, and several producers had felt that the rules should be extended to include this variety.

Threats Over Marketing Plan.

Dissatisfaction with the marketing arrangements of Copper Exporters had led to threats of several producers to withdraw from the organization which was formed in 1926 under provisions of the Webb-Pomerene Act. It was felt by some companies that they did not receive a fair quota of foreign sales. Representatives of the Katanga mines early in the conference declared that their agreement to curtail production was contingent upon a settlement of the controversy over the rules of Copper Exporters. Other producers argued that an agreement on further curtailment was of more pressing importance, since Copper Exporters would tend to function more smoothly if production and consumption came into line. In the end the Belgian company agreed with this view. The Katanga mines also waived special privileges under which they were permitted to produce and store 66,000,000 pounds of copper monthly in excess of the quota allowed under the last curtailment agreement, which was entered into last December.

The conference was motivated not only by the low price of copper and the disagreement over Copper Exporters' activities, but by the steady accumulation of surplus stocks, which now total 800,000 tons of blister and refined copper. In recent months stocks have been increasing by 25,000 to 30,000 tons a month owing to the decline in consumption.

The reduction to 20% is the third lowering of output in a little more than a year. In November 1930 the world's leading producers reduced output 15% to 120,000 tons a month. Last December another reduction was made to 26 1/2% of capacity, or 85,000 tons a month.

The statement issued March 11 by the Copper Exporters, Inc., was given in the item published in our issue of March 12.

Japan Curtails Copper Output.

The Japan Copper Association has announced that curtailment of production will be further increased by 5% for the first six months of this year, giving a total output of about 6,000 metric tons a month, according to a report to the Department of Commerce from Assistant Commercial Attache W. S. Dowd, Tokio. The Department in making this known March 10 said:

By contract with the Soviet Union, shipments of copper to that country started during 1931 at from 500 to 1,200 tons a month; it is now announced that these shipments have been suspended since last October.

The Japanese producers feel that the long wait before final payment, demanded by the Soviet Government, subjects them to risks which they are unwilling to undertake, and they state further that there is an increased demand for copper in Japan. This larger domestic demand, added to agreements with world copper producers for reduction of production, have relieved the pressure from large stocks.

Antofagasta (Chile) Copper Shipments in 1931 Higher Than 1930.

Shipments of refined copper from Antofagasta and Chanaral amounted to 159,087,743 pounds, valued at \$12,274,043 in 1931, compared with 137,149,012 pounds valued at \$17,795,155 in 1930, it is stated in a report by Vice-Consul Odin G. Loren, Antofagasta, made public by the Department of Commerce on March 10. The Department further says:

Electrolytic copper accounted for 129,911,675 pounds valued at \$10,110,209 in 1931, and for 99,792,022 pounds valued at \$12,679,910 in 1930, indicating an increase of 30% in volume accompanied by a decrease of 11% in value. Blister copper showed a decrease of about 40% in volume and 32% in value.

During 1931 copper ore shipments had a total value of \$517,581 of which Huasco shipped \$18,990, Caldera \$139,030, Chanaral \$28,048, Antofagasta \$106,666 and Tocopilla \$224,844. Copper cement shipped from Antofagasta totaled 63,573 pounds valued at \$2,934, and from Tocopilla were shipped 6,627,137 pounds of concentrates valued at \$549,017.

Steel Output Declines to 25%—Purchases by Automobile Manufacturers Delayed—Prices Unchanged.

Not only has the Ford Motor Co. failed to fulfill its recent promises of large steel orders, but the delays in its production schedule have slowed up other automobile manufacturers to such an extent that steel mill schedules have been adversely affected, the "Iron Age" of March 17 states. The recent mild expansion in the requirements of miscellaneous consumers has not been sufficient to offset the lack of important buying by major steel-consuming groups, with the result that ingot production has declined two points this week to 25% for the country as a whole. The "Age" further reports as follows:

Ford orders were placed this week for steel for 20,000 to 30,000 cars, but this represents only a small part of the contemplated production schedule for the near future. Assemblies this week are reported to be 100 cars a day, which will be increased to 200 a day next week and to a considerably larger number beginning March 28.

A slight expansion is occurring in the calls for steel from the railroads and for building construction, but the aggregate of such tonnage is having no appreciable effect on mill orders or steel output. Railroad purchases include 8,000 tons of track accessories taken by the Erie and 6,000 tons by the Nickel Plate, but rail buying except for a few small orders, is still delayed by some of the roads that were expected to come into the market.

Price stabilization in steel products, however, is making progress. Some mills have stated that quotations made on specific projects which are not acted upon by March 21 will be withdrawn. Contract customers will have the privilege of specifying against first quarter commitments until the end of this month, but shipments must be accepted in April.

The movement to increase prices on some products is gaining adherents. Reinforcing bars will be advanced \$2 a ton along with merchant bars, with the possibility that Pittsburgh and Buffalo will take the same price. One or two Eastern plate mills have named 1.70c., Coatesville, as the second quarter price for their product. Hot-rolled strip makers have clarified their recent announcements by stating that minimum prices of 1.40c., Pittsburgh, for wide material and 1.50c for narrow will be granted only to the largest buyers, and that all others will be charged \$2 a ton more. Cold-rolled strip mills are now quite generally quoting 2c., Pittsburgh or Cleveland, an advance of \$2 to \$3 a ton.

An important change in the method of quoting steel bars in the Michigan automobile district is to be put into effect for second quarter. Instead of a Detroit base, as was at one time proposed, the mills will quote \$4 a ton above the Pittsburgh base for delivery to Detroit and \$5 a ton higher for delivery to Michigan cities outside of Detroit. On the basis of the price announced for second quarter, 1.60c., Pittsburgh, the Detroit delivered price will be 1.80c. a lb. and that to other Michigan cities will be 1.85c. This change is to be made as a compromise between the all-rail delivered prices and those available by water. The rail rate from Pittsburgh to Detroit is 28 1/2c. per 100 lb., which, on the basis of 1.60c., Pittsburgh, makes the delivered price 1.88 1/2c. a lb. Water deliveries were made last fall at 1.70c. to 1.75c. a lb. It is quite possible that the new arrangement will ultimately be applied to strip steel.

Although steel prices appear to be approaching stability, weakness continues in pig iron and scrap. A reduction of 50c. a ton has been made by Cleveland furnaces for foundry and malleable pig iron for local delivery, a situation that has been brought about by sharp competition between

districts, Valley furnaces having attempted to sell in Cleveland, while Lake furnaces have invaded the Valley district. In the East, the competition of Dutch and Indian iron is having a depressing effect on the price situation, although no open breaks in quotations have occurred.

Heavy steel scrap is unchanged in price, but numerous other grades have declined at Pittsburgh, Chicago and in eastern Pennsylvania. Steel grades are firmer at Chicago, despite weakness in other sections of the market.

Steel plant operations this week have declined at Pittsburgh, Wheeling, Cleveland and in the Valleys. Chicago shows a slight improvement, while the eastern Pennsylvania, Buffalo and Birmingham districts are barely holding at last week's rates. Sheet mill schedules are off to less than 25% of capacity, largely because of the lack of automobile buying. Bar mills are also operating at lower rates, and tin plate production is down.

The failure of steel business to gain momentum at a time of year when the trend is usually upward is reflected in another decline in the unfilled tonnage of the United States Steel Corp., the eleventh in succession, bringing the total as of Feb. 29 to 2,545,629 tons, a drop of 102,521 tons, and the lowest amount of unshipped business reported by the Steel Corp. since it began making its monthly figures public.

The "Iron Age" composite prices are unchanged at 2.044c. a lb. for finished steel, \$14.48 a gross ton for pig iron and \$8.25 a ton for steel scrap. A comparative table follows:

Finished Steel:			
Mar. 15 1932, 2.044c. a Lb.			
One week ago	2.044c.	Based on steel bars, beams, tank plates wire, rails, black pipe and sheets.	
One month ago	2.037c.	These products make 87% of the United States output.	
One year ago	2.142c.		
1932	2.052c.	Jan. 5	2.037c. Jan. 19
1931	2.142c.	Jan. 13	2.052c. Dec. 29
1930	2.362c.	Jan. 7	2.121c. Dec. 9
1929	2.412c.	Apr. 2	2.362c. Oct. 25
1928	2.391c.	Dec. 11	2.314c. Jan. 3
1927	2.453c.	Jan. 4	2.293c. Oct. 25
1926	2.453c.	Jan. 5	2.403c. May 18
1925	2.560c.	Jan. 6	2.396c. Aug. 18

Pig Iron.			
Mar. 15 1932, \$14.48 a Gross Ton.			
One week ago	\$14.48	Based on average of basic iron at Valley furnace foundry irons at Chicago, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Valley and Birmingham.	
One month ago	14.48		
One year ago	15.71		

High.			
1932	\$14.81	Jan. 5	\$14.48 Feb. 9
1931	15.90	Jan. 6	15.79 Dec. 15
1930	18.21	Jan. 7	15.90 Dec. 16
1929	18.71	May 14	18.21 Dec. 17
1928	18.59	Nov. 27	17.04 July 24
1927	19.71	Jan. 4	17.54 Nov. 1
1926	21.54	Jan. 5	19.46 July 13
1925	22.50	Jan. 13	18.96 July 7

Steel Scrap:			
Mar. 15 1932, \$8.25 a Gross Ton.			
One week ago	\$8.25	Based on heavy melting steel quotations at Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Chicago.	
One month ago	8.25		
One year ago	11.08		

High.			
1932	\$8.50	Jan. 12	\$8.25 Feb. 9
1931	11.33	Jan. 6	8.50 Dec. 29
1930	15.00	Feb. 18	11.25 Dec. 9
1929	17.58	Jan. 29	14.08 Dec. 3
1928	16.50	Dec. 31	13.08 July 2
1927	15.25	Jan. 11	13.08 Nov. 22
1926	17.25	Jan. 5	14.00 June 1
1925	20.83	Jan. 13	15.08 May 2

Steel ingot production for the week ended March 14 is placed at 25 1/2% of capacity, according to the "Wall Street Journal" of March 16. This compares with better than 26 1/2% in the preceding period, and with a little under 26% two weeks ago. The "Journal" further adds:

U. S. Steel shows a drop of about a point to 26 1/4%, against 27 1/4% in the preceding week and 26 1/2% two weeks ago. Leading independents are at slightly in excess of 24 1/4%, compared with a shade below 26% in the week before and a fraction over 25% two weeks ago.

At this time last year the steel industry made its final spurt of the spring, with an average rate of nearly 56 1/4%, an increase of 2 1/2% over the preceding seven days. There was a minor gain of a fraction in the next few days which carried the rate to 57%, which proved to be the peak of 1931. U. S. Steel in this week last year was running at 55%, while the independents were in excess of 57%.

In the corresponding week of 1930 the average was nearly 75%, U. S. Steel being at 80% and independents better than 68%. In the like period of 1929 the industry was running at 94 1/2%, with U. S. Steel at 97% and independents at about 92 1/2%, and in the similar week of 1928 the average was under 83%, U. S. Steel being at 88 1/4% and independents at 78%.

"Steel" of Cleveland March 14 in its summary of the iron and steel markets states:

Even so hardy an industry as steel is finding a diet of hope rather trying, nevertheless with the support of minimum requirements from the railroads, automobile manufacturers and the general manufacturing trade and a slight life from the building industry, it is maintaining operations at 25-26%.

Indicators normally reliable continue favorably inclined for the long pull, and steel producers look for a "break" shortly. Loans by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to railroads are permeating through to the latter's supply interests. Considerable structural steel awarded in the past 60 days is now being scheduled for rolling.

Some Ford material and parts makers are beginning to anticipate releases, expected this week now that the V-eight engine has finally been approved. Chevrolet is breaking through the inertia that has gripped the low-price automobile market in the absence of Ford, and has expanded operations, scheduling 7,000 more units than in February. A preliminary estimate of March auto production is 150,000, compared with about 120,000 for February and 126,000 for January.

One year ago this week steel production was at the peak, not only of the spring rise but also of the entire year, at 57%. Last week the range of operations was from 38% at Cleveland to 17 in eastern Pennsylvania, the average being close to 26%. Lighting of a blast furnace, resumption of the rail mill at Gary and increased sheet and strip production at Youngstown, if automotive releases materialize, may lift the rate a point or so this week.

As steel prices, most of them advanced over the past month, approach the period of second quarter commitments they appear to be acquiring greater strength. Weak spots are noticeable, and for specific business concessions continue to be made, but in general the ranks are being closed and progress toward more remunerative levels is being recorded. Evidencing this, the iron and steel composite of "Steel" is up 2 cents this week to \$29.55, the finished steel composite has advanced 10 cents to \$46.92, the scrap composite is only moderately easier at \$7.93, a decline of 4 cents.

Pacific Fruit Express has placed 100 refrigerator cars with its own shops. Wheeling & Lake Erie RR. is closing March 14 on 100 gondolas. Nickel Plate and Erie have distributed 12,000 to 13,000 tons of track fastenings. The Milwaukee has released 2,000 tons of rails and 1,000 tons of fastenings to the Illinois Steel Co., will duplicate this business for the Inland Steel Co. April 1, with 12,000 tons of rails still to allocate.

If the Pennsylvania RR. obtains a loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corp. for its Eastern electrification project, as now seems probable, over 10,000 tons of structural material will be released. While structural awards the past week were below 7,000 tons, fresh inquiry is largely and widely spread.

Cincinnati has awarded 4,000 tons of cast iron pipe; Dallas, Tex., 1,100 tons. Bids are being taken on 12,000 tons of steel pipe by the Pacific Gas & Electric Co.; a 16-mile line at Omaha requiring 2,800 tons is active. An order for 18,000 boxes of tin plate has been placed by the Nippon Oil Co. of Japan, two-thirds with German mills, one-third with American. Renewed competition in the pig iron market is developing lower prices at Cleveland and in the valleys.

The drop of 102,521 gross tons in the United States Steel Corp.'s unfilled orders, to 2,545,623 tons as of Feb. 29, smallest on record, was due entirely to lack of customary railroad business. The second consecutive monthly gain in steel ingots and castings carried the February daily average to 58,382 gross tons, representing an operating ratio of 27.5%, compared with 26.5 for January.

February Production of Bituminous Coal and Anthracite Slightly Higher Than Previous Estimates, According to Revised Figures.

The United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, reports that revised estimates show that during the month of February 1932 production of bituminous coal and anthracite amounted to 28,013,000 net tons and 4,019,000 net tons, respectively, as compared with 31,408,000 tons of bituminous coal and 5,391,000 tons of anthracite in the corresponding period in 1931 and 27,892,000 tons of bituminous coal and 4,019,000 tons of anthracite in the month of January 1932. The Bureau's statement follows:

MONTHLY PRODUCTION OF BITUMINOUS COAL AND ANTHRACITE (NET TONS).

Month.	Bituminous.			Anthracite.		
	Total Production.	No. of Working Days.	Average per Working Day.	Total Production.	No. of Working Days.	Average per Working Day.
December	30,260,000	26	1,164,000	4,671,000	26	179,700
January	27,892,000	25.3	1,102,000	3,897,000	25	155,900
February (revised)	28,013,000	24.8	1,130,000	4,019,000	24.5	164,000
February 1931	31,408,000	23.9	1,314,000	5,391,000	23.5	229,400

Bituminous Coal Output Continues to Decline—Anthracite Production Also Lower.

According to the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, a further decline in production of bituminous coal and Pennsylvania anthracite was noted during the week ended March 5 1932. During this period 5,756,000 net tons of bituminous coal and 791,000 tons of Pennsylvania anthracite were produced as compared with 6,332,000 tons of bituminous coal and 1,044,000 tons of anthracite in the preceding week and 7,705,000 tons of bituminous coal and 957,000 tons of anthracite in the corresponding period last year.

During the coal year to March 5 1932 the output of bituminous coal amounted to 334,780,000 net tons as against 416,967,000 tons in the coal year to March 7 1931. The Bureau's statement follows:

BITUMINOUS COAL.

Bituminous coal production continues to decline. The total output during the week ended March 5, including lignite and coal coked at the mines, is estimated at 5,756,000 net tons. Compared with the preceding week, this shows a decrease of 576,000 tons, or 9.1%. Production during the week in 1931 corresponding with that of March 5 amounted to 7,705,000 tons.

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

Week Ended—	1931-32		1930-31	
	Week.	Coal Year to Date.	Week.	Coal Year to Date.
Feb. 20	6,630,000	322,692,000	7,905,000	401,807,000
Daily average	1,105,000	1,176,000	1,318,000	1,466,000
Feb. 27	6,332,000	329,024,000	7,455,000	409,262,000
Daily average	1,092,000	1,174,000	1,264,000	1,462,000
March 5	5,756,000	334,780,000	7,705,000	416,967,000
Daily average	959,000	1,170,000	1,284,000	1,456,000

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

The total production of soft coal during the present coal year to March 5 (approximately 286 working days) amounts to 334,780,000 net tons. Figures for corresponding periods in other recent coal years are given below:

1930-31.	1929-30.	1928-29.	1927-28.
416,967,000 net tons	491,315,000 net tons	480,305,000 net tons	444,250,000 net tons

As already indicated by the revised figures above, the total production of soft coal for the country as a whole during the week ended Feb. 27 is estimated at 6,332,000 net tons. Compared with an output of 6,630,000 tons in the preceding week, this shows a decrease of 298,000 tons, or 4.5%. The following table apportions the tonnage by States and gives comparable figures for other recent years:

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

State—	Week Ended				Feb. 1923 Average.
	Feb. 27 '32.	Feb. 20 '32.	Feb. 28 '31.	Mar. 1 '30.	
Alabama	161,000	171,000	259,000	300,000	409,000
Arkansas	19,000	29,000	13,000	17,000	25,000
Colorado	84,000	136,000	124,000	130,000	231,000
Illinois	910,000	993,000	914,000	922,000	1,993,000
Indiana	257,000	265,000	290,000	320,000	613,000
Iowa	80,000	90,000	62,000	67,000	136,000
Kansas	36,000	48,000	34,000	48,000	95,000
Kentucky—Eastern	467,000	370,000	555,000	628,000	556,000
Western	144,000	162,000	166,000	198,000	226,000
Maryland	33,000	37,000	39,000	49,000	51,000
Michigan	9,000	11,000	13,000	11,000	26,000
Missouri	76,000	93,000	57,000	67,000	79,000
Montana	45,000	51,000	37,000	46,000	80,000
New Mexico	25,000	25,000	32,000	32,000	58,000
North Dakota	51,000	61,000	26,000	37,000	37,000
Ohio	323,000	420,000	425,000	372,000	694,000
Oklahoma	17,000	18,000	27,000	35,000	62,000
Pennsylvania (bituminous)	1,550,000	1,556,000	2,083,000	2,317,000	3,087,000
Tennessee	61,000	61,000	90,000	80,000	137,000
Texas	15,000	13,000	16,000	47,000	23,000
Utah	64,000	82,000	57,000	65,000	96,000
Virginia	167,000	166,000	174,000	220,000	212,000
Washington	33,000	38,000	29,000	44,000	77,000
West Virginia—Southern	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,304,000	1,505,000	1,127,000
Northern	415,000	423,000	540,000	635,000	673,000
Wyoming	81,000	102,000	87,000	88,000	156,000
Other States	9,000	9,000	2,000	3,000	7,000
Total bituminous coal	6,332,000	6,630,000	7,455,000	8,283,000	10,956,000
Pennsylvania anthracite	1,044,000	874,000	1,133,000	1,107,000	1,902,000
Total all coal	7,376,000	7,504,000	8,588,000	9,390,000	12,858,000

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

PENNSYLVANIA ANTHRACITE.

Production of Pennsylvania anthracite decreased sharply during the week ended March 5. The total output is estimated at 791,000 net tons. Compared with the output in the preceding week, this shows a decline of 253,000 tons, or 24.2%. Production during the week in 1931 corresponding with that of March 5 amounted to 957,000 tons.

Estimated Production of Pennsylvania Anthracite (Net Tons).

Week Ended—	1932		1931	
	Week.	Daily Average.	Week.	Daily Average.
Feb. 20	874,000	145,700	1,209,000	201,500
Feb. 27	1,044,000	189,800	1,133,000	206,000
March 5	791,000	131,800	957,000	159,500

a Revised since last report.

BEEHIVE COKE.

The total production of beehive coke during the week ended Feb. 27 is estimated at 21,200 net tons. This is in comparison with 20,500 tons produced during the preceding week and 36,300 tons in the week of 1931 corresponding with that of Feb. 27. The cumulative production during 1932 to Feb. 27 amounts to 170,300 tons. Compared with 319,500 tons in 1931, this indicates a decrease, during the current year to date, of approximately 47%. The following table apportions the tonnage by regions:

Estimated Weekly Production of Beehive Coke (Net Tons).

Region—	Week Ended			1932		1931	
	Feb. 27 1932.	Feb. 20 1932.	Feb. 28 1931.	Date.	Date.	a	
Pennsylvania	18,000	17,500	28,100	143,600	255,000		
West Virginia	1,100	900	4,400	9,900	30,300		
Tennessee and Virginia	1,500	1,500	2,900	10,700	24,300		
Colorado, Utah and Washington	600	600	900	6,100	9,900		
United States total	21,200	20,500	36,300	170,300	319,500		
Daily average	3,533	3,417	6,050	3,406	6,390		

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

Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.

The daily average volume of Federal Reserve Bank credit outstanding during the week ended March 16, as reported by the Federal Reserve banks, was \$1,672,000,000, a decrease of \$56,000,000 compared with the preceding week and an increase of \$732,000,000 compared with the corresponding week in 1931. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

On March 16 total Reserve Bank credit amounted to \$1,634,000,000, a decrease of \$64,000,000 for the week. This decrease corresponds with a decrease of \$22,000,000 in money in circulation and increases of \$12,000,000 in monetary gold stock and \$63,000,000 in Treasury currency, adjusted, offset in part by increases of \$9,000,000 in member bank reserve balances and \$23,000,000 in unexpended capital funds, non-member bank deposits, &c.

Holdings of discounted bills declined \$15,000,000 each at the Federal Reserve banks of Philadelphia, Cleveland and San Francisco, \$11,000,000 each at Atlanta and Chicago, \$7,000,000 at New York and \$87,000,000 at all Federal Reserve banks. The System's holdings of bills bought in open

market declined \$32,000,000, while holdings of United States securities increased \$57,000,000. United States securities held by the Federal Reserve banks on March 16 included a special Treasury certificate amounting to \$32,000,000, as compared with \$45,000,000 a year ago, issued by the Treasury pending the collection of the quarterly tax payments.

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

The statement in full for the week ended March 16, in comparison with the preceding week and with the corresponding date last year, will be found on subsequent pages, namely, pages 2104 and 2105.

Changes in the amount of Reserve Bank credit outstanding and in related items during the week and the year ended March 16 1932, were as follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-)		
	Since		
	March 16 '32.	March 9 '32.	March 18 '31.
Bills discounted.....	661,000,000	-87,000,000	+499,000,000
Bills bought.....	195,000,000	-32,000,000	-17,000,000
Special Treasury certificates.....	32,000,000	+32,000,000	-13,000,000
Other United States securities.....	810,000,000	+25,000,000	+237,000,000
Other Reserve Bank credit.....	25,000,000	-2,000,000	+20,000,000
TOTAL RESERVE BANK CREDIT	1,634,000,000	-64,000,000	+727,000,000
Monetary gold stock.....	4,374,000,000	+12,000,000	-311,000,000
Treasury currency adjusted.....	1,838,000,000	+63,000,000	+22,000,000
Money in circulation.....	5,522,000,000	-22,000,000	+960,000,000
Member bank reserve balances.....	1,919,000,000	+9,000,000	-517,000,000
Unexpended capital funds, non-member deposits, &c.....	405,000,000	+23,000,000	-5,000,000

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 an increase of \$9,000,000 the amount of these loans on March 16 1932 standing at \$561,000,000. The present week's increase of \$9,000,000 follows an increase of \$57,000,000 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" decreased during the week from \$464,000,000 to \$431,000,000, but loans "for account of out-of-town banks" increased from \$84,000,000 to \$125,000,000 and loans for "account of others" from \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000. The amount of these loans "for account of others" has been reduced the past 18 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.		
	March 16 '32.	March 9 '32.	March 18 '31.
Loans and Investments—Total.....	6,617,000,000	6,421,000,000	8,083,000,000
Loans—total.....	4,148,000,000	4,174,000,000	5,529,000,000
On securities.....	2,066,000,000	2,097,000,000	3,219,000,000
All other.....	2,082,000,000	2,077,000,000	2,310,000,000
Investments—total.....	2,469,000,000	2,247,000,000	2,554,000,000
U. S. Government securities.....	1,643,000,000	1,437,000,000	1,457,000,000
Other securities.....	826,000,000	810,000,000	1,097,000,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	648,000,000	643,000,000	853,000,000
Cash in vault.....	38,000,000	41,000,000	42,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	4,739,000,000	4,701,000,000	5,945,000,000
Time deposits.....	751,000,000	756,000,000	1,199,000,000
Government deposits.....	253,000,000	95,000,000	168,000,000
Due from banks.....	85,000,000	77,000,000	127,000,000
Due to banks.....	909,000,000	836,000,000	1,382,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank.....	-----	-----	-----
Loans on secur. to brokers & dealers:			
For own account.....	431,000,000	464,000,000	1,373,000,000
For account of out-of-town banks.....	125,000,000	84,000,000	294,000,000
For account of others.....	5,000,000	4,000,000	246,000,000
Total.....	561,000,000	552,000,000	1,913,000,000
On demand.....	456,000,000	445,000,000	1,592,000,000
On time.....	105,000,000	107,000,000	411,000,000
Chicago.			
Loans and Investments—total.....	1,480,000,000	1,440,000,000	1,993,000,000
Loans—total.....	1,014,000,000	990,000,000	1,352,000,000
On securities.....	597,000,000	571,000,000	805,000,000
All other.....	417,000,000	419,000,000	547,000,000
Investments—total.....	466,000,000	450,000,000	641,000,000
U. S. Government securities.....	254,000,000	239,000,000	344,000,000
Other securities.....	212,000,000	211,000,000	297,000,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	136,000,000	155,000,000	180,000,000
Cash in vault.....	14,000,000	15,000,000	12,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	947,000,000	959,000,000	1,215,000,000
Time deposits.....	334,000,000	385,000,000	620,000,000
Government deposits.....	25,000,000	1,000,000	40,000,000
Due from banks.....	106,000,000	95,000,000	171,000,000
Due to banks.....	256,000,000	242,000,000	405,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank.....	2,000,000	2,000,000	-----

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 9.

The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of weekly reporting member banks in leading cities on March 9 shows decreases for the week of \$218,000,000 in loans and investments, \$33,000,000 in net demand deposits, \$72,000,000 in Government deposits and \$77,000,000 in borrowings from Federal Reserve banks, and an increase of \$14,000,000 in time deposits.

Loans on securities declined \$10,000,000 at reporting member banks in the Chicago district, \$9,000,000 in the New York district and \$14,000,000 at all reporting banks, and increased \$7,000,000 in the St. Louis district. "All other" loans declined \$9,000,000 in the New York district, \$21,000,000 in the Chicago district, \$15,000,000 in the Boston district and \$138,000,000 at all reporting banks.

Holdings of United States Government securities declined \$12,000,000 in the Philadelphia district, \$9,000,000 in the New York district, \$6,000,000 in the Chicago district and \$38,000,000 at all reporting banks. Holdings of other securities declined \$16,000,000 in the New York district, \$7,000,000 in the Boston district and \$28,000,000 at all reporting banks.

Borrowings of weekly reporting member banks from Federal Reserve banks aggregated \$397,000,000 on March 9, decreases being shown for all districts. The principal decreases for the week were \$23,000,000 each at the Federal Reserve banks of New York and Philadelphia and \$6,000,000 at San Francisco.

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

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-)		
	Since		
	Mar. 9 1932.	Mar. 2 1932.	Mar. 11 1931.
Loans and Investments—total.....	19,305,000,000	-218,000,000	-3,272,000,000
Loans—total.....	12,436,000,000	-152,000,000	-2,941,000,000
On securities.....	5,426,000,000	-14,000,000	-1,811,000,000
All other.....	7,010,000,000	-138,000,000	-1,130,000,000
Investments—total.....	6,869,000,000	-66,000,000	-331,000,000
U. S. Government securities.....	3,704,000,000	-38,000,000	+269,000,000
Other securities.....	3,165,000,000	-28,000,000	-600,000,000
Reserves with F. R. banks.....	1,448,000,000	+17,000,000	-399,000,000
Cash in vault.....	211,000,000	+5,000,000	-4,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	10,970,000,000	-33,000,000	-2,755,000,000
Time deposits.....	5,714,000,000	+14,000,000	-1,533,000,000
Government deposits.....	153,000,000	-72,000,000	+153,000,000
Due from banks.....	872,000,000	-40,000,000	-936,000,000
Due to banks.....	2,340,000,000	-46,000,000	-1,415,000,000
Borrowings from F. R. banks.....	397,000,000	-77,000,000	+364,000,000

Resolutions Adopted By League of Nations Assembly Proposing Measures Toward Securing Peace in China-Japanese Conflict—Committee of 19 Members of League Provided For.

A committee of 19 members of the League of Nations is to be set up to bring about peace between China and Japan, according to a resolution adopted by the League of Nations Assembly at Geneva March 11, the Department of State announced on that date, says the "United States Daily" from which we also take the following:

The committee is instructed to propose if necessary submission of the dispute to the World Court for an advisory opinion.

The resolution also demands the cessation of hostilities and the withdrawal of Japanese troops from Shanghai. The resolution as made public by the Department of State follows in full text:

Text of Resolution Adopted by League.

The American Minister to Switzerland, Hugh R. Wilson, reported to the Department of State to-day that the Assembly of the League of Nations to-day passed the following resolution:

Part I.—The Assembly, considering that the provisions of the Covenant are entirely applicable to the dispute, more particularly as regards:

1. The principle of a scrupulous respect for treaties;
2. The undertaking entered into by members of the League of Nations to respect and preserve as against external aggression the territorial integrity and existing political independence of all the members of the League;
3. Their obligation to submit any dispute which may arise between them to procedures for peaceful settlement;

Adopting the principles laid down by the President in office of the Council, Mr. Briand in his declaration of Dec. 10, 1931;

Recalling the fact that 12 members of the Council again invoked those principles in their appeal to the Japanese Government on Feb. 16 1932, when they declared that "no infringement of the territorial integrity and no change in the political independence of any member of the League brought about in disregard of Article 10 of the Covenant ought to be recognized as valid and effectual by members of the League of Nations."

Considering that the principles governing international relations and the peaceful settlement of disputes between members of the League, above referred to, are in full harmony with the Pact of Paris which is one of the cornerstones of the peace organization of the world and under article 2 of which "the high contracting parties agree that the settlement or solution of all disputes or conflicts of whatever nature and whatever origin they may be which may arise among them shall never be sought except by pacific means;"

Pending the steps which it may ultimately take for the settlement of the dispute which has been referred to it;

Proclaims the binding nature of the principles and provisions referred to above and declares that it is incumbent upon the members of the League of Nations not to recognize any situation, treaty or agreement which may be brought about by means contrary to the Covenant of the League of Nations or to the Pact of Paris.

Use of Military Pressure Contrary to Covenant.

Part II.—The Assembly, affirming that it is contrary to the spirit of the Covenant that the settlement of the Sino-Japanese dispute should be sought under the stress of military pressure on the part of either party:

Recalls the resolutions adopted by the Council on Sept. 30 and on Dec. 10 1931 in agreement with the parties:

Recalls also its own resolution of March 4 1932 adopted in agreement with the parties with a view to the definitive cessation of hostilities and the withdrawal of the Japanese forces and notes that the powers members of the League of Nations having special interests in the Shanghai settlements are prepared to give every assistance to this end and requests those powers if necessary to co-operate in maintaining order in the evacuated zone.

Part III.—The Assembly, in view of the request formulated on Jan. 29 by the Chinese Government invoked the application to the dispute of the procedure provided for in article 15 of the Covenant of the League of Nations;

In view of the request formulated on Feb. 12 by the Chinese Government that the dispute should be referred to the Assembly in conformity with article 15 paragraph 9 of the Covenant and in view of the Council's decision of Feb. 19:

Considering that the whole of the dispute which forms the subject of the Chinese Government's request is referred to it and that it is under an obligation to apply the procedure of conciliation provided for in paragraph 3 of article 15 of the Covenant and if necessary the procedure in regard to recommendations provided for in paragraph 4 of that same article:

Decides to set up a committee of 19 members, namely the President of the Assembly who will act as chairman of the committee, the members of the Council other than the parties to the dispute and six other members to be elected by secret ballot.

This committee exercising its functions on behalf of and under the supervision of the Assembly shall be instructed:

1. To report as soon as possible on the cessation of hostilities and the conclusion of arrangements which shall render definitive the said cessation and shall regulate the withdrawal of the Japanese forces in conformity with the Assembly resolution of March 4 1932.

2. To follow the execution of the resolution adopted by the Council on Sept. 30 and Dec. 10 1931.

3. To endeavor to prepare the settlement of the dispute in agreement with the parties in accordance with article 15, paragraph 3 of the covenant, and to submit a statement to the Assembly.

4. To propose if necessary that the Assembly submit to the Permanent Court of International Justice a request for an advisory opinion.

5. To prepare, if need be, the draft of the report provided for in article 15, paragraph 4, of the covenant.

6. To propose any urgent measure which may appear necessary.

7. To submit a first progress report to the Assembly as soon as possible and at latest on May 1 1932.

The Assembly requests the Council to communicate to the committee, together with any observations it may have to make, any documentation that it may think fit to transmit to the Assembly.

The Assembly shall remain in session and its president may convene it as soon as he may deem this necessary.

Change in Canadian Bank Act Opposed—Amendment to Fix Interest Charge at 7% Defeated.

The Montreal "Gazette" stated in Associated Press advices from Ottawa that the Committee on Banking and Commerce of the House of Commons on March 10 defeated a proposed amendment to the Bank Act which sought to make it illegal for banks to charge more than 7% interest. The dispatch continued:

The amendment, which was defeated on a registered vote of 10 against five, was proposed by H. E. Spencer, (U. F. A. Battle River), and would have made any violation of the 7% maximum law an indictable offence subject to a fine not exceeding \$500 to the bank and \$100 to the officers or manager of the bank guilty of the violation.

The motion on which the amendment was defeated was proposed by R. B. Hanson, (Cons. York Sunbury) who declared that as the whole Bank Act would be revised next year it was hardly advisable to make any amendments at the present time.

Mr. Spencer declared the farmers in the west could not carry on under a burden of 8 and 9% and insisted that public feeling in Alberta demanded immediate action.

When the Chairman, R. C. Matthews, (Cons. Toronto East Centre), asked the committee if it wished to hear the bankers' side of the question from Beaudry Leman, former President of the Bankers' Association, who was present, William Irvine, (U. F. A. Wetaskiwin) felt that if the bankers were to testify he could also bring in farmers from Alberta to give their side of the question. "I can bring a thousand farmers here with notes signed for from 8 to 10%," added Mr. Irvine.

In supporting Mr. Hanson's motion Dr. G. Stanley (Cons. Calgary East) admitted that the act needed amendment, but thought action should be reserved until next year. "The loans that the western farmers were going to get from the banks in the present year would "not be of much consequence," said Dr. Stanley.

Currency Exchange Rate Standardized for Duty Purposes in Newfoundland.

Effective March 1, American currency was standardized for duty purposes at \$1.13 Newfoundland currency, according to a cablegram received in the Department of Commerce from Vice Consul George C. Cobb, St. John's.

Newfoundland Import Duties Increased on Wheat, Kerosene, and Coal—Sales Tax on Imported Goods Increased.

Effective March 2, the following articles, formerly admitted into Newfoundland duty free, were made subject to duty at the rates indicated; wheat meal and flour, including duty on package, 50 cents per barrel of 196 pounds; beef

and pork, salted, in barrels, \$2 per barrel; kerosene, five cents per imperial gallon; and coal imported for domestic purposes, 50 cents per ton of 2,240 pounds, according to a cablegram from Vice Consul George C. Cobb, St. John's. The Department's advices March 9 add:

Other increases, with former rates in parentheses, are as follows: Butter, five cents per pound (3); fresh meat, three cents per pound (2); and tea, eight cents per pound (7). Confectionery, at present dutiable at varying rates both specific and ad valorem, is made subject to an increased duty of 10% ad valorem.

Certain specified articles imported for use by churches, orphanages, &c., formerly admitted duty free, are now dutiable at one-half of the regular rates.

In addition to these duties, the sales tax of 5%, based on the invoice value, applying to practically all dutiable imports, has been increased to 7½% ad valorem.

Sir Robert Horne Raises Silver Issue for Empire Parley—Thinks Great Britain and United States Should Join in Remonetization—Favors Bimetallism—Holds It Would Contribute to World Recovery.

Sir Robert Horne, former President of the London Board of Trade and former Chancellor of the Exchequer, predicted on March 14, that the remonetization of silver would be one of the chief topics to be considered at the next British imperial conference at Ottawa next July. According to a London cablegram to the New York "Times" from which we quote, Sir Robert endorsed a suggestion that the United States might act in conjunction with Great Britain in establishing a bimetallic standard. The cablegram went on to say:

He was addressing a session of the Wool Industries Association at Bradford. He said he believed the establishment of a bimetallic standard would be an aid to the solution of the world's most difficult economic problems.

"It is likely," he said, "that at Ottawa next July Australia will take the same line as Canada, and Britain will be asked to consider bimetallism. The Empire alone is able to establish the currency suit of all its components, but when suitable arrangements can be made with the present gold holding countries there seems to be little doubt that some wide form of international exchange could be adopted."

See Gold Stocks Balanced.

Sir Robert said he believed the establishment of a bimetallic standard would serve to balance the disequilibrium of gold outside the United States and France.

"The United States and the British Empire acting together," he said, "could establish the bimetallic standard and thereby contribute powerfully to the world's recovery."

Sir Robert mentioned the recent MacMillan report submitted to the Government and directed attention to the fact that, even with better distribution of gold, by 1940 there would not be sufficient gold production in the world to meet the needs of the larger population and increased commerce of the world. He said he thought the monetization of silver would be the best way of dealing with the two major problems arising from the shortage of gold. He urged the eradication, if possible of the present disequilibrium of the distribution of gold and provision against a future gold shortage.

"I agree with the statement of Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, recently in the House of Commons," he continued, "that the world requires some metallic basis as a foundation for international exchange and that international exchange cannot be operated on a managed paper currency."

"I am glad to note the indication in the Chancellor's speech that while he believed in gold as providing the most efficient basis, he did not exclude the possibility of its being united to something else—the implication being that the Chancellor contemplated the possibility of a return to both gold and silver."

Thinks Trade Would Be Aided.

"Such a union would afford the safest method whereby a reversal of the disastrous inflation, which already lasted over-long, could be achieved, and as a permanent policy it would at least alleviate the conditions in which the world would be placed through the inadequacy of the gold supply as foreshadowed in the MacMillan report."

"The stabilization of silver in some defined ratio to gold would greatly facilitate trade with the silver-using countries. There is no single act which would so quickly create a turn in our fortunes."

Sir Robert emphasized the favor with which the restoration of silver to monetary use was being regarded in the United States and Canada.

World Conference on Silver Question and Trade Advised—Doubt that Stabilization of Silver Alone Will Restore Business Expressed at Hearing of House Committee by Vice-President Hecksher of Irving Trust Co. and E. C. Funck of Chase National Bank.

While monetary dislocation may be either a cause or effect of depression in trade, it undoubtedly has played an important role in the depression of to-day, and ranks as one of the most important problems which is facing the world, James Hecksher, Vice-President of the Irving Trust Co. of New York, told the House Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures on March 9, according to the "United States Daily" of March 10, which further reported:

In stating his belief that a world conference on silver would prove beneficial in tending to stabilize that metal, he said that "international action for the purpose of giving attention to the many retardants to world business is, in my opinion, desirable." He said he opposes bimetallism in any form.

Silver Medium Questioned.

"Under the circumstances, efforts directed toward the solution of the silver problem may well be confined to the consideration of such other proposals as seem to be practical after a thorough investigation," he stated,

"The statement that 'there is no other way to restoring world values except by giving a general validity to the purchasing medium of the East' is open to question, not because it is of itself untrue, but because of the implication that improvement in the 'East' will serve to restore values the world over. Of this we can not be certain.

Trade Reduction Discussed.

"It is self-evident that the silver debacle does not alone offer an adequate explanation to the world depression. The reduction in international lending, artificial attempts to control prices, the introduction of obstructions to the flow of international trade, the financial dislocation caused by war debts, the boom in security prices, and many other factors may be cited as direct or indirect causes of the decline in the volume of trade.

"Any investigation of the possible remedies should consider this problem in its broader aspects, with full recognition of the implications of changes in monetary relations on their parts of the economic organization.

Stabilization Urged.

"Furthermore, extreme care must be taken that action at this stage of the business cycle will not prejudice the functioning of the natural and normal correction inherent in the economic organization."

Einer C. Funck, of the Chase National Bank of New York, who also approved an international conference on the monetary exchanges, said that stabilization of all exchanges would improve conditions, but that he did not believe any effort to stabilize silver alone would be of much value, unless the other monetary exchanges are stabilized.

A slow, gradual improvement in the price, not only of silver, but of all exchanges, would be the best way to stabilize, he said. No radical move would solve the situation, he added. China, he said, is hurt more than any other country by the fluctuations in the price of silver.

Mr. Funck told the Committee that he understands England would now invite an international conference on monetary exchanges, and that it would be to the advantage of all countries of the world if some international agreement could be reached. Any measure which would create stability would be beneficial and to the advantage of all, he said.

Declaring that the low price of silver has retarded the purchasing power of China, he told the Committee that if there was a way of developing China peacefully, there would be a tremendous market in that country.

Mr. Heckscher said that business confidence has been destroyed, and that that is one of the primary reasons why the depressed economic conditions are continuing.

After stating that there is a maladjustment of gold in the world, Mr. Heckscher was asked if there is not a great struggle among nations to get gold with which to pay their debts. He said he believed there was, but that he doubts that the debts will ever be paid in gold.

In reply to another question, he said he does not believe it necessary or advisable for the United States to go off the gold standard in order to improve trade conditions.

Asked if there was anything in the business conditions just prior to the stock market crash of 1929 which should have thrown fear into the minds of such a great number to cause them to sell their stocks at the same time, Mr. Heckscher said: "I don't think there was any justification for the boom."

It was also during cross-examination that Mr. Heckscher stated that the gold supply is sufficient if the confidence of the people is sufficient. Asserting that one of the troubles of the day is a lack of confidence, Mr. Heckscher said that that lack of confidence throughout the world has brought about the maldistribution of gold. If there was no lack of confidence there would be a free flow of gold throughout the world, he said.

Oriental Viewpoint on Silver Question Given at Hearing Before House Committee—Limited Use of Metal as Reserve Suggested by Chinese Merchant and East Indian Business Man—Favors Calling of International Conference.

Use of silver to the extent of 5 or 10% in the reserves of gold-using countries as a means of remedying the present low price and fluctuation of the price of silver was suggested by K. C. Li, Chinese importer and exporter and President of the Wah Chang Trading Corporation, of New York, testifying before the House Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures, March 11. This could be arranged at an international conference of interested countries which he said is possible of negotiating and which he favored.

S. R. Bomanji, former Vice-President of the Chamber of Commerce of India, also testified, said the "United States Daily" of March 12 from which we also take the following:

Commodity Status Denied.

Mr. Li emphasized the fact that silver should not be considered a commodity as it is to a great extent throughout the Western Hemisphere. It is a medium of exchange in China, and has been for the past 5,000 years, he added.

A commodity, Mr. Li told the Committee, is an article of commerce, but silver is not, as it is the currency of over one-half of the population of the world with the other half of the world regarding it as a subsidiary coinage.

The demonetizing of silver in recent years is in itself of little effect in comparison to the disastrous effect which that practice has had on world trade, he said, adding that low silver decreases the desire to buy and thus adversely affects purchasing power.

Cites Market Potentialities.

Pointing out that in order to modernize the industries of China, which are hundreds of years behind those of the United States, it is necessary for China to "speed up," Mr. Li said that in that fact lies the real reason why China offers a potential market for increasing trade.

If the purchasing power of the Chinese can be raised, the trade with the United States and other countries can correspondingly be raised, he stated.

Besides decreasing the purchasing power of China, he said, the demonetizing of silver has another phase in the present depression. Present conditions, he asserted, are due to a shortage of gold, a maldistribution of gold or hoarding. The covering operations which have taken place in China are a form of hoarding, which is due to lack of confidence in the securities and commodities of the stronger nations, he stated.

Silver Reserves Advised.

A remedy for this situation is to let silver do part of the work of gold by using silver to a limited extent as a reserve in place of gold, he said,

adding that this would increase the use of silver, release hoarded funds and improve trade conditions. Such a proposal, to be effective, needs international agreement, he said, in approving the calling of an international conference on the subject.

"The gold standard countries have suffered as much if not more than the silver countries because of the drop in the price of silver," Mr. Li said.

"It is to be regretted that the calling of such an international conference has been delayed as it has, but the reason is that each country interested has not taken the initiative to call it due to a fear that its reason for calling such a conference would be mistaken, or because of the fear that controversial international questions may be invoked."

Changing Sentiment Seen.

He pointed out, however, that during the last few months there has been "a gradual awakening" that silver plays an important part in trade and commerce in the world. In view of this change of sentiment he said it would be comparatively easy to arrange such an international conference.

"I would not recommend attempting to regulate the price of silver by artificial means, as I believe it would meet the same fate as the artificial means that have been used to regulate the price of such commodities as wheat," he said.

"I am against bringing up such subjects as debts and tariffs at such a conference, as each of the subjects are complicated enough, and should be taken up separately. The conference should be composed of the eastern as well as the western nations interested either as importers or exporters of silver."

Explains China's Position.

Explaining that the industries of China are not organized as those in the western countries and that for that reason the depression is not feared so much by China as by countries of the Western Hemisphere, Mr. Li said that China wants silver higher so the purchasing power of its people will be greater.

"However, we consider the stabilization of the price of silver of greater importance than increasing the price of silver," he said, "because fluctuation in the price impedes Chinese industry. Although China would like to have both stability and higher prices of silver, it would sacrifice the higher price for stabilization."

Asked how an international conference of this sort should be called, defined and limited, Mr. Li said that one of the larger interested nations should issue the call, with the participation of the important countries assured, and said that the conference should work on the theory of re-establishing confidence in silver. Restoration of confidence would bring about stability of the metal as a natural course, he said. The following nations, he said, should be invited to such a conference: India, China, United States, Great Britain, France and Germany.

Need for Action Seen.

During a colloquy between Chairman Somers (Dem.), of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Mr. Li, it was agreed between them that if the price of silver is forced lower, the silver advocates will "run to cover," that, assuming silver were to go so low as to be practically of no value, China would begin to import gold, and commodity prices would fall, unemployment would increase and the depression would become even more disastrous. They agreed that for that reason something must be done about the silver situation immediately, and that it is to the advantage of all countries of the world to recognize the need for solving the silver problem.

Favors World Conference.

Mr. Bomanji also expressed his approval of a proposal to call an international silver conference.

He attributed the "primary cause of the world slump" to the depreciated price of silver, saying the purchasing power of 800,000,000 people had been reduced.

Mr. Bomanji said American manufacturers and business men have not realized the opportunities of the great Indian market, adding that America is not making the strenuous efforts that it should to get the trade of the Orient.

Without the participation of the United States, Great Britain and France in any international silver conference the success of the conference could not be assured, he asserted. Great Britain now is willing to co-operate in such a conference, he stated as his belief.

Exports From India Cited.

He pointed out that India has exported \$200,000,000 of gold since England went off the gold standard, and this came from the hoards and was replaced by silver rupees, he said. Mr. Bomanji asserted that the problem of silver "dumping" has disappeared, and that the excess of silver rupees has gone back to the hoards.

He predicted that the Indian government soon may come into the silver buying market, pointing out that if the gold exports continue there will be a shortage of silver rupees with which to buy gold.

It might be desirable for the United States Government to accumulate a silver stock at present low prices with a view to future re-sale to governments which may wish to restore the original fineness of their coins, he suggested.

Mr. Bomanji said he believes an international conference should seek to encourage the use of silver as a part of governmental reserves, as suggested by Mr. Li.

Previous references to the hearing on the depressed value of silver appeared in our issue of March 12, pages 1860-1862.

Silver Congress Urged By G. W. Lehman of Irving Trust Company of New York to Aid in Trade Extension—Potential Markets in Orient and Relation to Question of Exchange Pointed Out at House Hearing—Views of Vice-President Duis of Chase National Bank of New York.

Although approving the calling of an international conference which would attempt to stabilize the price of silver and other monetary exchanges, George W. Lehman, Assistant Secretary of the Irving Trust Company of New York, on March 10 told the House Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures that care should be taken in the selection of delegates from this country because other nations will send "experts who have spent their lives studying this question."

Bernard Duis, Vice-President of the Chase National Bank of New York City, also testified, stating the belief that American bankers should do all they can toward encouraging

efforts to stabilize silver. The "United States Daily" of March 11, noting this, went on to say:

Mr. Lehman, who stated that he spent 10 years in the Orient, told the Committee that the Far East is a tremendous potential market, and that the standard of living there, especially in India, is gradually being raised.

Recent Changes Cited.

Silver has a great importance in the consideration of trade with the Far East, he said, due to the broad use of that metal there. There are huge hoards of silver in India which are seldom relinquished and which therefore represent a great potential purchasing power. Any step which causes the people of India to tend to lose confidence in silver, he said, would result in bringing out of hoarding some of this money and thus aid in developing the Orient as a trade market.

He said he was opposed to an international conference on this subject a year ago, but that since that time conditions throughout the world have so changed that he now favors such a conference. He pointed to the fact that during last year many countries, including England and India, had gone off the gold standard. England and India would now welcome such a conference, he said, whereas a year ago they would not have done so.

Regarding the political situation in India, Mr. Lehman told the Committee that lack of confidence was one of the factors which brought about that situation in India. He said the Indian will sell his hoarded silver only under the severest of pressure.

Discusses Exchange Practices.

In regard to practices of exchange merchants, Mr. Lehman said that sharp movements in the exchange market work against the legitimate exchange merchant and encourage the speculator, but that under present conditions "it takes a pretty clever foreign exchange merchant to make any large profit."

Asked what he would suggest as a program for an international conference if one were to be called, he told the Committee that he believed the discussion should be confined to certain definite topics, such as international exchange and currency.

Asked by Representative Somers (Dem.), of Brooklyn, Chairman of the Committee, what would be the advantage to the American market of stabilization of monetary exchanges, Mr. Lehman said the advantages, although they would be indirect, would be an improvement in international trade.

He added that the demonetization of silver, which has taken place in recent years in many countries, has been a contributing cause to the large silver surplus that now exists.

Asked how a readjustment of gold throughout the world could be effected, Mr. Lehman replied that he did not know, but that if confidence in silver were to be restored a beneficial readjustment in trade and commerce would result.

Demonetization Discussed.

Demonetization has done much to weaken silver, Mr. Duis told the Committee. He said his personal opinion is that the fall of silver was due to the decline in commodity prices rather than a cause of that decline.

The silver market is in the East, he said, and if people in that hemisphere can get a good price for their commodities they will buy silver. That makes the demand for silver, he added.

China, he said, has imported more goods from the United States since the fall in the price of silver than it did previous to the drop in that metal. He stated, however, that American bankers should encourage efforts to stabilize silver prices.

The improvement in the London exchange recently was due to a larger demand for sterling which the English had anticipated, and to the confidence inspired in the world by the recent announcement of England of their intention to pay a loan due in the United States before it is due.

Gold Sales Continue Despite Lower Price—London Dealers Cautious, But Shipments From India Are Increasing.

The New York "Times" reported the following from London, March 11:

Following the rise in the sterling market the price of gold, as measured by the premium paid for it in current British funds, has fallen sharply. This, however, has stimulated rather than checked the sales of gold ornaments and coin by the public. It is true that the instability of the market price has caused dealers to buy less freely; nevertheless an active market seems likely to be maintained for some time to come. Two of London's largest refineries are at present dealing in gold from melted ornaments at the rate of about £600,000 weekly.

Meantime, gold imports from India continue large. Between now and the end of the month, £4,600,000 gold will arrive in London from India, which will make a total import of £41,000,000 since last September.

"Redistribution" of Gold—Dutch Market Believes Paris Must Encourage Movement.

Amsterdam advices as follows March 11 are taken from the New York "Times":

The markets of Continental Europe are still discussing the possibility of real distribution to other markets of the large gold stocks, especially that now held in Paris. It is admitted that the principal reason for the gold accumulations at Paris is the transmission of foreign capital, which is entering France in the form of gold.

But the economic development of France itself is being hindered by this movement, since the banknote circulation is equivalently increased by the gold imports, thus preventing a fall in the cost of living and creating increased difficulties to French industries on the worlds' markets.

Gold Production in South Africa Steadily Rises.

Gold production in South Africa has steadily risen over a period of the last three years, said a report to the Department of Commerce from Assistant Trade Commissioner DuWayne G. Clark, Johannesburg. The Department also had the following to say March 8:

In 1929, total production by all mines in the country was 10,414,066 ounces. It had risen to 10,719,760 ounces in 1930, setting a record for output. But in 1931 the output was still higher, registering 10,874,145 ounces.

The Witwatersrand Reef is responsible for most of the production, having produced 10,355,181 ounces in 1931, with 518,964 ounces coming from other South African sources.

Details as to tonnages, working costs and profits have not as yet been worked out, the report stated.

Transvaal Gold Output—Last Month's the Largest February Production on Record.

The following from London, March 12, is from the New York "Times":

Production of gold in Transvaal during February, as reported by the Johannesburg mines, was 914,012 ounces. It compared with 936,784 ounces in January and with 839,937 in February of last year.

The production, although less than in other recent longer months, was a high record for the month of February.

Bank for International Settlements Puts Cash in Acceptances—Reports Lower Sight Funds and Increased Treasury and Commercial Paper.

The following is from the "Wall Street Journal" of Mar. 11:

The current statement of the Bank for International Settlements shows a sizable transfer of funds out of cash and sight investments into Treasury and commercial bills and acceptances. The statement indicates that the B. I. S. felt the present time an opportune moment for investing funds which were lying idle in the form of cash and sight balances.

At the same time, deposits for the account of "others" continued to dwindle, leaving a greater bulk of the bank's liabilities owing to central banking institutions.

Cash Down 11,000,000 Francs.

The cash account on the Feb. 29 statement stands at 6,414,000 Swiss francs, compared with 17,323,000 francs on Jan. 31. Sight funds at interest totaled 82,317,000 francs, against 156,968,000 francs. Commercial bills and acceptances increased to 438,281,000 francs from 406,518,000 francs and Treasury bills in 142,540,000 francs from 100,361,000 francs. Thus, of the 85,560,000 francs withdrawn from cash and sight funds, 73,942,000 francs was transferred into prime short term securities.

The Bank for International Settlements invests in Treasury bills of leading countries and in commercial bills and acceptances in New York, London, Paris, Amsterdam and a few other centres. A substantial part of its acceptances at the present time is believed to be in dollar bills, held by the Federal Reserve banks for its account.

Trend Assures Growing Stability.

Deposit liabilities to others than central banks amounted to only 88,795,000 francs on Feb. 29, compared with 119,136,000 francs on Jan. 31 and 564,819,000 francs a year ago. Most of the present total is payable upon demand.

Central bank deposits for own account now aggregate 479,946,000 francs, compared with 474,949,000 francs a month ago and with 876,946,000 francs a year ago.

This trend toward an increasing central bank proportion of liability assures a growing measure of stability, because central banks are all represented on the board of directors of the B. I. S. The year's decline in total central bank deposits has been chiefly in time deposits of three months' duration or less. Sight deposits have changed but little in the last year.

The Feb. 29 balance statement of the Bank for International Settlements was given in our issue of March 12, page 1862.

Bill Extending British Gold Suspension Act.

On March 11 the British House of Commons passed, without a division on second reading, the bill extending for another year the emergency act of last September temporarily suspending the price fixing provision of the gold standard act. The original measure expires March 21. An item regarding the proposed extension appeared in our issue of March 12, page 1863.

Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of British Exchequer, Sees England Eventually Returning to Gold Standard—Commends Financial Measures Adopted in U. S.—Declares Latter Will Not Abandon Gold.

References to the question of the return of Great Britain to the gold standard figured in a debate in the House of Commons on March 11 when the extension of the gold suspension act was under consideration. Incidentally the bill passed the second reading on that day. Concerning England's finances, Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer (it is learned from a cablegram March 11 to the New York "Times"), expressed regret about the recent sensational rise of the pound, saying that speculation in sterling was injuring British trade. The cablegram continued:

He intimated that eventually sterling would be based on a metallic standard, but for the time being Great Britain must continue the present managed currency without attempting to predict the time or the level of stabilization.

Says We Might Quit Gold.

A. M. Samuel, Conservative, former Secretary of the Treasury, referring to the rise in the pound, said he did not know whether it was called a flight from the dollar or not, but there had certainly been a flight to the pound. He warned that internal conditions in the United States might drive that country off gold and force Britain back to it.

"It has been suggested," replied Mr. Chamberlain, "that we might be forced back to the gold standard and to buying gold, but that contingency is so remote that we need not consider it. It is an entirely mistaken view that the United States will be forced off the gold standard. Measures taken there have been wisely conceived and are having an effect in the United States that may prove beneficial not only to that country but to the whole world.

"There were advantages for us in leaving the gold standard, but we have not got the stability we had when linked up with gold.

"It is a mistake to say that foreign speculators thought we were going back to parity in a short time at \$4.86. They come here for the simple reason that the pound is going to rise and would be content with any profit, even considerably below \$4.86. These speculations are injurious to our trade. I don't desire to see them continue any more than I desire at this time to see the pound any higher than it has stood for some little time recently.

"Obviously the power of managing the currency has diminished when we have at the present such an enormous volume of short-term money available throughout Europe. If we are to manage currency it must be done on a very large scale, indeed.

"I have no hesitation in saying that the government does not desire to see the pound forced up to a rate injurious to industry.

"It is impossible at the present time to say what will be the ultimate rate or time when the pound will be stabilized. My own personal view is that I am not attracted by the idea of managing currency because sooner or later we should have to link our currency to a metallic basis.

"I don't want to be dogmatic over what that basis should be and whether we should stick to gold or mix it with something that will help us out, but I don't see any better basis than gold, which in the past served us well.

"Although for the time being our currency is a managed one, I don't want it to be thought that the government meant it to be a permanent policy. Those who have read the MacMillan report will remember that the question of managed currency was investigated and the committee came very definitely to the conclusion that if management there was it ought not to be in the hands of the government, but in the hands of the central banking institution. With that I entirely concur."

Wedgwood Tells of Management.

A striking commentary on the government's power in managing currency was issued by Sir Josiah Wedgwood after participating in the debate in Commons. Two points of first-rate importance, he says, have emerged: First, that Mr. Chamberlain favors stabilization when and only when sterling has fallen to such an extent as to put wholesale prices back to the 1929 level; and second, the implied admission that British currency is "managed" since Britain abandoned gold—that the government can affect sterling and raise or lower its exchange value.

"The government," he says, "can raise sterling by (1) a high bank rate, (2) restrictions on foreign loans and investments, (3) by buying sterling and (4) by tariffs on imports. Conversely, it can lower sterling by (1) a low bank rate, (2) encouraging foreign loans, long or short; (3) buying dollars or gold, (4) allowing imports in free, and (5) falling to balance the budget."

If the government really wants "reflation" to the 1929 price level, Sir Josiah asks, is it going to endeavor to effect it, and how? He appeals for information on whether the public can do anything apart from the government.

Great Britain Reported as Planning to Peg Sterling Rate—Bank of England Will Help Trade by Preventing Wide Fluctuations.

From its London bureau, the "Wall Street Journal" of March 12 reported the following:

There is now little doubt that the Bank of England, in the interests of trade and commerce, intends to continue intervention in the exchange market to prevent sharp fluctuations in sterling exchange in either direction. Movements within a moderate range will be allowed.

These control operations will take the form of purchases of dollars and francs. If and when accumulations of foreign exchange threaten to become embarrassing, the Bank probably will resort to buying Indian and South African gold. Both transactions involve expansion of credit, but the prospect arouses no fears here. Immediate resort to the purchase of gold is considered unwise at present, because such action might increase the prestige of sterling abroad and accentuate demand for the exchange.

Reasons for Allowing Rise.

The Bank appears to have allowed sterling to rise in the past week for several reasons: Partly because it did not require further dollars and francs to repay the Treasury's foreign credits, partly because it considered that low level of sterling was unduly dragging down gold commodity prices, and partly because it suspected that sterling was below its real value.

There is no evidence anywhere that any rate has been fixed for legal stabilization of the currency. There is good evidence on the other hand, that eventual return to the gold standard is generally contemplated as inevitable, barring unforeseen developments on the Continent or in America.

If the Bank now has really assumed the task of controlling the exchanges, it is likely to have much more difficulty than the Bank of France encountered in 1927 and 1928, owing to London's role as the international money market. The immense volume of idle funds throughout the world, released by trade stagnation and the fall of gold prices, means that the Bank may have to meet an enormous influx of capital, both British and foreign, with the latter subject to sudden withdrawal through motives of profit or of fear.

Further Bank Rate Cut Futile.

At present, since the spot rate is being kept down around \$3.65, three months' futures are at a 1-cent premium; American banks buying Treasury bills yielding 2½% can thus earn about 4%. The influx of funds can be checked to some extent by the reluctance of the clearing banks to accept deposits, but the market for Treasury bills must remain open. A further reduction in the bank rate probably would be ineffective as a check on capital imports.

It is pointed out that appreciation of sterling has virtually wiped out the effect of the all-round 10% tariff, but that the rise in the exchange followed immediately upon the imposition of the tariff through pure coincidence.

Fraser Taylor, Director of Bank of England, Arrives in the United States.

Fraser Taylor, a director of the Bank of England, arrived in New York on March 9 from England on the White Star steamer Majestic.

Bank of England to Publish Its Monthly Report.

Breaking a long-established precedent, the Bank of England will publish its privately circulated monthly statistical summary on the financial and economic state of the nation, says a report from the Commerce Department's London

office. The Department at Washington in indicating this March 12, said:

The Bank has now decided to give the summary a wider circulation among bankers generally and others interested in statistics relating to finance, commerce and economics. It is understood that it will not be available for sale to the general public, although the press presumably will be at liberty to publish extracts from it. In its first issue under the new policy, under date of January 1932, the Bank states that back numbers of the summary are not available. It also states that many of the figures included in the summary are readily obtainable elsewhere from different sources, but that others represent fresh analyses or original calculations, and that the graphs are specially drawn in all cases.

The first public issue of the summary contains twelve pages of statistical tables and graphs with explanatory footnotes. These tables and graphs are arranged under eighteen headings, of which seven relate to banking and finance and the remainder to production, trade, employment and other business conditions. Most of the statistics relate only to the United Kingdom, but some tables include data for other countries. Monthly, quarterly, and yearly averages or index covering the past few years are given in many cases, some of the tables extending back to 1925.

John Maynard Keynes, British Economist, Warns U. S. and France on Gold Payments—Rest of World May Have to Stop Buying Our Goods, He Says, in "Yale Review" Article.

John Maynard Keynes, English Economist, writing in the spring issue of "The Yale Review," published March 15, predicts that it may become necessary for the rest of the world to refrain from buying the exports of such countries as France and the United States, which have an unbalanced creditor position, and which insist upon payment in gold of the debts owed them. A New Haven account March 14 to the New York "Herald Tribune" from which the foregoing is taken, further said:

Pointing out that it is a necessity for a country that its international debts and credits should be at all times balanced, Mr. Keynes says that the creditor nations, by leaving open no other means of payment are, in effect, demanding that the debtors shall find some way of destroying these creditors' own trade balances. Among the other issues on which he ventures a prophecy is the exchange rate of the pound sterling, which, he believes, will oscillate between \$3.70 and \$3.20 during 1932.

Sees Rise in Sterling.

In his article he traces the immediate causes and results of England's departure from the gold standard, and asserts that forces are now at work which will enable that country to be able to control the value of sterling. He foresees the depreciation of the dollar and the franc with the appreciation of sterling and other non-gold currencies.

In discussing world economy and the present financial situation in Great Britain, Mr. Keynes says in part:

"Those who are depressed by the existing indications of the magnitude of Great Britain's adverse balance on income account allow too little, I think, for the timelag in the forces already set in motion. I have said that before the departure from gold the adverse balance was believed to be at a rate of £100,000,000 a year. On the basis of the statistics available at the beginning of 1932, it is possible to maintain that the current adverse balance is now still higher. But I have some confidence that a prediction based on this would seriously underestimate the prospective effect on Britain's competitive position of currency depreciation and tariffs combined.

Producing Goods Cheaply.

"It is true that we are competing for a share of a terribly diminished aggregate of world trade. But there is still some trade to be done. And for the first time for several years Great Britain is now in many lines of production the cheapest producer in the world. The working off of old contracts, the anticipation of tariffs and the desperate but temporary efforts of competitors, especially in Germany, have rendered the current statistics of trade no satisfactory guide to what is in prospect. Our British textile industries are producing 25 to 30% more than they were, our tinplate trade is almost flourishing. Our motor industry is in a position to get what export trade there is. Our heavy industries are likely to improve within a few months. Our mercantile marine is now losing much less money than any of its competitors, which probably means that it will gradually secure a larger proportion of the available trade.

"I am hopeful, therefore, that the adverse balance on income account may be reduced to the dimensions of £50,000,000 or less a year in place of £100,000,000 or more: though I scarcely expect to see a favorable balance until, through a rise in world prices, our foreign-owned equities begin once again to yield us an income."

"If these hopes are realized and if we continue to be helped by India's exports of gold, the value of sterling will be under control. We shall then be free to work out our own policy as to what we want. And it will be upon the deliberate and voluntary decisions which we then make that the future lever of sterling will depend."

London Stock Exchange Revises Rules on Split Commissions—Banks to Get Half—Others 33 1-3%.

From the London "Financial News" of March 2, we take the following:

The Stock Exchange rules on the division of commission are to be altered. Banks and banking houses are to be allowed 50%, as at present, but all other agents will receive not more than 33 1-3%.

The position of remisiers, clerks and half-commission men has not yet been considered. "House" opinion, in this direction, is to be ascertained. The rules are to be amended early in the new Stock Exchange year, which begins on March 26.

The Committee for General Purposes of the Stock Exchange has decided to revise the rules relating to half commission. Banks and banking houses, as at present, are to receive 50% of the commission, but only 33 1-3% is to be allowed to all other agents. The position of remisiers, clerks and half-commission men has not yet been considered, as the Committee wishes to ascertain "House" opinion in this direction. The rules are to be amended in the new Stock Exchange year, which commences on March 26.

The official notice, posted in the "House" yesterday, is as follows:

NOTICE.

Committee Room, The Stock Exchange, March 1 1932.
Agency.

The Committee for General Purposes have had under consideration the question of division of commission with agents. They have given the most careful examination to this subject over a considerable period. They have appointed special sub-committees from time to time, and have called evidence of all kinds to assist them in their conclusions.

The Committee recognise that in some cases grave abuse of the spirit of the rules in connection with agency occurs, and they are endeavoring to find means of dealing with such cases, but at the same time they are convinced of the great importance of agency business to the prosperity of the Stock Exchange as a whole, and they feel that the disadvantages which would arise from any attempt to define an agent or to exclude any individual agent would outweigh the advantages. They have approved, in principle, the division of commission with agents on the following basis:

(1) Not more than 50% to be allowed to joint stock banks, or private banks who are members of the British Bankers' Association, and certain other banks and banking houses, in the City of London, to be selected by the Committee, and whose names will be included in a register to be kept by the Committee for General Purposes.

(2) Not more than 33 1-3% to all other agents.

The Committee have not considered the question of commission returnable to remisiers, clerks and half-commission men in the exclusive employment of brokers, as, before interfering with the existing arrangements, they propose to take steps to ascertain the opinion of the House.

It is proposed to amend the rules to give effect to the above early in the new Stock Exchange year.

By Order,

A. L. F. GREEN,
Secretary, C. G. P.

Existing Rules—Agents' Position.

The rules of the Exchange relative to commissions in general number over a dozen; those affecting the division of commissions are framed on the following lines:

Rule 199 (1) A broker may share his commission with an agent provided that (except in the case where such agent is his remisier or a clerk in his employ) the share of the commission retained by him is not less than one-half of the minimum scale.

(2) A broker may not share his commission with an agent if the agent's share is divided with or allowed to his principal.

(3) A broker may not share with an agent the commission charged on the agent's personal business.

(4) A broker may not share commission with an agent who advertises for Stock Exchange business.

Clerks and Remisiers.

The fact that commission is shared must be disclosed on the broker's contract note. Under Rules 197 and 197a where reduced scales apply to large transactions, there are certain provisos. On a transaction in £50,000 War Loan Fives, the reduced charge is 1/2%. This reduced commission may be shared with an agent provided the scale retained by the broker is not less than 1-16%.

Rule 198 forbids sharing commission or giving rebates to outside brokers, but a broker may share such commission with a clerk in his exclusive employment. Under Rule 202 no commission can be shared with a Jobber or clerk to a Jobber.

Rules 200 and 201 allow the division of commissions with remisiers and clerks in a broker's exclusive employment up to one-half of the amount charged to the principal. Brokers are held responsible that clerks enjoying this privilege make no allowance or return, directly or indirectly, to the principal or agent introduced, or to any other person.

"House" Opinion—Smaller Firms Antagonistic.

The announcement was received with mixed feelings by members. In most quarters it was recognized that it would not be wise to stop the allowance of half commission to the banks, but a fair number of the smaller firms of brokers objected to the continuance of this arrangement.

The view was also expressed that the Committee should have continued the present arrangements as regards remisiers, clerks and half commission men rather than postpone their decision. It was pointed out that remisiers and half commission men make it their profession and devote all their time to the work, which involves considerable expense.

Feeling was particularly against the proposal to allow the return of any commission to solicitors. It was also felt that the definition of an "agent" is still far too wide, but most brokers were quite willing to admit that the Committee would have an extremely difficult task in defining what exactly constitutes an agent.

Proposed Conversion of British Treasury Bonds of £116,467,382—Two Long-term Loans Will Be Offered to Holders of Bonds Redeemable April 15.

A London cablegram March 16 to the New York "Times" stated that the British Government has announced an ambitious conversion plan for dealing with the outstanding 4 1/2% 1930-1932 Treasury bonds, amounting to £116,467,382. The cablegram said:

The holders of these bonds, which have been selling recently around £100, may exchange them for a 4 1/2% 1940-1944 conversion loan, at a rate of £97 12s 6d for each £100 held or for a 4% consolidated loan at a rate of £107 of stock for each £100 held. The latter loan has no fixed redemption date, but may be repaid at par at the Government's option after Feb. 1 1957.

The Treasury 4 1/2% is redeemable on April 15. They were issued partly in exchange for National War bonds in 1922 and partly for cash on a weekly tender system between May 1922 and March 1923. It is understood that a substantial proportion of the outstanding bonds is held by Government departments.

Montagu Norman Re-elected Governor of Bank of England.

Montagu Norman has been re-elected Governor of the Bank of England, according to the "Wall Street Journal" of March 17, which also said:

Bank declared regular semi-annual dividend of 6% less tax. Profits for the half year ended Feb. 29 1932 were £627,201 after providing for all contingencies against £678,365 in same period a year ago.

British Foreign and Colonial Corporation of London to Go Into Voluntary Liquidation.

Canadian Press advices from London, March 13 said:

The British Foreign and Colonial Corp., prominent among the financial houses of the city, to-day is to go into voluntary liquidation.

F. A. Szarvasy, chairman, said the company had no liabilities except to bankers, who, he declared, were amply secured.

Pound Sterling's "Devaluation" Expected by Financial London.

From London, March 11 a cablegram to the New York "Times" said:

On the best authority, it may be said that the rise in sterling early this week was not connected in any way with the question of stabilization. The official view is that there can be no thought of fixing a new gold parity until the large international finance problems created by war debts, reparations and tariffs are discussed at the conference next June.

But it may also be stated without reservation that there is now no possibility of stabilization at the old parity. Every one here seems to be agreed upon that. Lord Bradbury, in a letter to the "London Times", suggests \$3.40 as a possible stabilization figure, contrasting with the old gold parity of \$4.86 1/2 and with a low record for sterling in last year's market of \$3.25. The rate suggested, however, is regarded as too low by the majority of business men, most of whom consider the present rate, or something rather higher, as a more suitable basis.

England's Repayment of its Foreign Credits—Paris Infers Rapid Rise of Sterling, Which Will Compel Early Stabilization.

Under the above head a wireless message March 4 from Paris to the New York "Times" had the following to say:

News that the English Treasury intends to repay, in anticipation the Franco-American credit maturing in September shows that the English situation has improved much more than had been believed. It is now clearly seen what machinery was used in the establishment of last Autumn's foreign credits, wherein purchases of foreign exchange by the British Government were effected through sales of sterling.

A little time should still be required for termination of the process of repaying such credits, with the consequent withdrawal of London credits by the Bank of France. Then, if the British Government desires to continue preventing a sharp rise in sterling (as it is believed will be the case, following the precedent set by the French Government between 1926 and 1928), the necessary operation would be accumulation of a great mass of foreign exchange.

If this recourse were adopted by London, legal stabilization of the pound sterling through return to the gold standard, doubtless on a new basis, would be forced sooner than had been expected.

540 in Britain Put on Millionaire List—Had Incomes From £1,000,000 or More in Year Ending Last March.

The following from London, March 9 is from the New York "Times":

There were 540 sterling millionaires in Britain in the fiscal year 1930-31, that having been the number of incomes exceeding £50,000 the income at 5% on £1,000,000, according to the report of the Inland Revenue Commissioners for the year ended last March, which has just been issued.

Incomes of more than £100,000 totaled 157 in that year, while more than 100,000 persons paid a surtax amounting to more than £67,000,000.

Just under 5,000,000 were liable for income tax, but with exemption allowances only 2,200,000 paid a total of £255,339,304.

Revival at London in New Loan Issues—Premiums Now Commanded on Recent Flotations and Further Offerings Planned.

A cablegram as follows from London, March 5 is taken from the New York "Times":

The new spirit of financial cheerfulness now prevailing London has resulted in marked revival of business in new securities. This week's offer of £20,000,000 Nyasaland Government 4 1/2% stock at 97 1/2 was very largely oversubscribed. So was the issue of £1,600,000 in 5% debenture stock at 97 1/2 by the Metropolitan District Railway. High premiums were established upon all recent issues and active preparation is being made for further offerings.

New capital issues in February aggregated £11,994,000 as against £2,895,000 for January. Despite this increase, the February total was the smallest for the second month of the year since 1923. It compares with £19,600,000 in February 1931, and with £26,150,000 in 1930.

From the March 8 issue of the "Times" we take the following:

The market for new bond issues in London for the last few months has been as slow as, if not slower than the New York market. Yesterday advices from Lombard Street were that a new issue of £1,500,000 Metropolitan District 5% bonds had been oversubscribed 50 times. Quite evidently British investors have been heartened by the improvement in England's financial position as evidenced by the recent repayment by the British Treasury of \$150,000,000 of the \$200,000,000 credit extended by New York banks. By the same token, oversubscription of a new issue here by 50 times would make a little history.

French Currency Inflated—Paris Admits Inflation Exists, But Sees No Effect on Prices.

From the New York "Times" we take the following from Paris March 11:

It is recognized in good financial quarters that something of monetary inflation exists in France as a result of large gold imports and the expansion of the bank note circulation but it seems to have had absolutely no effect on prices. This is taken to prove that the quantitative theory of currency if not erroneous, is at least not working as rigorously as some had expected.

It is now considered that prices should rise in response to such changes in money supply only if those possessing the new money were to make purchases proportionate to the quantity of money possessed by them—which is not the case. Furthermore, the point is made that the new money is not distributed with any equality and that during a crisis such as now exists some holders have more than they care to spend while others have not enough to justify increased expenditure.

Higher Match Prices to Assist French Unemployed.

The French Government, already taxing cigarette lighters from 20 cents to \$10, depending upon the style, also advanced the price of safety matches 33 1-3%, according to a report from Consul L. J. Kenna, Paris, made public by the Commerce Department on March 14. It is added that the French Government maintains a match monopoly. The reason given for the increase in the price is the necessity of providing additional revenue to cover the increasing cost of unemployment relief.

Belgium Moves to End Deficit—Fr. 655,000,000 Expenditure Cut and Increase in Taxes Proposed—Fr. 1,200,000,000 in Red.

A Brussels cablegram to the "Wall Street Journal" of March 16, it was stated that the Belgian Government faces a prospective deficit of Fr. 1,200,000,000 at the close of accounts for the budget year 1932. The account likewise said:

Administration has proposed the immediate cutting of the Nation's expenditures by Fr. 655,000,000 in addition to new taxation and the erection of tariff barriers sufficient to cancel the remaining deficit anticipated for the original budget.

The most sweeping measure is the proposed 15% reduction in all budget expenditure items for Government administration (except salaries). All State functionaries and employees of all public services are scheduled to have wages slashed 10% as of April 1; which treatment applies in turn to all civil, religious and military pensions, except the war-disabled, whose pensions vary according to the cost-of-living index.

Taxes Up by 10%.

An increase of 10% on nearly all tax rates is envisaged as the chief measure for raising the necessary additional income to check the budget deficit. All direct taxes are thus affected save for the land and building imposts and the income tax for the category of under Fr. 20,000. Registration, death, stamp and donation taxes are raised to 2.2% from 2%, and the tax de luxe to 6.60% from 6.00%.

Import duties should be raised, where possible, 15%, according to the Government's report. This rate is made heavy for the reason that at least one-third of dutiable goods cannot have their duties increased due to commercial treaties. Thus the other two-thirds of dutiable imports is made to suffer an extra burden. However, crude tobacco and sugar duties are not to be increased.

Exceptional Duties.

On the other hand, certain extraordinary tariff measures are being considered. It is proposed to raise the tariff on roasted coffee from the current rate of Fr. 30 a 100 kilograms to Fr. 250. Green coffee would be burdened with a charge of Fr. 100 a 100 kilograms. Heavy mineral oils are to be taxed Fr. 20 a 100 kilograms against the current Fr. 10. However, medium oils and gasoline are exempt from any new levy. Foreign beer will be charged an additional 50-80% at the border, while the excise charge on native beers is to be raised moderately.

The Belgian Government is believed to be studying a number of import contingent measures, including quotas on imports of silk hosiery, radio sets and corn. The radio quota probably would affect chiefly imports from Germany and the United States.

Belgian Internal Issue Reported Oversubscribed.

The following from Brussels is from the "Wall Street Journal" of March 15:

The Belgian 1,000,000,000 Belgian francs 5% internal issue was oversubscribed by 150,000,000 francs on the first day of offering.

Whitney Warren, American Architect, Loses Appeal on Louvain Inscription—Final Court Bans "German Fury" Sentence.

The following from Brussels, March 7, is from the New York "Times":

The highest court has rejected the appeal of Whitney Warren, the American architect, against a decision of a lower court prohibiting the erection of a balustrade on the new library of the University of Louvain bearing the inscription, "Furore Teutonica Diruta; Dono Americano Restituta." (Destroyed by German fury; restored by American generosity.)

This has been the subject of lengthy court action, as well as of many incidents. The local court first gave a judgment in favor of Mr. Warren, which was later reversed by the Brussels Court of Appeals. Mr. Warren appealed this verdict, and the final case was heard quietly at Ghent a few weeks ago. Since the architect has lost, it is now intended to put up a plain balustrade at once, as the facade of the library has been marred by the presence of scaffolding in wood supporting the stone coping.

In publishing the above the "Times" said:

After the World War an appeal to the people of the United States to contribute funds to rebuild the famous Louvain Library, which was destroyed by the Germans when they first invaded Belgium, met with enthusiastic response.

The Academy of Fine Arts and the Institute of France chose Mr. Warren as the designer. Cardinal Mercier is said to have told Mr. Warren that he wished an inscription on the building that would constitute a safeguard against the recurrence of a similar destruction and, in a few words would embody history and teach a lesson.

A balustrade without an inscription was erected June 27 1928 and was torn down by a mob. It was put up again and dedicated on July 4 of that year, but on July 17 it was destroyed again. Felix Morren, head workman of the construction personnel, was arrested and imprisoned.

We also quote the following from the "Times" of March 9:

Although the highest Belgian court ruled on Monday against the "war guilt" inscription on a balustrade of the University of Louvain designed by Whitney Warren, and although the American architect declared yesterday he would do nothing further about it himself, he believes the last of the affair has not yet been heard.

"I bow respectfully to the decision of the court, and as far as I'm concerned I'm through," said Mr. Warren. "They'll go ahead and put up their balustrade, and it will remain there as long as it remains. That's all." Asked how long he believed it would remain, he called attention to the fact that it had twice been torn down by mobs angered by the fact that it did not bear the inscription penned by Cardinal Mercier:

"Furore Teutonica Diruta; Dono Americano Restituta." "Destroyed by German fury; restored by American generosity."

"I look to the Belgian people to carry out the wishes of their beloved Cardinal Mercier," Mr. Warren said yesterday. "As far as I'm concerned, I'm through, but whether or not the Belgian people are is another question."

Wine Producers Vote Drive on Prohibition—Congress in Paris Urges Delegates of Thirty Countries to Push Products of Customer Countries—Greek Delegate Recommended Boycott of United States Until Importation of Wines is Permitted.

A resolution urging a united international campaign to show the beneficial qualities of wine in nations with prohibition laws and in countries where it is excluded for religious reasons was voted at Paris on March 11 by the International Wine Congress, attended by delegates of 30 wine producing or consuming countries, which closed with a dinner that night. The New York "Times" in its advices from Paris, March 11 also said:

Dr. Charles Chauveau, the French Minister of Agriculture, speaking at the dinner, proposed the organization of an international group of physicians who are friends of wine to foster Pasteur's declaration that "wine is the most healthful and hygienic of all beverages." Dr. Chauveau, himself a doctor of medicine, asserted that the medical profession could and should exert a powerful influence on behalf of wine drinking.

Deputy Edouard Barthe made the principal speech, which was a glowing tribute to vineyards and to the grape as well as a vigorous attack upon prohibition.

"We who are united here in an international congress," declared M. Barthe, "have sought means of combating the United States. The experience of wine-growing countries for hundreds of years has taught us the value of wine when consumed moderately."

M. Barthe condemned prohibition as promoting crime and particularly as a stimulant to the drug trade, which, he said, had profited by public sympathy for smugglers developed because of bootlegging.

At the dinner nearly 80 kinds of wine were offered to the guests.

In Associated Press cablegrams it was stated that a recommendation that wine producers carry on in their own countries an active campaign in favor of merchandise products made in wine consuming countries in preference to such products made in prohibition countries was contained in a resolution adopted on March 11 by the International Wine Congress.

In its Paris cablegram March 8 the "Times" said:

The Greek delegate to the International Wine Congress, whose sessions here are being attended by representatives of 30 nations, urged the congress to-day to recommend to wine-producing countries that all join in "a united trade boycott of the United States until the prohibition law is modified to allow the importation and consumption of wine."

The Spanish delegate thought this suggestion too extreme and offered as a substitute proposal that all wine-growing countries contribute to a common propaganda fund to combat American prohibition.

It was unanimously agreed that the world's wine producers and consumers should divorce their cause absolutely from that of the distillers of spirituous liquors in combating prohibition.

"The most eminent medical authorities of all lands have given sweeping endorsements to wines both as a builder and restorer of health," declared Edouard Barthe, French Deputy and president of the National Wine Bureau. "Our propaganda in favor of the product of our vineyards should concentrate on this virtue of the juice of the grape. Prohibitionists have never found an argument against wine's great benefits to human health."

The Wickersham report on prohibition enforcement in the United States came up for discussion during the session, being cited by M. Barthe as "a more eloquent denunciation of prohibition than any wine-lover could think of."

The delegate from Algeria called the attention of the Congress to a serious impediment to wine consumption among Mohammedans resulting from contradictory interpretations of the Koran by Islamic priests. The Koran warns the faithful to shun intoxicating beverages, he said, but describes paradise as a place where they may drink at will from rivers of wine.

A revival of the pre-war custom of serving free table wine in restaurants specializing in regular meals at a fixed price was advocated at the March 9 session of the Congress. According to the Paris cablegram to the "Times" the Spanish and Portuguese delegates informed the convention that this practice had recently been made compulsory by government decrees in their countries to stimulate the falling wine consumption that has coincided with increased production.

Spain Rejects Bond Offer from Foreign Financial Group—Spain's Resources Regarded As Adequate to Float Issue.

Associated Press accounts March 14 from Madrid said: Jaime Carner, Minister of the Treasury, announced to-day that the Government had rejected an offer by a "foreign financial group" to float the Republic's proposed 500,000,000-peseta bond issue, offering to deposit a gold equivalent in the Bank of Spain as a guarantee.

He would not name the group or its nationality, but he said that the offer demonstrated a return of confidence abroad in Spain. It was refused, he said, because the Government believed Spain's resources adequate to float the bond issue.

Net Profits of Bank of Spain Increase.

From the New York "Evening Post" we take the following from Paris March 9:

The Bank of Spain has declared a dividend of 130 pesetas for 1931, compared with 125 in 1930. Net profits amounted to 120,000,000 pesetas, compared with 100,300,000 in the previous year.

Swiss Surplus Is 2,000,000 Francs.

The Swiss Federal budget closed 1931 with a surplus of only 2,000,000 Swiss francs, as compared with 23,000,000 in 1929, said a Geneva cablegram March 16 to the New York "Times," which added:

Considering the world crisis, however, the Government is satisfied and will devote the sum to aiding the unemployed.

Swiss Have Tax Policy Favoring Foreigners.

From the "Wall Street Journal" of March 16 we take the following from Geneva:

A tax policy in some Swiss cantons favoring foreigners has disturbed domestic serenity almost as much as it has those countries of origin whose wealthy nationals are establishing residence in Switzerland. These cantons are competing for those central European capitalists, who by one subterfuge or another, have contrived to get sizable money bags across their home land frontiers.

According to the local press, the Director of Finances at Lucerne has concluded individual taxation agreements with several German and Austrian capitalists. Arrangements are made for a five-year residence and a specific income-bearing sum is declared for tax purposes. Men whose reputed wealth is many millions of dollars are paying taxes in Switzerland on a declared revenue-producing capital of \$200,000.

Geneva is welcoming desirable immigrants who agree not to engage in business, and foreign residents here report that tax collections are neither arbitrary or exigent.

Spanish Envoy Presents Papers to President Hoover on Assuming Post as Ambassador, Tells of Traditional Good-Will.

The new Spanish Ambassador, Senor Juan Francisco de Cardenas, presented his credentials to President Hoover March 7. He told President Hoover of the pride which Spain, "the immortal mother of America," has in the great and prosperous land which has preserved in its history the memory of many Spanish explorers. His address was given as follows in the "United States Daily":

Mr. President: Having the honor to place in the hands of Your Excellency the letters from His Excellency the President of the Spanish Republic, whereby the mission exercised by Salvador Madariaga is terminated and I am accredited to Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Spain to this Republic, I can not conceal the emotion and pride with which I am overcome.

Pride because of Spain, the immortal mother of America, in this great and prosperous nation which has preserved in its history, like sacred relics, the memory of the Spanish explorers, among whom Don Lope de Cardenas, captain in the hosts of Coronado, is a prominent figure to whose lot it fell to discover the Grand Canyon of the Colorado.

Emotion, because I find myself again in this hospitable city where I filled the post of Counselor of the Embassy of Spain for nearly seven years, and where indelible reminders of my life still exist.

These sentiments will be my best stimulus for laboring ever in behalf of the friendly relations which happily unite Spain and the United States of America, devoting special care, at the present time, to the intensification of commercial relations.

For the better performance of my mission, I trust that I shall be able to count on Your Excellency's kind support and on the assistance of your Government.

Having reached this city at the time when the American Nation is celebrating the second centenary of the birth of its founder, I offer to Your Excellency the sincere congratulations which the President of the Spanish Republic sends to you through me. I add to them my own, and I express the most fervent good wishes for Your Excellency's personal happiness and for the prosperity of this Nation, the bulwark of liberty and progress.

The reply of President Hoover follows:

Mr. Ambassador: In accepting your predecessor's letters of recall, and in acknowledging the receipt of those by which you are accredited in the high capacity of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Spanish Republic, it gives me sincere pleasure to welcome your return to the capital where you have already served with distinction, and to the nation one of whose greatest rivers was discovered nearly four centuries ago by Don Lope de Cardenas, the first explorer to gaze upon the incomparable majesty of the Grand Canyon.

It is a proud heritage, Mr. Ambassador, which comes to you through the 392 years since your adventurous ancestor paused, with what emotion we to-day can still so vividly experience, at the brink of the mighty chasm of the Colorado. It is a heritage which is shared alike by Spain and by the United States in imperishable associations drawn from our common past and renewed in the present through the mutual friendly relations to which you have well alluded.

In the performance of your mission, and in the strengthening of this relationship, you may be assured of my co-operation and of that of the officials of the American Government.

I am gratified at the message of good-will from His Excellency, the President of the Spanish Republic, and of congratulations on the occasion of our celebration of the 200th anniversary of the founder of this nation. I hope that you will convey to him the assurance that his words are deeply appreciated, and that the American Government and people cordially reciprocate the kindly feelings of Spain for the United States.

Germany Begins Negotiations for Repayment of \$125,000,000 Credit.

Berlin advices as follows, March 11, are taken from the New York "Journal of Commerce":

The Reich Government has inaugurated negotiations with foreign bankers with references to the repayment of \$125,000,000 credit obtained from foreign bankers last year, which falls due in October.

Repayment of a sum of this magnitude will be at all possible only in the event of a complete reversal for the better of the foreign exchange situation by that time. This in turn, it is felt here, depends upon developments at Lausanne in June.

This credit was granted October 1931, by a syndicate of twenty-two American banks headed by Lee, Higginson & Co. About three-fifths of the credit was granted by American banks, the balance coming from Germany, Holland and Sweden, where similar groups were organized.

The short term loans arranged in the United States by Bavaria in 1927 constitute a more immediate problem. To-day \$2,500,000 of this matures, while the \$5,000,000 balance comes due March 11.

The installment coming due to-day has not yet been remitted, since from the German viewpoint this is considered as coming under the Stillhalte agreement. The foreign creditor banks disagree with this view and negotiations are now under way to settle the matter.

Reichsbank Bars Interest in Excess of 7% from German Short Term Creditors Under "Standstill" Agreement.

The following from Berlin, March 11, is from the New York "Journal of Commerce":

The Reichsbank is intervening to prevent the exaction of excessive rates of interest from German short term debtors under the Stillhalte agreement.

It has announced that it's refusing to furnish foreign exchange for apparently excessive interest payments, which it feels are contrary to the intent and meaning of the Stillhalte agreement. In any event interest payments above 7% are to be regarded as excessive, the Reichsbank states.

American banks are changing for cash advanced from 6 to 8% so that in some instances this action will mean a reduction of the rate.

The Reichsbank feels compelled to take this step as a measure for the protection of foreign holders of German loans, as service on the latter may be endangered should excessive interest payments on the short term credits under the Stillhalte unduly absorb available foreign exchange.

Capital, not Gold, Needed by Germany—Statistical Estimate Calculates that Available Funds Decreased \$700,000,000 in 1931.

Under date of March 11 a wireless message from Berlin to the New York "Times" said:

In its comment on this week's reduction of the Reichsbank rate, the business community holds that German trade has been impeded more by insufficient of credit and capital than by high interest rates. The Government's Bureau of Statistics estimates that the quantity of capital available for business in Germany decreased in 1931 by \$700,000,000, whereas formerly the quantity increased from year to year and in a good year like 1928 was enlarged by more than \$2,000,000,000.

The same authority estimates that, while the value of fixed investments in Germany increased during 1928 by \$1,800,000,000, new investments last year were, insufficient to cover depreciation of buildings and plant.

Boom Hits Berlin Boerse on Eve of Elections.

A cablegram under date of March 12 from Berlin to the New York "Times" said:

It is characteristic of the nervousness in connection with to-morrow's Presidential elections that the Boerse to-day on the eve of the balloting experienced a distinct boom, which was the more unexpected because it followed a long period of depression. There was almost a uniform rise in prices of about 2%, leading stocks such as I. G. Farben, Schuckert and Siemens & Halske advancing 3 to 5%.

Bonds followed the general tendency.

German Trade Institute Sees no Sign of World Recovery

Berlin advices, March 11, are taken as follows from the New York "Times":

Concerning the prospect of world recovery in trade, the quarterly report of the Institute for Studying Trade Fluctuations is pessimistic. The institute sees no signs of recovery except in England, and it considers that no definite turn for the better is likely in the next few months. It considers the development of the present crisis to be abnormal from the fact that it has lacked the indication, usual at such times, that depression in trade was setting free both capital and credit which might be used in new industrial activity.

On the contrary the institute holds that decline in the world's purchasing power is continuing.

Germany's Budget Deficit.

The deficit in Germany's budget for the completed ten months of the financial year, including the deficit carried over from the preceding year, is now stated at 1,162 million million marks, said a wireless message, March 11, from Berlin to the New York "Times."

Germany Reduces Postage Rates.

Reduction in the postal rate for domestic letters and post-cards and for parcel post packages was recently announced in Germany in keeping with the Emergency Decree providing for the general reduction of wages and commodity prices states a report from Vice Consul George S. Messersmith, Berlin, made public by the Department of Commerce. Rates on other classes of mail, telegraph, telephone and radio

remain unchanged. The Department's announcement, March 2, also said:

Public opinion in Germany has long felt that postal rates were too high it is said, and the recent change was widely approved.

The reductions amount to 20% in the case of letters, 25% for post-cards, and from 3½ to 40% for parcel post packages, depending upon the weight and the zone, it is pointed out.

During the last fiscal year the German Post Office handled 2,865 million letters and 1,183 million postcards, the report states and it is pointed out that if one-half of the letters and postcards handled consist of domestic mail subject to the new rates, there will be an annual reduction of approximately \$10,237,000 in the revenue derived from letters and about \$2,818,000 in that from postcards.

Numerous changes were made in the parcel post rates according to the report, but in general the heaviest reductions occurred in the class of packages of low weight for transportation within the first and second zones.

German Railway Earnings Off 28⅜%.

A wireless message from Berlin, March 11, to the New York "Times" stated that operating receipts of the Railroad Corporation for January were 28.4% less than in the same month of 1931 and 44.2% below January 1929.

Germany Forbids "Closing-Out" Signs Unless Store Is to Be Shut.

The following Berlin account, March 11, is from the New York "Times":

No longer can the German retailer without hindrance paper his shop front with the beguiling sign "closing out."

The new Federal emergency decree summarily forbids—under penalty—him doing so unless he is actually going out of business or definitely discontinuing some line of goods in which case the closing-out notice must so specify.

Premiums too have fallen under the ban. Henceforth they are allowed to be given only if the vendor has on hand the premium article value in cash if the purchaser elects to demand it. Gift premiums and those with lottery features are altogether forbidden.

Germany, Austria and Other European Governments Accept Offer of Chester D. Pugsley to Finance Institutes of International Affairs—List of Projects Founded and Maintained by Mr. Pugsley.

We are in receipt of the following communication dated March 10 from Chester D. Pugsley, Vice-Chairman of the Westchester County National Bank of Peekskill, N. Y.:

The Government of Germany to-day accepted my offer to finance an Institute of International Affairs under its auspices in Berlin this year. It will be held under the aegis of the University of Politics.

Other governments which have already accepted such Institutes are those of Japan, Greece, Bulgaria, Lithuania, Norway, Finland, Spain, Denmark, Austria and Sweden.

I am further advised by the Counselor of the German Embassy in Washington, Rudolf Leitner, that they suggest for a first meeting, to be held in Berlin during next October, a three days' conference of German scientists and men in politics for the discussion of the problem: "Germany's Position with Respect to France"

The purpose of this conference is not to be a Franco-German discussion. It is to be a non-partisan German discussion concerning the methods and aims of German foreign policy with respect to France and Franco German relations. The program is to comprise the following subjects:

- 1.—A general discussion on: The permanent prerequisites for Franco-German relations (scientific).
- 2.—First report: Predominance of economics (economic). Second report: The organization of Central Europe in the French and German political thinking (political).
- 3.—General discussion.
- 4.—The position of the parties and states with respect to the Franco-German problem.

The foremost German experts are to be chosen to make the reports.

A list of the various projects founded and maintained by Mr. Pugsley by annual grant in addition to the Institutes of International Affairs under the auspices of various foreign governments, has been furnished us as follows:

- Institute of Near Eastern Affairs at Brown University, Providence, R. I.
- Institute of Far Eastern Affairs at American University, Washington, D. C.
- Institute of European Affairs at College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, Va.
- Institute of Polity at Earlham College, Richmond, Ind.
- Institute of Pan American Affairs at MacMurray College, Jacksonville, Ill.

- Institute of Colonial Policy at Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y.
- Institute on Institutes at University of Virginia, University, Va.
- Conference on National Issues at Princeton University, Princeton, N. J.
- Conference for Foreign Students coming to the United States to study in American colleges under the auspices of the Institute of International Education at the Storm King School at Cornwall-on-Hudson, N. Y.
- Church Conference on Social Work under the auspices of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America as an Associate Group of the National Conference on Social Work in whatever city the National Conference on Social Work meets from year to year.

Consular Scholarships for the sons and daughters of American consuls and vice-consuls of career at University of Virginia and Earlham College.

Scholarships at MacMurray College, Jacksonville, Ill., of which Mr. Pugsley is a trustee.

Peekskill High School College Scholarship.
National Press Club award of \$1,000 for the best work by a Washington correspondent of any newspaper or press association.

Mr. Pugsley also says:

Last year I gave \$10,000 to the Harvard Law School as an endowment for research in International Law. The income of this fund is now being applied for a collection of diplomatic and consular codes and regulations of various countries, and also for a Digest of the Decisions of the United

States Supreme Court relating to International Law. This work is carried on in collaboration with the Bruns Institute at Berlin, Germany.

The previous year I gave \$10,000 to the Harvard Law School for Draft Conventions in preparation for a Second Hague Conference on the Progressive Codification of International Law in fields recommended as ripe for codification by the League of Nations' Committee of Experts. These are: Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities, Legal Position and Status of Consuls, Competence of Courts with regard to Foreign States and Piracy. This research was undertaken by a group of 54 scholars, jurists and professors of international law of which Hon. George W. Wickersham is Chairman. Funds for the preparation of Draft Conventions on Territorial Waters, Responsibility of States and Nationality in preparation for the First Hague Conference on the Progressive Codification of International Law in 1930 were provided by John D. Rockefeller Jr., and the Commonwealth Fund.

Reichsbank Will Pay 12% Dividend—Annual Report Shows Profit of Nearly \$50,000,000, Compared with \$30,000,000 in 1930—Says Reparations Are Impossible.

Dr. Hans Luther announced on March 16 at the annual meeting of stockholders that the Reichsbank would distribute a 12% dividend the same as last year. Advices to this effect were contained in a Berlin cablegram, March 16, to the New York "Times" which further said:

As a result of the high discount rate and greatly enlarged discounts, the profits of the Reichsbank, according to the annual report, were nearly \$50,000,000, as compared with \$30,000,000 in 1930. In fact, the gross profits were being estimated at \$64,500,000, even larger, but about \$14,000,000 was partly consumed by losses on depreciated foreign currencies and interest on foreign rediscount credits and partly used to write off frozen discounts.

A dividend of 8% will be distributed from the net profits and an additional 4% will be taken from the dividend reserve fund that has accumulated in the past year. Nearly half of the gross profits, or more than \$22,000,000, will go into a special reserve fund to cover eventual losses in discounts.

The report shows the Reichsbank has open reserves of about \$107,000,000, of which about \$48,000,000 will be used to subscribe for new stock of the Golddiskont Bank issued in connection with the reorganization of German banks. Hidden reserves are said to be large.

The annual report stresses the urgent necessity of a final settlement of reparations and emphasizes again the determination of the Reichsbank to refrain from any currency experiments and to effect stability of the reichsmark by all means at its disposal.

According to a Berlin cablegram, March 16, to the New York "Journal of Commerce" the report says that reparations have finally been proved impossible and that if new financial crises are to be avoided they must be abolished in law as they have been since last summer in fact.

Reich Ship Aid Foreseen—Government Likely to Guarantee Two Chief Lines' Liabilities.

The following Hamburg cablegram, March 16, is from the New York "Times":

While negotiations in Berlin about a comprehensive scheme for the reorganization of the Hamburg-American Line and the North German Lloyd have not yet been concluded, it is believed likely that the Reich will guarantee their liabilities up to \$12,000,000 and also grant the lines a substantial credit.

The rationalization of their business by merging the two lines' agencies abroad and dividing the business so as to make the North German Lloyd a passenger line and the Hamburg-American a freight line is also contemplated.

Long View of German Reparations Debts Urged at Lausanne by Foreign Policy Association—Report on "Financial Crisis in Germany" Says "Lasting Settlement" Awaits Broad Attitude—Effect of Slump Told.

A "lasting settlement" of reparations at the Lausanne conference in June will depend largely on whether governments concerned "take a long view of their own interests," Dr. Mildred S. Wertheimer asserts in a report on "The Financial Crisis in Germany," issued by the Foreign Policy Association. The report said a Washington dispatch, March 6, to the New York "Times" stated:

"It is argued that the revival of world trade and confidence which would follow a definite settlement of the problem of intergovernmental debts would in the long run result in far greater benefits for each nation than could be forthcoming from an unyielding insistence upon their continuance.

"During the past year the export trade of the seven principal countries of the world has shrunk by a sum equal to about ten times the amount which Germany must pay annually in reparations. The export of the United States alone has declined in value almost five times the amount of its annual receipts from inter-allied debt payments.

"Germany, as the general debtor and therefore the crux of the entire problem, has been particularly hard hit by the depression and the crisis of 1931. It is contended that should the Reich 'collapse' and be forced to declare a general moratorium on all payments at home and abroad, the result would be complete stagnation of industries and trade in Germany—with consequent disastrous effects on the rest of Europe and the entire world."

The report declares that the position of the Reichsbank has grown steadily weaker in recent months, and points out that "future payments are viewed as depending on the transfer ability of the Reichsbank, which in turn must be largely dependent on the German export situation."

"It seems doubtful that economic conditions in Germany will permit the favorable trade balance to be continued at the present high level," the report continues. "The figures for January 1932 bear this out: Compared with the 1931 monthly average, exports declined in volume by more than 36%, while imports fell off by more than 25%.

"Besides the influences of purely economic factors on the maintenance of a high German export balance, the increasing trade restrictions imposed by other leading countries of the world constitute a serious obstacle to its continuation.

"By the end of 1931, as a result of the crisis, production had fallen to the level of the years 1897-1898. To appreciate the full significance of this shrinkage, it must be recalled that thirty years ago Germany had a larger area than at present, and almost ten million fewer inhabitants."

Suicide of Ivar Kreuger, Head of Kreuger & Toll, Swedish Match Company &c.—Parliament Grants Moratorium on Private Payments—Stockholm Stock Exchange Closed.

The death, by his own hand, of Ivar Kreuger, head of the Swedish Match combine and Kreuger & Toll, &c., was not without its effect on all the markets of the world on Monday, March 14, although the fact that news of his death at Paris on Saturday, March 12, was withheld until late that day—after the close of all the Stock Exchanges—and the further fact that Sunday intervened, doubtless served to curb any marked disturbances in the leading markets. Immediate action on March 12 was taken by the Swedish Parliament toward granting a moratorium on private payments "when circumstances warrant." The closing of the Stockholm Stock Exchange was also immediately decided upon; the Exchange did not open on Monday, March 14, and its sessions have been suspended all week; its reopening is scheduled for Monday next, March 21. Regarding the death of Mr. Kreuger, whose body was found in his apartment in Paris on March 12 at 1:30 p. m. (8:30 a. m. New York time) a copyright cablegram from Paris to the New York "Herald Tribune" said in part:

Three Letters Left.

According to the police, three letters written by Mr. Kreuger were found in the apartment. One was addressed to a sister who lives in Sweden and the others were to business associates, saying that financial troubles had decided him to end his life.

Krister Littorin, a friend and business associate, told the police, however, that Mr. Kreuger had been informed by physicians that he must drop all business and take a complete rest, or else face a serious breakdown.

Luncheon Was Scheduled.

To-day the Paris Bourse was closed on the occasion of the funeral of Aristide Briand, but reports to Paris from London said marked declines in Kreuger securities were recorded there to-day. Both the Swedish Match Co. and Kreuger & Toll shares receded at Stockholm early this week on rumors that adverse dividend developments were impending.

Mr. Kreuger arrived in this country yesterday aboard the Ile de France, following a three months' stay in the United States on business. He had luncheon yesterday with his friend, M. Littorin, and, to-day, he was to have met at luncheon a number of prominent American and British financial men identified with his companies.

This meeting had been set for 1 o'clock at the Hotel du Rhin, in the Place Vendome. According to the police, M. Littorin went this morning to Kreuger's apartment and talked with him of business matters until 10 o'clock. As he left, Mr. Kreuger's secretary, Miss Karin Bokman, entered. At noon, the secretary met M. Littorin at the hotel.

When Mr. Kreuger did not arrive at the hotel by 1.15 p. m. the secretary and M. Littorin returned to the apartment, where a maid informed them that Mr. Kreuger had been sleeping. M. Littorin, it is understood, went to the bedroom and found his friend lying there dead, one hand outstretched and a small automatic pistol beside it.

Police Decline Information.

The police authorities were unwilling to-night to make a statement officially as to when Mr. Kreuger actually died or whether the wound which killed him was or was not self-inflicted. M. Littorin could not be reached to-night for a possible statement.

Officials of the Hotel du Rhin declined this evening to name the persons with whom Mr. Kreuger was to have had luncheon to-day, but it is believed they included Sir Guy Granet, Chairman of Higginson & Co., London bankers and financial agents there for the Kreuger & Toll interests.

Otto Bugge, the Kreuger & Toll representative at Paris, to-night said Mr. Kreuger had been in poor health and had felt keenly recent newspaper attacks on him here. He always was exceedingly sensitive in the matter of the standing of his stocks.

Asked why the fact of the death had been held secret for seven hours, Mr. Bugge said this had been done in order to keep the news from reaching America before the closing of the New York Stock Exchange for the day. Another Kreuger & Toll spokesman, who is close to Mr. Bugge said the purpose had been to keep the news out of evening newspapers in Europe.

The action of the Swedish Parliament in authorizing a private moratorium was indicated in the following from Stockholm March 12 which we quote from the New York "Times":

Legislation was rushed through both houses of the Riksdag late to-night giving the King power to grant moratoria on private payments "when the circumstances warrant." The action followed the suicide of Ivar Kreuger in Paris.

The moratoria will be granted for a month at a time and must be approved by the Cabinet and financial authorities. The bill takes effect immediately and is intended to prevent a rush of creditors on the Kreuger companies Monday.

The moratorium scheme had been prepared before Mr. Kreuger's death, indicating that the Swedish Government and business men were prepared for the insolvency of his companies.

Bankers Hasten Home.

Bankers and leading business men of Sweden are rushing home from the Continent to deal with the consequences of Mr. Kreuger's death, which the Government regards as a "national catastrophe." They were summoned by telegraph and telephone, in some instances by Cabinet Ministers, to help steady the nation.

It has been decided to keep the Stock Exchange closed Monday and possibly for several days longer until opinion among foreign investors becomes calmer.

Except for 100,000,000 kronor (about \$20,000,000 at the current rate of exchange) that he owed the Swedish National Bank, Mr. Kreuger had very few business ramifications in Sweden outside his own companies. The biggest Swedish enterprises, such as the Gothenburg Telephone Co. and the Swedish-American Shipping Line, had always kept aloof from the "Match King," believing that his financing was on too big a scale for Sweden. The National Bank is well able to stand out loss.

The news of Mr. Kreuger's suicide spread consternation throughout the country and all Scandinavia. He was something of a recluse, having few intimates in his own country, and in the popular mind he had become almost a legendary figure.

His match monopolies are in sound condition, and it was his financing companies with their frozen assets that precipitated the crash.

Financial experts declare that the losses will not be as heavy as popularly feared and that the situation of the Kreuger companies will be cleared out without recourse to extraordinary measures or extra funds.

On March 14 (Monday) Associated Press accounts from Stockholm said:

The Swedish Parliament, moving quickly after the suicide of Ivar Kreuger, to-day authorized the Government to extend a brief moratorium to business interests, and the privilege was first applied to the "match king's" own concerns. Both chambers after a brief debate adopted a measure enabling the Cabinet to grant short respites to companies or individuals on the payment of their commitments.

The Cabinet extended until March 31 a moratorium on the obligations of Kreuger & Toll, of three smaller affiliated concerns, of Mr. Kreuger's heirs and of four of his associates, including Krister Littorin, deputy director.

Leaders of Swedish finance and industry braced themselves to face any developments that may arise from the suicide. It was generally insisted that if the country would keep its head the consequences of Mr. Kreuger's death need not be as serious as seemed possible yesterday when the news came as a staggering shock to the nation.

At a meeting called yesterday by Premier Ekman the Chairman of the bank council was reported to have expressed the view that there would not be any immediate difficulties within the Kreuger organizations but that it would be possible to test their liquidity at the end of April.

Some newspapers said it had been known for some time that March or April would find Kreuger & Toll in financial difficulties and that several weeks ago the Government had drafted a bill for a moratorium. The "Svenska Morgenblad," regarded as the official mouthpiece, said the measure had been prepared to prevent important Swedish industries from falling under foreign control, which would seriously disturb the labor market.

From Stockholm on March 13 the New York "Times" reported the following:

The vast Kreuger business will proceed without Ivar Kreuger, but it will hardly take the same course, following its founder's suicide in Paris yesterday.

Had Mr. Kreuger taken the country into his confidence and admitted his failures to obtain fresh working capital and revealed that the constant selling of his stocks was proving too much for the concern to stand, his countrymen would have jumped to his assistance. Now his shortcomings may never be forgiven. Sweden's national pride has received a blow from which it will be hard to recover.

Crown Prince Gustav Adolf, who is regent while the King is absent on the French Riviera, was attending a Masonic ceremony in which his eldest son was being initiated into a higher degree when he was informed of Mr. Kreuger's suicide. He hurriedly left the assembly and in a few moments was presiding at a hastily summoned meeting of the Cabinet at the royal palace.

Moratorium Effective To-day.

As no bill is allowed to pass through two stages on the same day, Parliament will meet at 12:15 a. m. to-morrow to complete to-day's moratorium legislation, which thus will be law when business offices open later in the day.

It is hoped that by preventing dealings in Kreuger and Swedish Match issues for one month the first feeling of panic can be controlled. The Stock Exchange will be closed until circumstances permit, but banking will continue.

The staffs of the match trust and the Kreuger & Toll companies have been working all night preparing a statement of their positions for the Government. After seeing the preliminary figures the Government bank inspector announced there was no danger of any bank collapsing. He said banking business could proceed normally.

The main Kreuger bank, the Skandinaviska Kreditaktiebolaget, will undoubtedly have to sacrifice a great part of its reserves, but the management declares it can easily weather the storm. While the sums involved are large it is certain the Government will do what is necessary to avert any serious dislocation. The moratorium is expected to be sufficient to relieve all immediate distress.

Mr. Kreuger was apparently in urgent need of 120,000,000 kronor, for this was the amount due the Skandinaviska Kreditaktiebolaget. The Swedish National Bank had informed Mr. Kreuger that if he failed to pay he would not be allowed to declare any dividend on his stocks. Feeling it was necessary for him to pay the shareholders some yield, however little, Mr. Kreuger made every effort to borrow this money to satisfy the bank and the shareholders.

Business Statement Sought.

He had been urged by well-meaning friends and business houses to issue a statement regarding the Kreuger & Toll company's position, and this would doubtless have been forthcoming if his nerve had not failed after repeated fruitless efforts to get fresh credit.

There can be no dividend this year.

The match trust and other groups may now be separated and taken over by different financial concerns. Competent circles are anxiously waiting to learn what working capital is required to continue the undertakings and if it is not too large, it will be forthcoming in Sweden.

Ivar Rooth, manager of the Swedish National Bank, will return to Stockholm from Basle to-morrow to join a bankers' conference.

Mr. Kreuger in 1925 insured his life for between \$1,500,000 and \$3,000,000. As more than three years have elapsed between the issuing of the insurance and his suicide the sum will be paid to his heirs.

Stockholm Calm Following Death of Ivar Kreuger—Expected Bank Runs Fail to Develop.

Under date of March 14 a wireless message from Stockholm to the New York "Times" said:

Nothing like a panic occurred in Sweden to-day as a result of Ivar Kreuger's suicide in Paris Saturday. The moratorium with which the

Government armed itself helped prevent a rush of frightened investors and the public generally followed Premier Ekman's advice to remain cool.

The banks were less frequented than usual on Mondays and there was no sign of any run on the Skandinaviska Creditaktiebolaget, although in some quarters this had been feared yesterday. The stock market will remain closed as long as may be necessary.

To-day's tremendous fall in Kreuger quotations abroad was inevitable but there were hopes that after to-day's selling prices will creep upward again. The Swedish kronor fell in relation to all currencies officially quoted, but sterling, although rising to 18.50 kronor, fell after trading hours.

The work of repairing the damage caused by Mr. Kreuger's death continues and all his companies are preparing balance sheets. It was incorrectly stated yesterday that the match trust was included in the Kreuger moratorium. The moratorium only includes Mr. Kreuger's personal estate, the four principal directors and two subsidiary companies. How long the moratorium will continue depends on the recovery of the companies involved. It is certain to last until April 1.

Quotations on Kreuger & Toll Shares Not to Be Listed with Reopening of Stockholm Stock Exchange Next Week.

Associated Press advices from Stockholm March 17 stated:

Quotations on Kreuger & Toll shares and participating debentures will not be listed when the Stock Exchange reopens next Monday, the Stock Exchange committee has announced.

M. Belfrage, Director of the Exchange, said he could make no definite statement regarding reports that foreign speculators were carrying on considerable deals in Kreuger shares in Sweden. Brokers of firms admitted to the Exchange, he said, have loyally observed the request to abstain from all operations while the Bourse is closed.

The Stock Exchange was ordered closed after Kreuger committed suicide. The Swedish Parliament passed a measure of temporary relief for all debtors, including the Kreuger & Toll interests.

Kreuger Shares Reported Sold Despite Swedish Ban—Government Names Lyberg to Supervise Administration of Companies in Moratorium.

Under date of March 16 Stockholm advices to the New York "Times" said:

The Kreuger situation was more anxious to-day, although the Swedish krona was steady and closed slightly stronger.

Chief difficulty was caused by certain stockholders who violated the prohibition against trading in Kreuger shares. These shares are being advertised in the newspapers at extremely low prices, and the Stock Exchange board was compelled to repeat its warnings against trading in them. It is hoped that by to-morrow trading in Kreuger shares will be impossible.

This afternoon the Government appointed Ernst Lyberg, former Minister of Finance, to supervise the Kreuger & Toll administration during the moratorium period.

The Stock Exchange committee announced to-day that all Kreuger & Toll shares would be suspended from the list when the Exchange opens Monday.

Announcement of Ivar Kreuger's Death by Swedish Match Company.

Associated Press accounts from Stockholm March 12 said:

Ivar Kreuger, head of the Swedish Match Trust, committed suicide in Paris, officials of the match company announced to-night. The announcement read:

"The regrettable death by suicide of Ivar Kreuger was due to the superhuman burden of work he had borne in the past few months and which resulted recently in a nervous breakdown while he was in New York.

"An investigation has begun into the position of the Kreuger companies."

Committee Named to Investigate Kreuger & Toll Situation.

A committee of six has been appointed, with former Minister of Justice Nothil as Chairman, to investigate the Kreuger & Toll situation, said a cablegram March 18 from Stockholm to the New York "Evening Post."

Statement by Lee, Higginson & Co. on Death of Ivar Kreuger—No Loan Negotiations During His Recent Visit.

Lee, Higginson & Co. issued on March 12, the following formal statement incident to the death of Ivar Kreuger:

"We learn with deep regret of Ivar Kreuger's sudden death in Paris. During the latter part of his visit to America he was ill and seemed to be on the verge of a nervous breakdown. He recovered sufficiently to permit his departure for Paris on March 4. He had no loan negotiations with us during his visit but his review to us of the financial position of his companies appeared satisfactory considering the condition of international trade and the difficulties of exchange transfer throughout the world.

LEE, HIGGINSON & CO."

Lee, Higginson Partners Co-Operate in Effort to Ascertain Condition of Kreuger & Toll.

From the "Wall Street Journal" of March 18 we take the following:

Lee, Higginson & Co., in a letter to holders of securities of Kreuger & Toll Co. and International Match Corp. state that since the death of Ivar Kreuger they have been endeavoring to obtain information as to the present condition of Kreuger & Toll Co. and International Match Corp. and their affiliated companies. Two of the partners of Lee, Higginson & Co. are now in Europe, and the company's London partners are co-operating in an effort to procure complete information.

"We are informed that Swedish Match Co., which owns all the common stock of International Match Corp., has not accepted a moratorium," states the letter. Ernst Lyberg, the former Minister of Finance of Sweden,

it is reported, has been appointed the representative during the period of the moratorium for those companies which have accepted it.

Director of Swedish Match Company Dies of Shock.

The following from Stockholm, is from the "Wall Street Journal" of March 14:

Major Ferrander, a director of the Swedish Match Co., collapsed and died when advised of the death of Ivar Kreuger at Paris.

M. Margus, Head of Estonian Match Co., Reported a Suicide.

Associated Press advices from Berlin March 17 said:

M. Margus, head of the Estonian Match Monopoly associated with the interests of Ivar Kreuger, hanged himself yesterday because of financial difficulties, a telegram from Weissenstein, Estonia, said to-day.

We also quote the following (Associated Press) from Helsingfors, Finland, March 17:

M. Margus, Director of the Estonian match monopoly and associate of Ivar Kreuger, Swedish industrialist who committed suicide in Paris Saturday, was found dead yesterday at Reval, it was learned here to-day.

M. Margus formerly owned a match factory which was taken over by the Kreuger & Toll concern when the Estonian monopoly was formed. He is said to have received a block of stock in Kreuger & Toll and a directorship at a salary of 750 Estonian kroner (normally about \$200) a month.

The death of Mr. Kreuger was reported to have resulted in an immediate reduction of M. Margus's salary, while the depreciation of Kreuger & Toll shares severely handicapped him in other financial operations.

Interests of Ivar Kreuger Covered Wide Field—Included Matches, Banks, Iron, Lumber, Paper, Pulp, Power and Real Estate—Many Monopolies Held—Governments Gave These in Return for Loans—New Sales Company Organized in New York.

The following is taken from the New York "Times" of March 13:

Through the \$400,000,000 Kreuger & Toll Co., which is strictly an investment and financing company, Ivar Kreuger, who committed suicide in Paris yesterday, was personally interested in the development of many types of industries, banking operations and international finance, and was constantly travelling from one country to another to direct the varied enterprises and keep in touch with financial and business conditions.

With respect to the industrial branch of activity engaged in by the Kreuger interests, Mr. Kreuger, in a recent interview, said that his method was to become interested only in fundamental industries close to the primary needs of the people.

His principal interest lay in safety matches. Through Kreuger & Toll, he controlled the Swedish Match Co., which in turn owned the International Match Co.

The operations of the match interests reach into nearly every country in the world. The Soviet Match Trust is its largest competitor. Mr. Kreuger's method of advancing his match interests was to grant loans to foreign governments in return for a monopoly of the match business in that country.

Wide Telephone Interests.

Similarly, until he sold his telephone holdings to the International Telephone & Telegraph Corp., in which he became a director, Mr. Kreuger advanced the business of the L. M. Ericsson Telephone Co., with factories in Sweden, Germany and many other countries, by obtaining concessions in exchange for loans to governments.

Iron was another fundamental product to engage Mr. Kreuger's attention and to attract his investment. The Grangesberg Co., with its affiliates, is the largest producer of iron ore in Europe. The holdings of this company and those it shares with the Swedish Government comprise the most extensive iron-ore deposits commercially developed and used in the world. Kreuger & Toll owns about 20% of its shares.

Pulp, paper and lumber also are basic products in which the Kreuger interests are enormous. The Swedish Pulp Co., almost wholly owned by Kreuger & Toll, is the most important producer of sulphite and sulphate in Europe. In addition to the industrial plants for the pulp, paper and lumber business, the company owns favorably located water power of about 250,000 horsepower and 4,900,000 acres of forest land.

Active Power Developments.

The power interests of this and other companies in the Kreuger & Toll group are also being actively developed. Plans for the linking of Swedish water powers to the European mainland would have been well advanced to-day had it not been for the depression.

Real estate was also included in the group, through the Hufvudstaden Real Estate Co., which owns 87 buildings in Stockholm. This is reminiscent of Mr. Kreuger's early career as a construction engineer in New York City.

The plan of operations of the Kreuger & Toll Company is three-fold: It grants State and similar credits in connection with industrial concessions; it owns shares in basic industries, as outlined, as well as in large banks, and it conducts active trading operations, such as participation in financial syndicates, the making of short-term investments, amalgamations of industrial enterprises, or business of a similar nature.

Banks Owned in Many Lands.

Among the banks owned are large commercial banks, as well as small, almost semi-private ones, in most of the principal countries of Europe. The purpose of these banks is to have a means of handling financial transactions of a private character, as well as to have a means of obtaining direct and authentic banking and commercial information that would be more difficult to obtain through agents or detached statistical staffs.

Because of the interrelation of these various interests and his connections with the heads of most foreign governments in the world, Mr. Kreuger was personally informed on the nature of problems and conditions facing every country in which he had interests.

In general, the policy was not to expand indefinitely the funds of Kreuger & Toll, but rather to keep employed the capital of the company, making credits available to a new country as soon as it was repaid by another.

The total amount of these government loans was carried on the books of the company at the close of last year at \$50,000,000, having been written down to that figure from \$112,000,000 at the end of 1930.

Many Monopolies Obtained.

Through its American subsidiary, the International Match Co., the Swedish combine thus obtained monopolies of 20 to 60 years' duration in

Poland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Yugoslavia, Rumania, Greece, Ecuador, Peru, Danzig and Turkey. Special agreements were also made with France and Germany in return for loans.

Among the recent large governmental loan transactions in which the company has figured are the extension of a loan of \$125,000,000 for 50 years at 6% to Germany, the final portion of which, amounting to \$75,000,000 was taken up on May 29 1931, just before the German financial crisis broke out; the purchase in 1930 of the \$29,480,000 Swedish share of the German International 5½% loan (the Young Plan loan); and the purchase at a heavy discount last September of \$32,400,000 of Polish Government 6½% bonds in return for an extension of the company's match concession in Poland until 1965.

The company's outstanding loans to governments were substantially reduced in June 1930, when the French Government rebought \$75,000,000 of a long-term loan previously extended to France by Kreuger & Toll, Swedish Match and the International Match Co.

Branch Plant Plan Adopted.

Mr. Kreuger's interests in this country were held almost entirely by the International Match Co., a subsidiary of the Swedish Match Co., which in turn was controlled by Kreuger & Toll. International Match was incorporated in 1923 with a view to consolidating various foreign interests of the Swedish Match Co. into an American corporation. After the World War the tendency toward higher protective tariffs caused the Swedish Match Co. to adopt a program of establishing factories outside of Sweden and these factories were among the assets taken over by International Match.

One of the most recent developments under this policy was the acquisition by International Match's subsidiary, the Vulcan Match Co., of control of the Federal Match Corp., the third largest match manufacturing company in this country, late last year. Owing to the tariff on safety matches, which became effective in this country in June 1930, the establishment of factories in this country by the Kreuger interests became advisable.

On Friday the Vulcan Match Co. was incorporated in Delaware with a capital of 75,000 shares, to manufacture and sell matches in this country. The Kreuger interests were believed to have planned the expansion of their manufacturing facilities in this country through the Vulcan and Federal Match Companies. The sale of Kreuger's safety matches in this country is effected through the Diamond Match Co. and other organizations.

Payment Deferred, Kreuger Issues Drop—International Match Takes No Action on Two \$1 Quarterly Dividends.

From the New York "Times" of March 17 we take the following:

The directors of the International Match Corp., controlled by the Kreuger & Toll Co. through the Swedish Match Co., took no action yesterday on the regular quarterly dividends of \$1 a share on the participating preferred and common shares, usually declared at this time.

While deferred action on these dividends was expected, due to the moratorium declared on Kreuger & Toll debts in Sweden over the week end, the preferred stock of International Match, listed on the New York Stock Exchange, sagged sharply yesterday to a low record of 8½ and closed at 9, down four points for the day. Kreuger & Toll certificates also fell on the dividend news, closing at the low record of 1½.

The Stock Exchange added 118,975 Kreuger & Toll American certificates to its list on Tuesday, making the American proportion of the participating debentures represented by such certificates 62.9%. The number of American certificates as of Tuesday night was 6,918,081, against 6,799,106 the day before, showing that arrivals of debentures from Europe had not ceased.

The dividends on International Match stocks, if declared, would have been payable on April 15. No dividends of any kind are expected to be paid by any company in the Kreuger & Toll group until the directors have completed their review of the entire situation in company with representatives of the Bank of Sweden and other Swedish banking institutions.

Small Swedish Credits Allay Fears in London—Incident to Death of Ivar Kreuger—Bank of England Would Assist Sweden.

The following London cablegram March 13, is from the New York "Journal of Commerce":

Swedish credits in London are now very small, serving to allay the fears of a serious upheaval following the suicide of Ivar Kreuger, head of the Kreuger & Toll, Swedish Match, and International Match companies. The Bank of England and other banks would willingly assist Sweden to any reasonable amount, according to assurances given here. Swedish credit is rated exceedingly high.

None of the leading British banks or financial institutions are affected as there is no large British interest in any of the Kreuger companies, it is said here.

On March 14 a London message to the New York "Times" said in part:

Financial London expects a meeting of the Stock Exchange executive committee will be held soon to consider the fate of the Kreuger shares. It is expected the shares will be subject to violent fluctuations for some time. Until the results of the Swedish investigation are published, London's attitude will be one of utmost caution.

On the same date (March 14) the "Journal of Commerce" reported the following from London:

Financial markets here were generally unsettled to-day as a result of the death of Ivar Kreuger, although it is said that no serious direct effects are anticipated in the ranks of dealers. Kreuger & Toll and Swedish Match shares were marked down here, as it appeared that selling from the Continent could be expected in volume. Dealings in Kreuger & Toll class B stock opened at £3, and later resulted in a price of £2¼, against £9 16s. on Saturday. The Kreuger & Toll debentures sold at £3, falling to £2¼. Swedish Match sold down to £2½, against £4 21-32 on Saturday. Call money was 2 to 1¼%, against 2% at the close of the week. Bill rates ranged from 2½ to 2¾%, with a slightly firmer tone in the longer maturities.

Ivar Kreuger Lacked Great Riches But Dominated \$1,135,000,000.

From the New York "Times" of March 13 we take the following:

At the time of his death, Ivar Kreuger was dominant in business interests capitalized at more than \$1,135,000,000. His power was wielded principally through his personal holdings in the Kreuger & Toll Co., with assets of \$400,000,000.

It controls properties capitalized at \$865,000,000, the principal enterprise being the \$365,000,000 match industry, controlled through the \$140,000,000 Swedish Match Co. Industrial and real estate and banking interests, probably aggregate about \$500,000,000. Other assets are about \$270,000,000.

Yet Mr. Kreuger said recently that he was a poor man according to American standards. The Kreuger & Toll Co. is controlled by 10,000,000 kroner (about \$500,000) of class A shares and he could have dominated it with slightly over \$250,000 of class A holdings.

Paris Stocks Fall in Kreuger Slump—Swedish Company's Bonds Go to 50 from 147 on Bourse.

The suicide of Ivar Kreuger, Swedish financier, here last Saturday gave the Paris Bourse the worst day on March 14 it has had since the failure of the Kreditanstalt (we quote from a Paris cablegram March 14 to the New York "Times"), although the Kreuger & Toll interests in France are not very important and the news of the German elections was considered rather favorable. The cablegram added:

The losses average 10 to 12%. Kreuger & Toll and Swedish Match stocks were not quoted. Kreuger & Toll bonds were quoted at 50 francs, against 147.50 Saturday.

The severity of the general decline here was chiefly ascribed to the fact that the market had been showing a steady rise for more than three months and thus it was in a vulnerable position.

Kreuger Banks Ready to Meet All Demands.

Though the great French banks often granted credits on commercial acceptances to the Kreuger interests, these had been considerably reduced in recent months, it was learned to-day, and represented only a small amount spread over many banks which individually will suffer little.

The Kreuger bank opened its doors this morning and announced its readiness to meet all demands. The Kreuger interests here are confined to the bank, the Ericson Telephone Co., which is installing part of the Paris automatic system; valuable real estate holdings and Swedish match trust subsidiaries.

There are three match trust companies, one importing matches from Sweden and selling to the French monopoly, another buying from the monopoly and selling to the public, the third selling advertising on matchboxes. Two factories in Algiers are connected with the French organization. All these interests are believed to have a value of \$20,000,000.

The agreements under which the business is carried on were made with Raymond Poincare in 1927 when he was Premier and Finance Minister after Mr. Kreuger lent France \$75,000,000, making possible stabilization of the franc. This money was repaid in April 1930 before it was due.

France Friendly to Kreuger.

Since Mr. Kreuger's help France has had a warm regard for the Swedish financier. Despite the gravity of the losses caused by his death, there is little in the French press except praise for his nobility of character and fine qualities.

Those who feel the loss most keenly are his Swedish associates, now in Paris, who worked with Mr. Kreuger for many years. They spoke of him to-day as a comrade and friend, recalling his gentleness, which was carried to such a point that he never gave orders, only suggestions.

They recalled his amazing memory and capacity for work, which led him to do everything possible himself. One associate here said Mr. Kreuger had not taken a holiday in fifteen years. Those who knew him best are convinced that Mr. Kreuger was worn out on his arrival Friday from the United States. All believe he would not have committed suicide if he had not been too tired to go on.

Little of Kreuger Short-Term Requirements Financed in London But Shares Are Held in Large Amounts by Britons.

The following from London March 13, is from the New York "Times":

Although British investors hold substantial amounts of Swedish Match Co. shares and other Kreuger company securities, it was revealed to-night that little of the companies' short-term requirements had been financed in London.

The London "Times," after describing Ivar Kreuger as "no common adventurer," editorially says his death is "new evidence of the war which international indecision is waging against the interests of manufacture and commerce. It is another warning to governments that time does not wait."

Kreuger Suicide Shocks Poland—State-Owned Match Monopoly Rented by Kreuger Interests—Bank Run Expected.

Under date of March 13 a Warsaw message to the New York "Times" said:

The suicide of Ivar Kreuger caused consternation in Poland where the State-owned match monopoly is rented by the Kreuger interests.

The Polish-American Bank, the Kreuger financial house here, was regarded as one of the safest deposit banks. A run on this bank is expected to-morrow.

The Bank of Poland sent large sums to-day to help the Polish-American Bank to meet its obligations.

Mr. Kreuger first rented the match monopoly in 1925 and the contract was extended in 1930 for 35 years. The Polish Government then received a \$40,000,000 loan.

Netherland East Indies Proposes Increase of Import Duty Surtax.

A bill, increasing the surtax of one-fifth of import duties in the Netherland East Indies to one-half of the duties, has been passed by the "Volskraad" (parliament of the colony), says a radiogram received in the Department of Commerce

from Trade Commissioner Richard P. Hendren, Batavia. This measure, if approved by the Netherland Government, is intended to become effective May 15 1932. The Department, on March 10 added that on Jan. 1 1932, the surtax was increased from one-tenth to one-fifth of the import duties.

Netherland East Indies Increases Gasoline Excise Tax.

The Department of Commerce at Washington announced that effective March 15 1932, the Netherland East Indian excise tax on imported and domestically produced gasoline would be increased from nine florins to 10 florins per 100 liters, by a crisis measure passed by the Government, according to advices received in the Department from Trade Commissioner Richard P. Hendren, Batavia. It is likewise noted that the Netherland East Indian gasoline excise tax was increased from 7.50 florins to 9.00 florins per 100 liters on Jan. 1 1932.

Dutch Ford Passes Dividend.

From Amsterdam advices March 14 to the New York "Times," said:

As expected, the Dutch Ford Co. passed the dividend for 1931, notwithstanding a new profit 2,414,645 guilders, against 2,327,186 in the preceding year. The figures made favorable impression on the Stock Exchange. Ford shares dropping only from 135 to 131, notwithstanding the generally weak tone on the exchange.

Netherland East Indies Imposes Excise Tax on Tobacco Products.

Beginning July 1 1932, an excise tax of one-fifth of the tax-inclusive retail price of imported and domestically manufactured cigars, cigarettes and cut tobacco will be collected in the Netherland East Indies, it is stated in a radiogram from Trade Commissioner Richard P. Hendren, Batavia. This tax was imposed by a law passed on March 9 by the Volkraad (Colonial parliament), as a revenue measure.

Organization of Women's Bank of Prague—To Be Managed by Women.

Associated Press advices from Prague, March 9, said:

Several of the leaders of the women's clubs hereabout announced to-day that they were sick and tired of the mess male bankers had made of the world's finances and that they had therefore organized the Women's Bank of Prague.

The bank will be managed entirely by women and will extend credit to women only. The profits will be devoted to feminist propaganda.

Economic Council in Denmark Urged—Premier Would Replace Upper House With Production Control Group.

The following (Associated Press) from Copenhagen, Denmark, March 10, are from the New York "Evening Post":

Drastic changes in the organization and the economic life of Denmark were suggested to-day by Premier Theodore Stauning during an address before a group of industrial and commercial leaders.

He advocated the abolition of the Upper House of Parliament and the substitution of an advisory body to deal with economic questions.

Two Norwegian Banks Open—Government Provides Funds to Make Both Fully Solvent.

The following from Washington, March 16, is from the New York "Times":

The resumption of normal activities by Norway's two largest banks, Den Norske Creditbank of Oslo and Bergen's Privatbank of Bergen, after a three months' moratorium, was announced to-day by the Norwegian Minister to the United States, Halvard H. Bachke, following receipt of a telegram from the Minister of Foreign Affairs at Oslo.

The banks suspended payments last December. The information received here was that the Bank of Norway, in accordance with the position taken by Parliament, had supplied to the two banks the funds necessary to restore their full liquidity. The Norwegian Minister was further advised that Norwegian banks had little or no interest in the Kreuger companies and that the death of Ivar Kreuger would have little direct effect on Norwegian finances.

From the Gundlach Advertising Co. of Chicago, we have received advices as follows under date of March 16:

We are in receipt of a letter from Den Norske Creditbank of Oslo, Norway, under date of Feb. 27 containing the attached statement.

To-day we are also in receipt of a cablegram as follows:

"We resumed business on free basis to-day. Everything running normally."

The statement follows:

The writing off of the capital from 33 to 22 million kroner mentioned in the board of director's report was passed by the ordinary general meeting on the 19th inst. At the same time the general meeting also decided to increase the capital from kr. 22,000,000 to kr. 27,000,000 by new subscription of kr. 5,000,000. These kr. 5,000,000 are already privately secured by old shareholders and other connections. Our bank's capital will therefore in future be as follows:

Share capital.....kr. 27,000,000 Reserve fund.....kr. 1,500,000

As regards the Bank's liquid position, Norges Bank (Bank of Norway) has, after the Storting (Parliament) and Government have given their

approval, declared its willingness to place the necessary means at our disposal on reasonable terms and without collateral. A declaration hereon will be published on expiration of the suspension, March the 14th next, when our bank will recommence free activities. From that date all blocked accounts may be freely disposed according to the general conditions on which they were originally deposited. In the same way all due obligations, including cheques from the time before our suspension which have not been paid, will be met.

DEN NORSKE CREDITBANK.

Premier Stauning Wants Denmark to Control Her Production and Commerce.

Drastic changes in the organization and the economic life of Denmark were suggested on March 10 by Premier Theodore Stauning during an address before a group of industrial and commercial leaders. Associated Press advices from Copenhagen, March 10, went on to say:

He advocated the abolition of the upper house of Parliament and the substitution of an advisory body to deal with economic questions. The time is approaching, he said, when the State must control, or direct those who do control, production and commerce, so that such activities might not come into conflict with the interests of the country.

He said foreign trade also should be under a central organization.

Swedish Steel Unit Plans to Increase Capital.

From the New York "Evening Post" we take the following from Stockholm, March 10:

Stockholm Bourse was depressed by statement of the Finance Minister that Luossavaara Kurunavaara, a subsidiary of Grangesberg Co. of Sweden, largest producer of iron ore in Europe, in which Kreuger & Toll is interested, will increase its capital by 30,000,000 kroner to 111,111,111 kroner, of which one-half will be subscribed by the State and one-half by Grangesberg. Grangesberg shares are quoted at 92. Kreuger & Toll holds 233,000 shares of Grangesberg which are carried in the 1930 balance sheet at 230 kroner each.

Remittances Received by Speyer & Co. for Payments on German Bonds.

Speyer & Co., as fiscal agents, announce that they have received the regular remittances for payment of the April 1 1932 coupons of the \$12,243,000 City of Berlin 25-year 6½% gold bonds of 1925 and also of the \$2,800,000 City of Frankfurt-on-Main 7% serial gold bonds.

Speyer & Co. further announce that, as fiscal agents for the \$13,600,000 Berlin Electric Elevated & Underground Railways Co. 30-year first mortgage 6½% gold bonds, they have received the regular remittance for payment of the April 1 1932 coupons of these bonds and the regular remittance for the semi-annual sinking fund.

Funds to Pay April 1 Coupons on Hamburg Bonds Received by Fiscal Agents.

Bank of Manhattan Trust Co., fiscal agents for State of Hamburg, Germany, 20-year 6% gold bonds due Oct. 1 1946, announces that it has received sufficient funds to pay the April 1 1932 coupons on the entire issue of bonds outstanding.

Funds Received to Pay April 1 Coupons of Bonds of Saarbruecken Mortgage Bank—Funds Also Available for Payment on Saar Basin Consolidated Counties Bonds.

Ames, Emerich & Co., Inc., announce the receipt of funds to pay coupons maturing April 1 1932 on the Saarbruecken Mortgage Bank, series B, gold bonds and the City of Saarbruecken 7% gold bonds due March 31 1935. Funds have also been received to pay the April 1 1932 coupons on the Saar Basin Consolidated Counties 7% gold bonds due March 31 1935, together with bonds called for payment on April 1.

Bonds of Czechoslovakia Drawn for Redemption.

Kuhn, Loeb & Co., the National City Bank of New York and Kidder, Peabody & Co. are notifying holders of Czechoslovak State Loan of 1922 that \$131,100 principal amount of 8% secured external sinking fund gold bonds due April 1 1951, comprised in the first portion of this loan, and \$47,500 principal amount of 8% secured external sinking fund gold bonds, series B, due Oct. 1 1952, have been drawn by lot for redemption April 1 1932 at their principal amount. Such drawn bonds will be paid upon presentation and surrender at the offices in New York City of any one of the bankers on and after the redemption date, from which they will cease to bear interest.

1932-1933 Budget of Jugoslavia.

The Department of Commerce, in its summary of conditions abroad, under date of March 13, says:

Revenues and expenditures for the proposed 1932-33 Yugoslav budget are placed at 11,400,000,000 dinars respectively, which is a reduction of

1,810,303,954 dinars below the budget for the present budget year ending March 31. The Minister of Finance, however, points out that the actual reduction amounts to 2,611,000,000 dinars, owing to advances incident to increase in loan service provisions and to extraordinary credits, together totaling 811,000,000 dinars, not appearing in the current budget. Decreases in expenditures are provided in all budget items excepting State debts. Compared with last year revenues from direct taxes revenue is estimated at 431,000,000 dinars less; indirect taxes 316,000,000 less; monopolies 101,000,000 less; and from State economic enterprises 565,000,000 dinars less. Revenues from German reparations are not provided for. (Dinar equals 1.77 cents.)

Greeks Form Carpet Organization to Combat Depression.

Because the world economic depression has adversely affected the rug industry, a special institution known as the "Hellenic Carpet Organization" has been established, with headquarters in Athens, to develop and expand the industry in Greece, grant credits at low interest, promote the sale of carpets, supervise quality and to study and apply modern methods, according to a report from Consul Edwin A. Plitt, Athens, made public March 8 by the Department of Commerce. The Department supplies the following information:

The development of the carpet and rug industry in modern Greece began in 1916 with the establishment of a small plant with 10 looms at Megara and another in Hydra. The industry, however, did not reach any significant proportions until after the influx of refugees into Greece from Izmir (Smyrna) in the latter part of 1922. Many of these refugees were skilled workers from the carpet and rug-making districts of Asia Minor, where the actual production of carpets and rugs has remained largely in the hands of the Greeks and Armenians despite the fact that the territory was under Turkish domination.

At first small factories were started for philanthropic purposes to give remunerative employment to the refugees. In October 1922, four plants with a total of 130 looms were operating. These employed approximately 220 workers. In 1923 the number of establishments had increased to 40 with 1,050 looms and about 4,000 workers. Since that year the industry has continued to expand.

Expert carpet workers in Greece at the present time number 30,000 according to semi-official estimates, not all of whom are employed. Among them are designers, weavers, and dyers.

According to the recent survey there are 135 carpet enterprises, having 5,234 looms, of which 122, with 3,080 looms, are in operation. In Athens, Piraeus and suburbs 74 of the 82 rug factories in existence are in operation in northern Greece, 32 out of 36; and in other Greece, 16 out of 17. The number of workers employed total 7,250, of which 7,011 are female. They are employed in the various sections as follows: Athens, Piraeus and suburbs, 4,597; northern Greece, 1,816; and other Greece, 837. The total capital invested in the Greek rug industry amounts to about \$1,105,000.

The annual requirements of the Greek carpet industry are estimated as about 600,000 kilos (kilo, 2.2046 pounds) of wool yarn and 200,000 kilos of cotton yarn. From 1923 to 1928 the total production of carpets rose from 60,000 square meters (square meter, 1.196 square yards) to 200,000 square meters but in 1929 the output declined to 160,000 square meters and in 1930 to 50,000 square meters. Exports of carpets also rose from 166,006 kilos in 1924 to 219,944 kilos in 1926, but decreased to 66,965 kilos in 1927 and amounted to only 25,484 kilos in 1930.

Turkey to Default 1932 Payments—Swedish and German Railway Manufacturers and Munitions Units Affected.

Advices from London March 10 are taken as follows from the New York "Evening Post":

According to a Constantinople dispatch, the Turkish Government has announced that it will be unable to make the 1932 payments due to foreign groups, such as Swedish and German Railroad constructors and munition manufacturers.

The annuities will remain unpaid until the termination of the various contracts.

Poland Has Sound Financial Basis, Says American Assistant Trade Commissioner Just Returned from Warsaw.

With a balanced budget, an excess of exports over imports ample to provide for foreign loan services, and an actual gold reserve more than 12% over the legal minimum, Poland's financial situation has considerable underlying strength, according to Gilbert Redfern, American Assistant Trade Commissioner, who has just returned to the United States from Warsaw. The Department, on March 12, also made available the following information:

Poland's imports from the United States have so far consisted mainly of raw materials such as cotton, leather and food products—fruits being the principal item in the food group—but increased imports of certain manufactured goods may result from recent decrees enacted for the purpose of controlling foreign trade so that the imposition of artificial restrictions on the transfer of funds abroad may be avoided.

On the basis of these decrees, imports of many commodities are now contingent upon obtaining import licenses, and it is expected that such contingents will be denied in the case of countries which specifically discriminate against Polish exports. Any benefit to the United States in this connection should be in machinery lines, electrical products, photographic supplies, rubber goods and a number of specialties which in the past have been imported extensively from Germany and the other industrial countries of central Europe.

It must be realized in this connection, however, that general buying power in Poland has been drastically curtailed by the decline in agricultural and livestock prices. Seventy-five per cent of Poland's population is directly engaged in agriculture and the food industries, and, with inadequate reserves to fall back on, the long depression in farm prices has greatly restricted the buying capacity of the land owners and peasants. Tax

burdens have increased in proportion with the price decline, so that land owners in many cases have been forced to sell property in order to satisfy tax demands. The difficulties of agriculture is therefore the major problem confronting Poland, and its solution depends primarily on a sustained advance in world commodity prices.

Maintaining a favorable balance of trade and keeping budget expenditure within the limits of revenue collections are now the first concern of the Polish Government, Mr. Redfern states. By a determined effort, which has involved reduction of appropriations, the budget has been brought into balance, with external debt service requirements adequately provided for. The excess of exports over imports has been increased from a value of 20 million dollars in 1930 to 48 millions in 1931, despite a considerable shrinkage in export values in consequence of the depreciation in sterling during the later months of 1931. A large part of Poland's exports—notably iron and steel to Soviet Russia, food products to Great Britain and coal to the Scandinavian countries—is sold on a sterling basis on forward contracts, and, while a substantial portion of the loss on unmatured paper has fallen on foreign banks which have discounted the bills, losses on present contracts are very burdensome to Polish exporters of primary and semi-manufactured products. The Government, however, is giving every possible aid in the emergency by granting export premiums, reduced freight rates, and by permitting a relatively high price level in the home market.

President of Poland Empowered to Issue Administrative Decrees for Three Years—Foreign Loans Excluded From Measures Under President's Jurisdiction.

The Polish Sejm on March 14 passed a measure empowering the President to issue administrative decrees and decrees concerning unification of laws for a period of three years, but limited these powers to Parliamentary recesses. Associated Press accounts from Warsaw, March 14, reporting this added:

Decrees on economic and financial affairs would be issuable, however, only during the recess following the present session of the Sejm.

The opposition declared that the measure, which was introduced by the Government, destroyed Parliamentary rule. It was explained that all matters concerning foreign loans, monetary affairs of taxation would be excluded from the President's new powers and that he would have recourse to decree only when prompt action was needed, for instance, in reducing the cost of production, combating usury, or protecting Poland's foreign trade.

Bulgaria Meets Interest—Cabinet Council Decides Against State Debt Transfer Moratorium.

The following, from Sofia, Bulgaria, March 16, is from the New York "Times":

After a Cabinet Council meeting which lasted until 4 o'clock this morning the Government decided not to declare a debt transfer moratorium in view of current negotiations with the League Finance Committee and foreign creditors.

The Government decided to pay to-day the interest due yesterday on Bulgaria's foreign pre-war and post-war loans.

This means that the Government still hopes to obtain from the League and its creditors a scaling down of either the interest or the principal State obligations.

We also quote the following copyright advices from Sofia, March 16 to the New York "Herald Tribune":

The Bulgarian Cabinet Council decided to-day at the last minute to pay the 39,500,000 leva interest on the sinking fund quota for State loans maturing yesterday, although it had previously announced the cancellation of all interest payments of foreign obligations. This sudden change is taken as an indication that negotiations with foreign creditors took a favorable turn and that creditors, promised concessions on conditions that Bulgaria fulfilled its March 15 obligations.

Bulgaria had demanded a reduction in the interest rate for the pre-war loans, their conversion from gold francs into French francs and respite for the post-war loans. It is not likely that creditors will go that far, although they were ready to extend certain facilities. Therefore, it is believed that although the Government paid this time, it soon will be obliged to bring up the question of a moratorium again, for the foreign exchange stocks of the Bulgarian Central Bank have dwindled to 120,000,000 leva and the bank refuses to make any payments out of its gold cover, which is needed to keep currency stable.

Premier Jus anoff announced that whatever steps may be taken, the private financial obligations of the country always will be met.

Under date of March 15, a cablegram from Bulgaria to the New York "Times" stated:

The Bulgarian Government at a late hour to-night had not paid the \$320,000 due to-day as interest on pre-war and post-war State debts.

Premier Muschanoff denied to the New York "Times" correspondent, however, that Bulgaria intended to declare a general moratorium, adding that the final decision as to whether the obligations due to-day would be met would be made by the Cabinet Council of eleven to-night after a report had been presented by the Governor of the National Bank on negotiations with the League of Nations finance committee at Paris.

Unless the Governor reports the Finance Committee to be willing to reduce Bulgaria's debt service, it is probable that a transfer moratorium will go into effect to-morrow, though only for State debts.

"When I returned from Geneva in February," said the Premier, "I pointed out that we would find it impossible to pay to-day's obligations unless facilities were granted. Unfortunately, the Finance Committee has reached no decision, merely recommending through Sofia representatives of England, France and Italy who visited me to-day that we meet our obligations without waiting for Committee action. We shall decide in Cabinet Council to-night."

"If a decision is made to suspend payment, however, it will affect only State, and not private debts," he went on. "The facilities we asked for were reduction of the gold value of our pre-war debt to allow for the same depreciation as that of the French franc, and permission to pay part of the interest on the post-war debt in foreign exchange and capitalize the other part. Bulgaria is absolutely willing to pay, but is unable to because of the exchange situation. Reports of a general moratorium are baseless."

Reference to the question of a moratorium on Bulgaria's debts appeared in our issue of Feb. 20, page 1295.

Question of New Loan for Argentina to Be Submitted to Special Session of Congress March 28.

Associated Press accounts from Buenos Aires March 16 stated:

The first steps toward raising Argentina's projected internal loan were taken to-day when Finance Minister Hueyo conferred with a group of bankers and business men.

The question of the loan is to be submitted to a special session of Congress on March 28. In Government circles it was explained that the Finance Minister's conferences were an effort to obtain advice of financiers on the form of the loan should take when it is authorized.

Declares Argentina Will Pay All Debts—Finance Minister Works for Delay in Short-term Obligations.

In its issue of March 12 the New York "Journal of Commerce" published the following from Buenos Aires March 11:

Creditor nations of Argentina may be completely assured that this country will meet all interest services on foreign debts, declared Minister of Finance Alberto Hueyo in an interview to-day. He added that it was the Government's firmest intention to enforce the operation of a balanced budget and notwithstanding the fact that revenues anticipated by the new Government are substantially below expectations of the former provisional authorities, expenditures would be accordingly reduced until an equilibrium was attained.

"Being mindful of these primary aims, the Government has resolved to insist upon the strictest enforcement of the new taxes as announced by the provisional Government on Jan. 19. Collection of these taxes is absolutely essential to the establishment of a sound financial position and for compliance with Argentina's immediate obligations," said Dr. Hueyo.

As regards short-term obligations abroad, the Finance Minister declared that Argentina will probably need to count upon the patience and liberality of foreign lenders for an extension of a few months so as to allow the Government to set the new taxation mechanism in full operation.

At present Dr. Hueyo is concentrating upon the elimination of expenditures to equalize the reduction in revenue calculations. "But whatever the sacrifice entailed in the process, the Government is determined to get down to a really balanced budget," said the Minister of Finance in conclusion.

Bank Law Changes Urged in Argentina—Provisional Finance Minister Wants New Bank of Issue Free from Commercial Influence—May Alter Currency Unit.

From the New York "Times" of March 13 we take the following (special correspondence) from Buenos Aires March 6:

The establishment of a Central Bank of issue and the complete severance of such an institution from the commercial business now carried out by the Banco de la Nacion are two changes required by the banking and currency system in Argentina, in the opinion of Dr. Enrique Uriburu, Minister of Finance under the Provisional Government.

Although Dr. Uriburu in this recent departmental memorandum does not imply that Argentina is going off the gold standard, he indicates that in matters of currency this country has come to the parting of the ways and that the conversion office, with its periodic ebb and flow of gold as the automatic basis for the contraction or the expansion of the note issue, will never revert to the exercise of its former function.

After pointing out that the satisfactory operation of the banking and currency system during the last 30 years is not a sufficient argument for adhering to methods now out of date, the Minister of Finance explained that the country to-day is forced to make the Banco de la Nacion play many parts. Indeed it is astonishing, he claims, that this hard-worked institution, with its 250 branches in all parts of the country, has been able to handle as successfully as it has done not only the national accounts but also a large private business, and at the same time materially assist in the support of exchange and the handling of the republic's system of currency.

New Department Needed.

The Central Bank, he adds, should work directly with a new sub-department that would have to be created, namely the Superintendence of Banks, which must be completely autonomous and in a position to speak with authority and enforce its conclusions upon Argentine banking in general.

In other words the conversion office as it has existed since 1899 must come to an end, its functions being discharged by the Central Bank, to which will also fall the duty of maintaining the reserve in specie or in other values which it may be deemed advisable to hold against the total amount of notes in circulation.

Although there is nothing new in this policy, the important point at the moment is to remember that this change has been recommended to the consideration of Congress and will be discussed fully and probably generally accepted when that legislative assembly meets.

In the Buenos Aires money market opinions concerning the proposed change are very contradictory, yet it must be admitted that the "eyes" have it. Now that the fetish of a 75% gold guarantee has disappeared, competent leaders in financial circles here are doing all they can to support such measures as promise to strengthen the financial stability of the republic.

What precise form the new official banking organization will take is matter for speculation. It must embody many features now characteristic of the Banco de la Nacion, while the Superintendence of Banks will be a composite modeled from various sources, including the United States. It must be remembered, however, that conditions here cannot be exactly paralleled either in the United States or Europe.

Functions Are Different.

Financing of the agricultural and pastoral interests of Argentina has been left largely to the Banco de la Nacion, while the 20-odd commercial banks, whether Argentine-owned or only branches of foreign institutions, have on the whole used a different criterion when weighing the claims of would-be borrowers. Some adjustment there will have to be before the Central Bank can successfully carry out its important mission. The difficulties are, however, by no means insurmountable, and one is inclined to think that a good start will have been made before the new Government has been many months in office. Probably in the general change that is foreshadowed the present dual currency will disappear, being replaced by a single emblem, but this does not mean that such monetary symbol will be stated in any terms save those of gold. Argentine trade, although it has not appeared to suffer through having a gold and a paper dollar, will perforce find that it is more convenient to adhere to a single currency; though whether that

will be based on its relationship to the United States dollar or adopt some new unit such as the "grammor," which was brought forward by France at the time when the creation of the Bank for International Settlements was under discussion, it is yet too soon to say.

Head of Banco Nacional Calls Conference of Managers of Banks of Country to Arrange More Liberal Credits for Business.

From Associated Press advices from Buenos Aires, March 12, it is learned that Luis Lamas, President of the board of directors of the Banco Nacional, has sent out a call to all managers of banks throughout the country to attend a conference at Buenos Aires to arrange more liberal credits for industries and business men. The dispatch added:

Senor Lamas told the bankers it was necessary to provide additional financial help to permit expansion of business activities looking toward a return of confidence and an early recovery.

Argentine Pensioners Living Abroad to Be Cut Off from Payments.

Associated Press accounts from Buenos Aires March 14 said:

The new government of Augustin P. Justo not only believes that charity begins at home but has executed an order to determine that it stay there.

The order said that all Argentine pensioners must return to the homeland within three months under pain of being cut off.

After that time pensions will be deposited in the Banco de la Nacion and will be drawable there only in person. This order, particularly as it affects army pensioners, threatens materially to deplete Argentine colonies abroad, especially in Paris and Vienna.

Argentina Plans Refinery—Will Spend \$1,250,000 on La Plata Plant to Produce Lubricants.

A Buenos Aires cablegram March 11 is taken as follows from the New York "Times":

Minister of Agriculture de Tomaso has decreed the immediate expenditure of \$1,250,000 for the construction at La Plata of a refinery for the preparation of lubricants which will handle 400 tons of crude oil daily. Argentina has been importing 50,000 tons of lubricants a year. Sales of legally distilled naphtha and kerosene are reported to have been highly profitable for the government.

Buenos Aires Needy Estimated at 50,000.

Associated Press advices from Buenos Aires March 16 said:

The official commission for the aid of the unemployed estimated to-day that there were 50,000 persons in distress in Buenos Aires alone. The commission made a public appeal for housing and food.

Bolivia May Revise Exchange Rate Again—Rise of Pound Is Regarded As Forcing Down Quotation for the Boliviano.

The rise of the pound sterling in the international exchange market seems likely to force a revision of the fixed rate for the boliviano, said a message March 16 from La Paz, Bolivia, to the New York "Times," which likewise said:

After England suspended the gold standard the Central Bank of Bolivia established a maximum and minimum quotation of 13.46 to 13.20 bolivianos to the pound, based on a valuation of the pound at \$3.30 to \$3.50. This was done after consultation with importers and exporters in order to ascertain their needs, bearing in mind that Bolivia's chief industry is mining, which is dependent on the London market.

Last week the pound climbed above the \$3.50 maximum and it is learned that the Central Bank has again consulted the importers and exporters as to their exchange needs. It is now predicted that within a day or so Bolivian exchange will be revised to a rate of about 16 pence to the boliviano, which would be about 25 cents to the boliviano in United States currency.

Business men are said to oppose the decline because of the probable resultant rise in prices, which, it is feared, would act as a deterrent to business. The mining industry, however, feels that the revision is necessary.

Sao Paulo Coffee Realization Plan—Remittances Received and in Transit.

Speyer & Co. and J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp., U. S. A. Fiscal Agents for the State of Sao Paulo 7% Coffee Realization Loan of 1930, report that, while eight months' interest and sinking fund on the outstanding bonds require \$10,575,000, the total amount receivable for eight months' (ended Feb. 29 1932) of the second year of the Coffee Realization plan's operation from the sale of pledged coffee and from the special tax, was equal to \$12,539,000. Of this amount there has been received, or is in transit, \$11,855,000 (including the equivalent of £574,641 at \$3.60 per £1; the balance of \$684,000 has been deposited with the Bankers' agents in Sao Paulo in milreis, at the rate of 16 milreis per dollar, and its remittance is expected in the near future.

Committee for Salvador Bonds Organized.

The following is from the New York "Sun" of March 18:

A committee for bondholders of the Republic of Salvador was announced to-day under the chairmanship of F. J. Lisman of the Lisman Corp. Members are R. W. Hebard and Fred Lavis.

The republic suspended foreign bond service on Feb. 29.

Plans of Brazil for Funding of Unpaid and Maturity Interest on External Debt—Issuance of Two New Series of Bonds Proposed.

The text of the funding operation of the Government of the United States of Brazil for its foreign loans on which it has been compelled to suspend payments of interest and sinking fund was made public on March 14 by Dillon, Read & Co. and N. M. Rothschild & Sons in behalf of the Brazilian Government pursuant to a decree dated March 2. A rough draft was first announced by the Brazilian Government on Oct. 17 last, it was noted in the New York "Times" of March 14, from which we take the following:

The plan calls for the issuance of two series of funding bonds, one running for 20 years and the other for 40 years, each bearing 5% interest. The 20-year bonds will be divided into sterling, United States dollar and French franc tranches, and the 40-year bonds into sterling and French franc tranches. Each tranche of each series will be secured by a separate general bond. The two series will be limited to nominal amounts not exceeding the following: The 20-year bonds £2,648,938, \$29,884,545 and 66,000,000 francs, and the 40-year bonds £7,881,813 and 135,000,000 francs.

The sterling tranches of both series will be issued through N. M. Rothschild & Sons, London; the dollar tranche of the 20-year bonds through Dillon, Read & Co., New York, and the franc tranches of both series through l'Association nationale des Porteurs français de Valeurs mobilières. The interest on the 20-year funding bonds will be payable semi-annually, each April 1 and Oct. 1, and that of the 40-year bonds quarterly, each Jan. 1, April 1, July 1 and Oct. 1 until Oct. 1 1934, and semi-annually thereafter.

The 20-year bonds will have priority over the 40-year bonds in the Government's ability to obtain sufficient foreign exchange to cover the payments, but, as previously announced, the Government undertakes to keep up its payments in full on the 5% funding bonds of 1898 and 1914, and on the 7½% coffee security loan of 1922, which do not come under the new funding plan.

Chile's Debt Likely to Be Consolidated—Conferences with United States and British Creditors Reported Near Conclusion.

According to Santiago (Chile) advices, March 16, to the New York "Times" an agreement is reported to be imminent between the Government and United States and British bankers for consolidation of the Chilean foreign debt. The cablegram continued:

Coming in the wake of French proposals, which appear to have failed, notwithstanding untiring efforts for mutual concessions as to international trade conditions, the present plan, brought to the fore by United States interests, seems to be more advanced and likely to be accepted at an early date, according to published unofficial information here.

Suspension of the service on foreign debts, coupled with the difficulties of keeping a high level of financial prestige abroad, has led the government seriously to look into the possibility of consolidating the total foreign debt, which constitutes a heavy burden on the present administration. It is understood that successful closing of the negotiations now progressing would mean resumption of the payment of service and reopening of the field of foreign money markets, lending future support to Chilean financial problems.

The consolidation plan involves the taking over of its own issues of bonds on the foreign debt at a price one-third of that of issuance, but requires that the Chilean Government cut its exchange rate, nominally 12 cents to the Chilean peso, to about 6 cents.

(The Chilean Government has borrowed \$184,912,000 in New York in the last ten years; the Mortgage Bank of Chile has borrowed \$90,000,000 comparatively recently, and Cosach, the nitrate monopoly, owes \$265,599,601 here. The government surrendered part of its income as an aid to Cosach by abolishing the export tax on nitrates. The Mortgage Bank is the country's chief credit institution.)

Chile Delays Plan to Devalorize Peso.

Santiago (Chile) advices (Associated Press), March 12, said:

The Government's plan to devalorize the peso will be delayed probably until next Tuesday, it was announced to-day.

On Tuesday Finance Minister Izquierdo plans to submit his own bill to the Cabinet for approval before sending it to Congress. A plan was drafted by the Central Bank of Chile for the use of the Government, but the Finance Minister has told friends he will frame his own bill.

Central Bank of Ecuador Fixes New Discount Rates to Associate Banks.

According to a cablegram from Guayaquil (Ecuador), March 13, to the New York "Times," the Central Bank has fixed its new discount rates to associate banks at 10%; on rediscounts to finance farm produce, 8%, and on commercial paper, 11%, indicating that transactions will be resumed since the recent agreement with the Government regarding a loan.

Loan of 12,000,000 Sucres Granted by Central Bank to Ecuador—Fund Will Aid Farmers.

From the New York "Times" we take the following from Guayaquil (Ecuador), March 12:

After much discussion the Central Bank of Ecuador agreed yesterday to grant the Government a loan of 12,000,000 sucres about \$2,000,000 to bridge the gap from the last budget. Owing to the deficiency of current revenues, many Government departments are falling behind in payments.

The proceeds of the loan will be available at the rate of 1,000,000 sucres monthly and will tide over the period until the next Congress. The money will be used to establish credits for smaller farmers. Refunding of the loan in ten years is promised. Following recent emergency measures, the

sucres fell to six to the dollar with a consequent rise in the price of the exportable produce. Owing to the fall in the sucres, imports are still at a very low ebb, although some improvement is expected soon on account of the depletion of merchants' stocks.

Less uneasiness is apparent over the possible effect of the emergency measures announced in the last decree when exporters feared some measures ending to put an embargo on drafts to regulate exchange rates.

An item regarding the proposed loan appeared in our issue of March 12, page 1870.

Consul-General of Ecuador Explains Moratorium—Says Order, Now Revoked, Applied Only to Banking.

From the New York "Times" of March 12 we take the following:

The decree of the Government of Ecuador granting a 90-day moratorium for all commercial obligations, described in recent cable dispatches from that country, applied only to interbanking transactions of banking institutions connected with the Central Bank System of Ecuador and has already been evoked, it was stated yesterday by Ed. Jaramillo, Consul-General of Ecuador.

Contrary to the erroneous impression conveyed by the original accounts of the decree, general commercial transactions either at home or abroad were not covered in any way by the measure, the Consul-General said.

No Indication of Early Resumption of Service on Peru's Foreign Debt.

A Lima (Peru) cablegram, March 18, is taken as follows from the New York "Times":

Although a year has passed since service on Peru's foreign debt was suspended on March 29 1931, there is no indication that service can be resumed for an indefinite period. Much depends on the forthcoming budget, which is still under consideration by the Finance Committee of Congress. There is little hope, however, that revenues this year will be higher than those of last year. Estimates of local financiers are that 1932 income will not exceed 85,000,000 soles as against approximately ninety-three million last year, unless new methods of taxation should be devised. (The Peruvian sole was quoted at 27.75 cents, a quarter of a cent below par, yesterday.)

The total foreign debt, consolidated and non-consolidated, on Dec. 31 1931, amounted to 360,605,018 soles. The total amount of the national debt on the same date was 500,090,713 soles against 510,592,363 soles at the close of 1930. The annual service on interest and sinking fund calls for 33,872,263 soles.

On advice of the tax collecting department the government has postponed for fifteen days, until March 31, the final date for payment of automobile taxes for the first half of 1932.

Argentine Communication Companies Advance Rates 35% in Paper Pesos on International Messages.

Radio, telegraph, cable and telephone companies of Argentina have been authorized to increase their rates, as quoted in Argentine paper pesos, about 35% on all services of an international character, according to a report from Vice-Consul Hugh Corby Fox, Buenos Aires, made public by the Commerce Department. The advance was authorized to compensate for losses suffered through the depreciation in Argentine exchange, it was pointed out. The Department Feb. 27 also said:

The communication companies announced that they agree to raise prices as expressed in Argentine paper pesos only 35%, although the peso had depreciated some 69% in comparison to the gold franc, which forms the basis of tolls under the ruling of the International Telegraph Convention.

The companies also announced that when there is an improvement in the exchange rate of the Argentine paper peso as compared with the gold franc, the equivalent in the local circulation medium will be lowered with a resulting decrease in Argentine paper peso rates.

Local business men point out that the importance of the tri-weekly airmail service to the United States will take on added significance because of the new communication rate schedule.

More Silver Coins Planned by Mexico—Move Is Expected to Ease the Currency Shortage, Laid to Hoarding by Public—Bank to Control Issue—Details of New Banking Law.

Under date of March 9, a cablegram from Mexico City to the New York "Times" said:

Additional coinage of silver pesos to relieve the currency stringency in Mexico will be decreed to-morrow, Alberto J. Pani, Minister of Finance, announced to-day.

The mintage will be controlled by the Bank of Mexico and will be limited to an amount considered urgently necessary by the board of directors. In addition to being circulated, the new silver may also be used as cover for new issues of notes. Only 3,000,000 pesos in silver notes are now in circulation.

Under the new decree the Bank of Mexico will take over duties formerly exercised by the Central Banking Commission, established under the monetary legislation enacted a year ago, when Luis Montes de Oca was Finance Minister, taking Mexico off the gold standard.

The new decree is said to have been agreed upon at conferences among Senor Pani, President Pascual Ortiz Rubio and Mexican and foreign bankers.

In his announcement Senor Pani acknowledges that apart from lack of credit within Mexico there is also lack of confidence. He expects his proposal to cause some improvement on the exchange market, on which the peso has fluctuated violently during the last six weeks in its relation to the dollar.

From the New York "Herald Tribune" we take the following (copyright) from Mexico City, March 10:

Amendments to the monetary law of July 25 last were enacted to-day by publication in the "Diaria Oficial." The main points were revealed to be as follows:

1. That the Banco de Mexico is again to become the regulator of the nation's currency.
2. That only this bank can order the minting of additional silver pesos.
3. That the central banking board is to be supplanted by a National Banking Commission, which is to supervise monetary reserves.
4. That the Secretary of Finance is to see that silver is minted only when deemed necessary by the bank advisory board to cover shortage in circulating currency.
5. An issue of new coinage is to be delivered to the Banco de Mexico as a reserve for paper currency when necessary for the latter to be issued as a monetary reserve.

Alberto J. Pani, Finance Minister, declared to-day that the coinage of new silver pesos would be strictly to remedy the present scarcity of circulating currency and to help the National economic situation generally. The currency issue, the amount of which is indefinite, will be carefully regulated so as to stop deflation without causing inflation, Mr. Pani said.

Quotations of the peso against the dollar, which were fluctuating around 3.95 at the time of the statement weakened, quotations among exchange operators going as high as 3.10 against the dollar.

The New York "Sun" reported the following (Associated Press) from Mexico City, March 4:

The newspaper "Excelsior" said to-day that representatives of numerous leading silver mine operators of Mexico have submitted a plan to the Government to sell silver in bars, which would in turn be used by the Government to guarantee further issues of bank bills.

The plan which has been submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury for study, the newspaper said, has a two-fold purpose: To loosen up money and permit many mines to resume large operations and to put into circulation greater sums of currency backed by silver bullion.

The money obtained by the sale on the silver would be used, under the plan, to resume operations which have been curtailed by the low prices of silver and inasmuch as mining is Mexico's principal industry this would be expected to return many thousands of miners to work and improve business conditions.

Venezuela Increases Import Duty on Certain Textiles and Textile Manufactures—Decreases Duty on Various Yarns and Changes Tariff Nomenclature Affecting Certain Other Products.

A Venezuelan Executive Order, effective March 2 1932, increases the rates of import duty on silk and rayon, wool and cotton cloths, bleached and unbleached cotton cloths, underwear and canvas, decreases duties on raw wool and rayon, silk and wool yarns, and changes the tariff nomenclature and hence the form of invoice declarations on other textiles, furniture, radios, flashlight batteries, glazed paper and advertising matter, it is stated in a cablegram received by the Department of Commerce from Acting Commercial Attache Walter E. Aylor, Caracas. According to the Department's announcement March 7, thirty days' grace is granted before compliance with the new form of invoice declarations will be insisted upon. The new rates of import duty on the products mentioned will not be available until receipt of an airmail report from the Commercial Attache's office at Caracas.

Finance Minister Pani Takes Control of Mexican Railways—Is Successor to Montes de Oca.

In Mexico City advices, Feb. 27 to the New York "Times" it was stated that Alberto J. Pani, Minister of Finance, has become managing director of the National Railways to fill the vacancy left by former Finance Minister Luis Montes de Oca, now in New York on a special commission. The message added:

A former Minister of Communications, Javier Sanchez Mejorada, remains as General Manager of the system. It is reliably learned that the lines, following drastic economies are showing financial improvement compared with the previous loss of 25,000,000 pesos (nominally about \$12,500,000) a year.

Cuba to Return United States Coins—Seeks Paper Money in Exchange to Raise Own Coin Circulation.

The following Associated Press account from Havana March 12 is from the New York "Times":

The Cuban Treasury announced to-day that it was attempting to collect United States coins in circulation here and send them back in exchange for paper money in order to bring about a greater circulation of Cuban coins.

Cuban banks for some time have had an overabundance of native silver coins in their vaults. United States and Cuban money are co-official and pass on equal terms in Cuba.

It was estimated that \$4,000,000 worth of silver was in the banks' vaults and they have insisted that 8% of the tender in any transaction shall be that kind of money in order to reduce their supply. The Government also has made large payments in silver. As a result, money changers charging 2% for converting silver into bills have done a large business.

Cuba Pays Loan Interest—Total of \$137,000 Goes for Service on Two Debts.

A cablegram as follows from Havana March 8, is from the New York "Times":

An interest payment of \$85,000 was made to-day by the Cuban Treasury on the \$50,000,000 5½% 1953 Morgan loan contracted in 1923 during the administration of President Alfredo Zayas.

Also \$52,000 interest was paid on the \$35,000,000 5% 1944 Speyer loan, which was the first foreign obligation assumed by the Republic of Cuba during the administration of Tomas Estrada Palma, Cuba's first President.

Cuba Raising Its Coffee—None Imported During February As Production Gains.

Not a single pound of coffee was cleared through Havana customs during February, the first time in history that a month has gone by without arrivals of this product, according to special correspondence from Havana March 5 to the New York "Times" (published in its issue of March 13), which continued:

In 1929 Cuba imported 17,346,967 pounds of coffee, valued at \$3,343,000. In 1930, when the duty was raised to \$32 per 100 kilos, importation dropped 5,000,000 pounds, with greater decline in 1931, during which only 1,426 sacks were imported through the port of Havana.

Domestic production, protected by excessive tariff rates, has developed greatly during the last two years, and the island is now raising sufficient coffee for its needs. The centre of production is in the mountainous region of Oriente Province, at the extreme eastern end of the island.

Moratorium in Salvador—Legal Action Against Debtors Barred—Note Conversion Suspended.

According to Associated Press accounts from San Salvador (Republic of Salvador) March 14 the National Assembly declared on that day a general moratorium, stipulating that legal action should not be taken against debtors. The cablegram (taken from the New York "Times") continued:

The measure also excuses banks of emission from their obligation to convert bank notes into gold until June 1936. Bank-note issues will be limited and banks will be required to keep on hand coined gold up to 30% of their note issue and 25% of the value of sight deposits.

State Department at Washington Reiterates United States Ban on Salvador Regime—Answering British Envoy's Inquiry, Says President Martinez Will Not Be Recognized.

The State Department has informed Sir Ronald Lindsay, the British Ambassador, in response to an inquiry, that the United States does not intend to recognize the revolutionary government of President Maximiliano Martinez in San Salvador because to do so would be contrary to the Central American treaties of 1923. A dispatch from Washington March 12 to the New York "Times," from which we quote, likewise said:

The assertion was a reiteration of a public announcement made weeks ago.

The Ambassador's inquiry was prompted by a report from the British Charge d'Affaires in San Salvador, who is not a career diplomat, but a local coffee planter, that recognition might be advisable. It was said here to-day that there was no disagreement between the British and United States governments over non-recognition.

The British Charge d'Affaires in San Salvador, as understood here, was prompted to make his suggestion because of admiration for the way President Martinez suppressed the recent Communist outbreak in Salvador. Other diplomats there and the foreign colony generally share that view, and officials here have great sympathy with it.

President Martinez, however, was Minister of War in the preceding Government, which was ousted by military force and consequently comes under the ban of the 1923 treaties.

Apart from admiration for the way President Martinez suppressed the Communist outbreak, it was declared to-day, the fact remained that if he were recognized the 1923 treaties would be scrapped, and the United States does not intend to vitiate the pacts, to which it has always given its support.

Charles B. Curtis, United States Minister to San Salvador, is in Washington engaged in consultations at the State Department.

Salvadoran Minister of Finance Authorized to Establish Exchange Rate for Import and Export Duties—Attempts to Balance Budget.

The Salvadoran Government has issued a decree providing that the Secretary of Finance shall fix from time to time, the rate of exchange at which import and export duties shall be paid instead of allowing the rate to remain at two colones to the dollar, according to a report from the American consul at San Salvador, made public by the Commerce Department. The Department on March 13 further said:

According to the report, the Salvadoran Government issued the decree because it felt that there might be a decided drop in the value of the colones in relation to dollars. The Minister of Finance has fixed the price at this time of 2.20 colones to the dollar.

Another decree issued at the same time, for the purpose of balancing the budget, reduced Government salaries and established certain new import duties and stamp taxes.

New Salvador Projects—Republic to Spend \$3,500,000 on Bridges, Schools, &c.

Under date of March 15 Associated Press advices from Washington to the New York "Evening Post" said:

Eduardo Vargas, former agent of the National Water Co. of El Salvador, said to-day he would go to New York within a few days to interest bankers and technicians in beginning a \$3,500,000 construction program for San Salvador.

The work includes several bridges, customs houses, and the construction of the National University and the School of Medicine.

Arrangements for an \$800,000 loan to begin the work were made last year. Mr. Vargas said, but the revolution which overthrew President Araujo

and subsequent uprisings against General Martinez, which Mr. Vargas attributed to Communists, interrupted the work.

Japanese Government Borrows 15,000,000 Yen from Bank of Japan.

The following from Tokio, March 17, is from the New York "Evening Post":

The Government has sold to the Finance Ministry's Deposit Bureau 88,000,000 yen 5% 50-year bonds priced at 86.4 and yielding 6.07%, and has borrowed 15,000,000 yen from the Bank of Japan to yield 5.85% for one year. The Government, therefore, will be able to make cash redemption of 92,000,000 yen of total of 172,000,000 yen Treasury bills maturing to-day. The Bank of Japan has taken the balance of 80,000,000 yen.

The transaction has eased the money market, and the Bank of Japan may succeed in placing part of the Treasury bills with private banks.

Owing to failure of the gold embargo to restore purchasing power, the retail price index continues downward. Between Feb. 15 and March 15 the index dropped 1.6%.

Japanese Diet Called to Consider Appropriations of 67,000,000 Yen.

Associated Press advices from Tokio, March 18, said:

The Japanese Diet convened to-day in a special session which was called to consider appropriations of 67,000,000 yen (about \$21,700,000 at current exchange), made necessary by the Manchurian and Shanghai military and naval campaigns.

Nominees of the Seiyukai (majority party) were elected Speaker and Vice-Speaker. The formal opening, in the presence of Emperor Hirohito, is slated for Sunday and the legislative program will not begin until Tuesday.

One of two supplementary budgets will cover the remainder of the fiscal year ending March 31 1932, asking 7,578,000 yen in accordance with the compromise agreement between the Cabinet and Privy Council made on March 3.

The second budget will cover the fiscal year beginning April 1. This asks a total of 59,518,000 yen. Approximately 91,000,000 yen has been authorized by Imperial emergency ordinances which the Parliament must approve post facto.

This brings the total extraordinary military grants on account of the Manchuria and Shanghai campaigns to 158,000,000 yen (about \$51,000,000).

Exchange Control Denied for Japan—Finance Minister Declares Governmental Tampering "Harmful"—Holds Yen Decline Likely.

The following from Tokio is from the "Wall Street Journal" of March 12:

In an exclusive interview with the correspondent of the "Wall Street Journal" Finance Minister Korekiyo Takahashi stated that Japan absolutely will not impose control of exchange.

"The final test of a nation's ability to compete is the exchange, which must find its own level," Mr. Takahashi said. "When that level has been reached, both exports and the yen rate will rise. Any governmental tampering with the exchange market is difficult and harmful." He denied that the Yokohama Specie Bank is supporting the yen.

"Inflation," he continued, "is not a policy but a means, as there must be sufficient currency for normal needs of agriculture, industry and commerce. I will try to discourage loans for speculative purposes."

He declined to estimate the amount of unavoidable Government bond issues, declaring that he is now trying to convert the South Manchurian Ry. bonds which are due in July.

Apparently, he expects the yen to go to lower levels but he believes that when importers, anticipating purchases of materials, reach the saturation point, a movement is likely to set in in the other direction. Imports of materials, he pointed out, which were bought with the gold exported last fall, will come to an end in April or May. Stocks of raw cotton available now are sufficient to last until August.

Cut in Japanese Discount Rate Designed to Ease Money Market.

With regard to the reduction on March 11 in the discount rate from 6.57 to 5.84% of the Bank of Japan, a Tokio cablegram March 11 to the New York "Times" said:

Finance Minister Takahashi denied the Government sought inflation and declared its object was to relieve the money market, which was hampered by the high rates charged by private banks.

Leading bankers agree that the provincial banks, some of which have been under a strain, will be assisted by the reduction and that sales of bonds and debentures will be facilitated. They doubt that private bank rates will be reduced, however.

Manchuria Reported As Planning to Seek Loan.

From Tokio, March 11, Associated Press advices said:

A dispatch to the newspaper "Asahi" from Mukden, Manchuria, said to-day that one of the first acts of the new Manchurian Cabinet was the decision to ask Japan for a loan of approximately \$6,300,000. The loan was expected to cover the first few months' expenses of the new State until a financial organization was set up.

Hsieh Kai-shih, Foreign Minister of the new State, telegraphed to the Governments signatory to the Nine Power treaty, including China, and to Germany, Soviet Russia and the League of Nations, notifying them of the establishment of the new Government.

He pledged recognition and fulfillment of all foreign treaty rights, obligations and the maintenance of the "open door" and equal opportunity.

New Manchu State Denied Recognition—United States Holds Nine Power Treaty Prohibits Separation from China.

The United States will not recognize the new independent government of Manchuria, and it interprets the Nine Power treaty as prohibiting recognition of the new State by any

of the signatories of that pact, it was stated orally, March 16, on behalf of the American Government. This is learned from the "United States Daily" of March 17, which also had the following to say:

An official request for recognition from the Manchurian Government is now before the American Department of State. It will be ignored, it was stated.

Additional information made available follows:

Article 2 of the Nine Power pact contains the provision that the contracting powers agree not to enter into any agreement infringing upon the principle stated in Article 1. Article 1 provides for the administrative and territorial integrity of China, of which Manchuria has been a part until the recent Japanese occupation.

This is not the only basis for the American refusal to recognize Manchuria as an independent State, but it is apparently sufficient to prevent recognition not only by the United States but by the other countries which signed the Nine Power treaty.

Article 2 of the Nine Power treaty, to which official attention has been called, follows:

"The contracting parties agree not to enter into any treaty, agreement, arrangement, or understanding, either with one another or, individually or collectively, with any power or powers which would infringe or impair the principles stated in Article 1."

Article 1 of the treaty, the first two points of which are interpreted as being directly applicable to the present situation, follows in part:

"The contracting powers, other than China, agree:

"(1) To respect the sovereignty, the independence, and the territorial and administrative integrity of China;

"(2) To provide the fullest and most unembarrassed opportunity to China to develop and maintain for herself an effective and stable Government."

Name of Manchurian Capital, Changchun, Becomes Hsinching.

A cablegram from Mukden, Manchuria, March 16, to the New York "Times" said:

The new Government of Manchuria, headed by Henry Pu Yi, has decided to change the name of the capital, Changchun, to Hsinching, meaning "new capital."

We likewise quote the following (Associated Press) from Changchun March 16:

A planning and construction commission was appointed to-day by the new Manchurian regime and charged with the task of building a new Presidential palace and Government office buildings.

The new Government, it is understood, has decided to appoint several foreigners to official positions, regardless of race, and it is expected that these will be mostly Japanese and "White" Russians, although Americans and Europeans may also be eligible.

The inauguration of Henry Pu Yi as ruler of the new State of Manchuria was referred to in our issue of March 12, page 1871.

Banking Inquiry in Virgin Island with View to Encouraging Banking Facilities with Termination of Charter of National Bank of Danish West Indies.

A cablegram from St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, March 15, to the New York "Times" said:

In an effort to encourage banking facilities here upon the termination of the charter of the National Bank of the Danish West Indies, the Department of the Interior, through the Treasury Department, has obtained the services of M. Shronck of Chicago and O. Jones to conduct banking investigations in the Islands. The national bank has received permission from its board in Copenhagen to permit such investigation.

The investigating party arrived here to-day by airplane from San Juan, P. R.

New South Wales Withdraws Funds from Bank of New South Wales—Viewed As Forestalling Federal Seizure of State Revenue.

Canadian Press advices March 14 from Sydney (New South Wales) said:

Officials of the State Government, escorted by police, to-day withdrew £750,000 from the Bank of New South Wales and more than £250,000 from a commercial banking concern.

From Melbourne (Australia) March 14 Canadian Press-accounts stated:

Federal circles to-day interpreted the withdrawal of funds from banks by New South Wales officials as an effort to forestall seizure of State revenues under the terms of the Federal enforcement measure compelling States of the Commonwealth to meet their obligations.

Prime Minister J. A. Lyons said the action of the State Administration would not prevent operation of the new Federal law.

Australia to Seize Revenues of State—Parliament Passes Premier's Resolution Attaching New South Wales Tax Sources—Seeks Sum Paid in Default—State Files Counter-Claim.

The following Canberra (Australia) advices (Canadian Press) March 18, are from the New York "Times":

The House of Representatives and the Senate to-night passed a resolution introduced earlier in the day by Prime Minister Joseph Lyons, attaching certain sources of revenue of the State of New South Wales accruing from State taxes. They are chiefly the income, betting, entertainment and motor vehicle taxes.

Empowered by the financial agreements enforcement act, the resolution is a drastic means of obtaining from the State the amounts which have been disbursed by the Commonwealth Government as a consequence of the State's default of payments of interest on its overseas and internal debt.

The House of Representatives approved the resolution by a vote of 46 to 14 and the Senate by a vote of 15 to 8.

This evening the State of New South Wales counter-claimed for \$2,000,000 which it declared payable to the State under the Commonwealth roads agreement and other accounts.

In introducing his resolution, Prime Minister Lyons disclosed it was estimated that the amount the State had defaulted, which might roughly total £6,000,000 by the end of June if the policy were continued, would be balanced by the specified taxes that the Commonwealth proposed to collect in place of the State Government.

For the present, he said, the Commonwealth Government would issue a proclamation dealing only with the income tax of the State, which he estimated as sufficient to recoup the existing default within eight weeks.

A full sitting of the High Court will be convened at Melbourne to-morrow to determine the validity of the financial agreements enforcement act, which the State of New South Wales is contesting. The Government of the State has obtained a High Court writ against the Commonwealth restraining the latter from enforcing the provisions of the act.

George S. Milnor of Grain Stabilization Corporation Sails for Europe—Drop in Wheat Prices Follows Announcement Purpose of Trip Said to Be Sale of Wheat Abroad.

From Chicago, Mar. 17 a dispatch to the New York "Times" stated that the wheat market on that day continued to make major response to minor happenings, a break of $1\frac{3}{8}$ cents a bushel at the extreme being shown on the Board of Trade here on selling induced by unexpected weakness in Liverpool. The sailing for Europe of George S. Milnor, head of the Grain Stabilization Corporation, it was added, caused more or less confusion both abroad and here and became a world-wide factor, being responsible for pressure in Liverpool, which closed $\frac{7}{8}$ to $1\frac{1}{8}$ cents a bushel lower. The dispatch also said:

Conflicting reports were received from New York and from Washington regarding Mr. Milnor's trip abroad. New York announced that he was taking a vacation, but officials of the Federal Farm Board were quoted as saying he was going abroad for both the Farm Board and the Farmers' National Grain Corporation. It became known late in the day that a conference had been held in Washington by Secretary of Agriculture Hyde and Chairman Stone with the Senate Agricultural Committee, at which they considered the question of obtaining funds to permit the Government to sell wheat abroad.

As to the trip abroad of Mr. Milnor, the Washington correspondent Mar. 16, of the New York "Journal of Commerce" said:

As the Senate prepared to investigate all activities of the Federal Farm Board, George S. Milnor, Chicago, head of the Grain Stabilization Corporation, was to sail to-night for Europe on a mission regarded as a supreme effort to liquidate surplus wheat stocks, holding of which has led to wide criticism in and out of Congress.

Milnor, according to Carl Williams, cotton member of the Board, will visit several nations to investigate opportunities to dispose of stabilization wheat abroad and make contact with foreign governments to promote such operations.

It is no secret here that the revolving fund of the Board, originally \$500,000,000, is in a gravely depleted condition owing to immense sums tied up in holdings of wheat and cotton. The Board is doubly anxious, if possible, to place wheat abroad because of the fact that Congress recently set aside 40,000,000 bushels for relief distribution, without reimbursing the revolving fund. This move was strongly protested by Chairman James C. Stone.

Cotton Visit Also Likely.

If Milnor meets with good fortune in his effort to dispose of surplus grain, it is probable that a representative of the Cotton Stabilization Corporation will go overseas to seek a similar outlet for some part of the holdings of approximately 3,000,000 bales in the hands of the Government and co-operatives.

With a two-edged Senatorial probe of the Federal Farm Board and its subsidiaries and of private grain and cotton interests looming under the Norris resolution, farmers' co-operatives were reported to-day to be massing their full representative strength in Washington to form plans for the defense of the Government marketing agency.

A meeting is called for to-morrow which will mark the opening of a united drive to prevent undermining the Farm Board through reduction of Federal funds for its administration and against favorable salaries paid officials of co-operatives. Ten or more great agricultural organizations will have their spokesmen present.

From the New York "Times" dispatch from Washington, Mar. 16 we quote the following:

No Effect on Farm Board.

It was made clear that whatever wheat sales might be contracted by Mr. Milnor would have little or no effect on the holdings of the Federal Farm Board. This "government wheat" is moving abroad at the rate of 5,000,000 bushels a month, the maximum that may be sold.

On the other hand, the Farmers' National Grain Corporation is capable of handling and free to handle any transaction that Mr. Milnor could negotiate. Should his visit result in large sales of wheat, the Farm Board would benefit, like other holders of wheat, from upward price movements, but it would benefit only in this indirect manner.

Mr. Milnor spent two days in Washington conferring with members of the Farm Board and other officials before going to New York. Details of the conversations were not made public, but it was learned tonight that they dealt with the wheat situation in the United States and abroad.

Mr. Milnor's dual position makes him the "contact man" between the government, as represented by the Farm Board, and American growers of wheat, whose co-operative organizations are the owners of the Farmers' National Grain Corporation. The latter was organized with capital borrowed from the Farm Board.

Farm Board Sales to Foreigners.

Several large sales of wheat have been made to foreign purchasers by the Farm Board, but it was explained that such sales could not be made in Europe. The Farm Board, aside from its exports of 5,000,000 bushels a month, is under a pledge not to sell its wheat in markets that are avail-

able to American growers and sellers of wheat. European countries comprise such a market.

Large sales made by the Farm Board included consignments of wheat sent to Brazil in exchange for coffee and a credit transaction through which China was supplied with wheat to feed flood victims in the Yangtse River area. Both of these regions heretofore had not constituted markets for American wheat. The Farm Board contended that its sales to Brazil and China accomplished the dual purpose of diminishing the American surplus and of creating new markets for American wheat that may be productive of regular business in the future.

Report That Federal Farm Board Is Trying to Arrange Credits and 50,000,000-Bushel Sales of Wheat Abroad.

Associated Press advices from Chicago, Mar. 17 said:

Assertions that the Federal Farm Board was trying to arrange credit and sales of 50,000,000 bushels of wheat in Europe tended to unsettle grain values to-day.

The unexpected departure for Europe by George S. Milnor gave a jar to traders. Heaviness of the wheat market persisted, notwithstanding authoritative denial that the Farm Board might be forced to sell wheat and despite positive statements that the Board's wheat was amply margined and its accounts were satisfactory to the banks making loans.

Secretary of Agriculture Hyde Says Campaign Is Contemplated to Sell Administrations Surplus Wheat and Cotton Abroad—Curtis and Agricultural Leaders Confer on Plan—President Hoover Consulted.

Official contemplation of an "intensive sales campaign" by the United States to place some of the country's huge surplus of wheat and cotton in European and other countries was reported by Secretary of Agriculture Hyde on March 18, said Associated Press advices from Washington, which further reported:

The Agriculture Secretary told newspaper men that although plans for such a campaign were at present nebulous, there was a definite "hope" that some such procedure could be followed in lifting the weight of these enormous surpluses from the American market.

Conferences on the possibilities are being held in official Washington, ranging from the White House to Capitol Hill.

A possibility that part of the \$200,000,000 farm loan fund of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation might be employed in such a surplus slicing campaign also was voiced to-day by Mr. Hyde. A resolution to make this fund immediately available has been adopted by the Senate and sent to the House.

"It would not be humanly possible for us to make \$200,000,000 of loans to agriculture at this time," Mr. Hyde said. "Since we could not loan this amount if we had it, a better plan might be to employ this money in cutting down our surpluses rather than continuing to stimulate production."

Mr. Hyde said that before anything definite could be done toward disposing of the wheat and cotton held by the Stabilization corporations it would be necessary to determine exactly what the conditions were abroad concerning these two products.

Although Mr. Hyde had nothing to say upon the matter, there was considerable speculation in the capital that the sailing yesterday to Europe of George S. Milnor, President of the Grain Stabilization Corporation, might have some such end in view.

Associated Press accounts from Washington March 17 stated:

A concerted effort to lift some of the crushing weight of the wheat and cotton surpluses from the domestic markets is being made by the Administration and Congressional leaders.

There is confidence that a foreign market, particularly in China, is available for disposition of a big portion of the carryovers of the nation's two major money crops.

The program calls for use of part of the \$200,000,000 of agricultural funds voted in the Reconstruction Finance Corporation bill for floating the deals.

Secretary Hyde, who administers this fund, and Chairman Stone of the Farm Board consulted to-day with Vice-President Curtis and agricultural leaders at the Capitol. Mr. Hyde also saw President Hoover and Walter Newton, one of the President's secretaries, but would not comment on the conversation.

President Hoover has consulted members of the House Agriculture Committee. It is the hope of the Administration to make part of this money (\$200,000,000) available for financing the foreign deals. There is also fear that loaning of all this fund to make crops this year would overstimulate production this season and further glut the market.

Secretary Hyde and Chairman Stone conferred in the Senate to-day with Vice-President Curtis, Chairman McNary of the Agriculture Committee, and Senators Capper, Kansas; Dickinson, Iowa, and Shipstead, Minnesota.

No agreement was reached, but there was every indication that an understanding was accomplished.

Measure to Abolish Federal Farm Board Urged by Senator Byrnes—Cessation of Grain Activities and Transfer of Functions Advised—Further Inquiry Asked at Senate Hearing.

Abolition of the Federal Farm Board, cessation of governmental grain stabilization operations and transfer of the Board's remaining functions to the Secretary of Agriculture were urged before the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, March 15, by Senator Byrnes (Dem.) of South Carolina, who said his bill to that effect presented "a clear-cut issue." The Committee also [we quote from the "United States Daily" of March 16] on the basis of Senator Byrnes' testimony, called Charles Barrett, former head of the Na-

tional Farmers Union, to the witness stand for advice after Senator Norris (Rep.), of Nebraska, had argued that it might be better to have a sweeping investigation of the Board before taking the matter to the floor of the Senate.

From the Washington advices March 15 to the New York "Journal of Commerce" we take the following:

General sentiment of the Committee, despite representations of Senator Byrnes (Dem., S. C.) that the Board should be dispersed at once, remained strong for the less drastic course of a thorough investigation as provided in the Norris resolution of the Board and its opponents, private grain and cotton exchanges.

Senator Norris (Prog Rep., Neb.), author of the probe resolution, said he had been assured by Senator Townsend (Rep., Del.) that the resolution, carrying \$50,000 for hiring of expert advisers, auditing of accounts of the Farm Board and its subsidiaries and general expenses, would be reported out of the Audit and Control Committee, of which Townsend is Chairman, immediately, and the Delawarean declared his group would act before the end of the week. It is the general opinion that little difficulty will be experienced in securing the Senate's assent to the investigation.

Borah Measure Up Friday.

It also was learned to-day that the Borah resolution, which would operate to cut salaries paid heads of stabilization corporations and farmers' co-operatives to a maximum of \$15,000, instead of the \$25,000 to \$75,000, which many of them receive, will be taken up by a subcommittee Friday. This measure was favorably reported several weeks ago by the Civil Service Committee and referred to the Agriculture Committee.

At to day's meeting, Byrnes' moves in behalf of his abolition bill were countered by Senators McNary (Rep., Ore.), Committee Chairman and co-author of the Agricultural Marketing Act; Capper (Rep., Kan.) and Norris, all of whom favored an investigation rather than any action affecting the existence of the Board.

McNary did not believe it would be fair to disband the Board without hearing heads of farm organizations as to their wishes in the matter. Capper echoed this sentiment as did Norris, whose resolution is aimed quite as much at alleged moves of the private exchanges to injure the stabilization operations of the Board as at any mal administration by the Board itself.

It was represented by leading committee members that not more than a handful of votes could be secured in the Senate for abolition of the Board, and that the Byrnes bill would by no means be allowed to have precedence over the Norris resolution.

The "United States Daily" of March 16, from which we quoted further above, likewise stated in its issue of that date:

Marketing Act Criticized.

Mr. Barrett told the Committee he would not "advise either way" with respect to the action proposed by Senator Byrnes. "I am sure of only one thing," he added. "I am convinced there is not enough brains and not enough money in America to put the Agricultural Marketing Act over."

Senator Byrnes had maintained before the Committee that the Farm Board was doing nothing beyond encouragement of farm organization through co-operation. He said he saw no necessity for existence of "eight additional Secretaries of Agriculture" and many high-salaried economists and other employees when the work could be done "probably much more efficiently" by a division in the Department of Agriculture.

"Certainly it would be cheaper," he added.

Further Inquiry Suggested.

Senator Norris sought information from Senator Byrnes on the advisability of a further inquiry into Farm Board affairs. He suggested as did Senator Capper (Rep.) of Kansas, that some farmers still thought there was a possibility of the Farm Board accomplishing something worth while, and he said it appeared to him that an inquiry might develop these facts.

The South Carolina Senator felt otherwise. He told the Committee it had had an inquiry into Farm Board affairs last November, and that the statements which the Board members made provided, to his mind, enough evidence to warrant abolition of the Board as an agency that had grown so extravagant that it would not be tolerated anywhere except in the Federal Government.

"I shall not object to an investigation, however," said Senator Byrnes. "What I am seeking is some kind of action. I want the Senate to have a chance to vote on a clear-cut issue to determine whether it wants to have these grain stabilization operations continued. I am for eliminating them, for bringing them to an end as quickly as possible, that the expense and waste and extravagance may be cut out of our governmental structure."

Fewer Farmers Organized.

Senator Byrnes declared there were not as many organized farmers now as there were prior to enactment of the law by which the Farm Board was created, and Mr. Barrett in response to a question later, made the same assertion.

But Mr. Barrett was unwilling to say whether abolition of the Board, as proposed in the Byrnes bill (S. 653) would accomplish the corrective ends required for a prosperous agriculture. He said the farmers wanted something that would help them but that he felt a majority of them believed the Agricultural Marketing Act was not the legislation that would do it.

In this connection Senator Byrnes declared that "throughout the South and I believe throughout the country, the farmers have lost confidence in the Farm Board."

Declares Usefulness at End.

"From that," he said, "it is quite obvious that the usefulness of the Board is at an end. So the question is whether this Congress is going to continue an agency that means nothing except waste, an agency that no one will follow with confidence.

"If, as has been shown by Committee inquiry here, the Farm Board is doing nothing but advance the organization of co-operatives; surely that work can be done through the Department of Agriculture. And let me say that I do not believe it is accomplishing anything in the way of organization. In my own State, co-operatives handled only 32,000 bales of cotton last year, whereas ten years ago they were handling upwards of 700,000 bales. I mention that to show the deterioration of organization.

Criticizes Federal Policy.

"There is another phase of this problem that must be considered, namely, lack of Federal policy. I ask what good is it when one agency advises the farmers to destroy every third row of cotton and another somewhere else tries to fix the price at such a figure as will encourage production. You can't solve the farm problem unless you can adjust production to consumptive demand."

Senator Byrnes called attention to what he said were activities of the Board designed to perpetuate itself. He told the Committee that if any Senator "raised his voice in criticism of the Board, there will be a meeting held in his State in a week or 10 days to attack that Senator."

"It is obvious," he continued, "that the inspiration of those meetings cannot be proved, but they are just like cause and effect. The result shows."

Charles Wilson of Chicago Livestock Exchange Tells House Committee Federal Farm Board Is Working with Packers to Depress Prices.

Charles Wilson, President of the Chicago Livestock Exchange, told the House Agriculture Committee on March 10 (according to Associated Press advices from Washington) that the Federal Farm Board "is working hand in hand with the packers to depress prices." The Associated Press advices (as given in the New York "Evening Post") continued:

Mr. Wilson headed a group of livestock dealers from Denver, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis and St. Joseph, Mo., who protested against livestock activities of the Board.

As the first witness, he said:

"Co-operative marketing is 25 years old. The exchanges are handling 85% of the co-operative business, that is, as distinguished from the politically controlled and politically dominated co-operatives set up by the Farm Board. Our customers have made no complaint.

"Farm Board agencies have been a disrupting influence and have done the producers incalculable damage. We are for an open market. The Farm Board trends toward monopoly. We oppose manipulation. The Farm Board has promised the American people to manipulate prices.

"They are endeavoring to drive us out. They have adopted bullying tactics to get the business.

"The Board has used its funds to depress the price of hogs through direct marketing. By their direct marketing program the price on hogs has dropped out of line about \$5 a head in the last eight months."

New York Stock Exchange Issues Further Notice Regarding Ruling by State Department Respecting Stock Transfer Tax in Case of Transactions Prior to March 1.

Supplementing the notice issued by it on March 1 (and given in our issue of March 5, page 1680) the New York Stock Exchange issued the following notice to members on March 15 bearing on the stock transfer tax in the case of transactions originating prior to March 1.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Committee on Securities.

March 15 1932.

To the Members:

The following communication has been received from the Department of Taxation and Finance of the State of New York:

State of New York,

Department of Taxation and Finance.

Albany, March 14 1932.

Ashbel Green, Secretary New York Stock Exchange,
11 Wall St., New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Green.—Relative to the amendment to the Stock Transfer Tax Law doubling the rate of tax, effective March 1 1932, we communicated with you under date of Feb. 27, setting forth a regulation covering transactions originating prior to March 1 1932, and in that ruling stated that it would be permissible to accept for transfer at the old rate of tax, certificates accompanied by sales tickets dated March 1 1932, providing the transaction originated prior to that date.

On March 3 we advised you that since, in our Feb. 27 ruling we had permitted sales tickets dated March 1 1932 to be cleared at the old rate of tax, we should properly permit certificates dated March 1 1932 unaccompanied by sales tickets to pass at the old rate of tax, providing the transaction originated prior to March 1 1932. It was stated that there should be a certification on such certificates reading as follows:

"This is to certify that this transaction originated on date of ----- Tax is paid therefore at the old rate."

It has been called to our attention that misunderstanding has been created by reason of those two rules and, as a consequence, several transfer agents are exacting a certification on bills of sale dated March 1 1932 and prior thereto, covering transactions originating previous to that date, and others are not, this difference being due to different interpretations of the above two regulations. It seems desirable, therefore, that we simplify the procedure by requiring a certification on all transactions transferred at the old rate of tax, and we therefore rule as follows:

It is permissible for transfer agents to accept for transfer at the old rate of tax certificates accompanied by bills of sale dated March 1 1932 or prior thereto, providing the transaction originated prior to March 1 1932. It is also permissible for transfer agents to accept for transfer at the old rate of tax certificates unaccompanied by bills of sale when the assignment on the certificate bears a date of March 1 1932 or prior thereto, providing the transaction originated prior to March 1 1932. It is required on transactions which come within the above class that a certification be stamped on the bill of sale or on the certificate reading as follows:

"This is to certify that this transaction originated prior to March 1 1932. Tax is therefore paid at the old rate.

(Signed) -----"

This regulation is effective on and after March 15 1932 and abrogates previous rulings on the same subject dated Feb. 27 and March 3 1932, respectively.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) FRANK S. McCAFFREY,
Deputy Commissioner, Division of Finance.

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Respectfully,
ASHBEL GREEN, Secretary.

Pynchon & Co. Failure—Liabilities Listed in Bankruptcy Schedules at \$19,759,352 and Assets at \$12,842,213—Creditors to Act on Proposed Composition on April 18.

Schedules in bankruptcy of the New York Stock Exchange house of Pynchon & Co. of this city, which failed in April

1931, were filed in the United States District Court on Monday of this week, March 14. Total liabilities, according to the New York daily papers of March 15, were shown at \$19,759,352, assets at \$12,842,213 and secured claims at \$11,521,033.

Richard L. Davisson of Davisson & Manice, attorneys for the firm, stated that the schedules were filed as a preliminary step to the formal offer of terms of composition to the creditors of the firm, and pointed out that shortly following the bankruptcy committees of creditors were formed in New York and Chicago to consider the possibility of effecting a composition, and that in January the committees had sent to creditors a proposed plan of composition which had met with the hearty response of the creditors. He said that at a hearing held in the chambers of Federal Judge John M. Woolsey Monday afternoon an order was signed calling a meeting of the creditors of the firm for April 18 1932 to act upon the proposed composition and that the composition would, he believed, have the approval of a majority of the creditors. The New York "Herald Tribune" of March 15 in its report of the matter said in part:

Unsecured accounts are principally due customers and amount in the New York office to \$1,744,131; in Chicago to \$3,399,485; London, \$716,912, and in Paris, \$1,023,659. The sum of \$684,421 is due brokers in agreements and contracts.

Creditors include Z. Marshall Crane, Dalton, Mass., \$260,802; Mrs. Lucy Reis Lewis, Savoy Plaza, New York City, \$156,664; Charles M. Schwab, \$22,091; Charles E. Clark, Chicago, \$424,344; Lewis Schinburg, Chicago, \$625,991; Winfield Sheehan, Hollywood, \$21,000; General Theaters Equipment Co., \$226,125; Count and Countess Guzman, Paris, \$35,365; Lady Mend, Paris, \$3,422; Count Herve la Fond, Paris, \$4,091; Count Gerard de Moustier, Paris, \$17,775, and Edward J. Long, Chicago, \$36,000.

Reference was made to the failure of Pynchon & Co. in our issue of April 25 and May 2 1931, pages 3070 and 3262, respectively.

New York Stock Exchange Notice Regarding Transactions in United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland 4% Funding Loan 1960-1990.

The following notice was issued March 17 by the New York Stock Exchange:

Notice having been received that the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland 4% funding loan 1960-1990 will be quoted in London on the May 1 1932 coupon on March 30 1932.

The Committee on Securities rules that transactions made beginning Wednesday March 30 1932, shall be ex the May 1 1932 coupon; that beginning Thursday March 31 1932, said bonds to be a delivery on all contracts theretofore made must carry the Nov. 1 1932 and subsequent coupons; and that in settlement of transactions made beginning March 30 1932 and prior to May 1 1932, there shall be deducted from the contract price an amount equal to the difference between the value of the coupon at \$4.8665 per pound sterling and the accrued interest which otherwise would have been paid by the purchaser.

ASHBEL GREEN, Secretary.

McDougall & Cowans (Montreal) Failure—Firm and Members Discharged from Bankruptcy—Expected to Reopen for Business in the Near Future.

Further referring to the affairs of the Montreal brokerage house of McDougall & Cowans, which failed on Oct. 5 last, it is learned from the Montreal "Gazette" of March 12 that in a judgment rendered in the bankruptcy division of the Superior Court, Montreal, on March 11, by the Registrar, Arthur Delisle, the scheme of arrangement by the partners of the firm, in liquidation, was unconditionally approved and the firm and members discharged from bankruptcy, with all rights and assets vested in the creditors' realization company, known as McDougall & Cowans Holdings, Ltd. The firm is expected to reopen for business in the near future. The "Gazette" continuing said:

The judgment reads in part as follows: Doth unconditionally approve the Scheme of Arrangement and (1) Doth annul the bankruptcy of the debtors; and (2) Doth discharge the debtors from bankruptcy, both individually and as former partners of the said firm of McDougall & Cowans, and (3) Doth vest in McD. & C. Holdings, Ltd., without any conveyance, assignment or transfer whatsoever, all the property of the said debtors which is under the provisions of the Bankruptcy Act, now divisible amongst the creditors of the debtors (except such cash as the trustee may retain as provided in the said scheme), subject to the conditions that, so far as concerns every person, firm or corporation, who or which, under the provisions of said Act, is now liable to make any payment to deliver any property, to the said trustee in his quality of trustee of the property of the debtors, the provisions of the Bankruptcy Act shall, notwithstanding the annulment of the bankruptcy of the debtors, or their being granted discharges, continue to apply and be effective for the benefit of the said McD & C Holdings, Ltd. and that in addition to the rights and powers acquired by said McD. & C. Holdings, Ltd., in view of the foregoing provisions of this condition, all the rights and powers presently vested in and exercisable by the said trustee in his quality, and in and by the inspectors, shall be vested in and exercised by the said McD. & C. Holdings, Ltd.: the whole with costs against the mass.

The failure of McDougall & Cowans was noted in the "Chronicle" of Oct. 10 1931, page 2358, and reference made to its affairs in our issues of Oct. 24 and Nov. 14, pages 2699 and 3188, respectively.

Volume of Outstanding Bankers Acceptances Declines \$41,674,522 in Month—Total Feb. 29 \$919,391,880—Smallest Since September 1927.

The volume of bankers acceptances outstanding on Feb. 29 was smaller by \$41,674,522 than the total at the end of January, according to the announcement of the American Acceptance Council released on March 16. After only moderate declines for the previous three months, the February operations contracted sharply, leaving the total volume at \$919,391,880, a new low since Sept. 30 1927, says Robert H. Bean, Executive Secretary, of the American Acceptance Council who further reports:

Compared with the 1931 figures the present volume of bills is \$600,465,604 less than was outstanding at the end of February a year ago.

Contributing to this decline, the total of bills drawn to finance goods stored abroad or shipped between foreign countries is now less by \$259,400,000, export bills are off \$203,300,000, import bills are off \$69,600,000, dollar exchange bills are off \$45,000,000, domestic shipment bills are off \$16,500,000 and bills to finance goods in domestic warehouses are off \$6,000,000.

Thus it is clear that the two major causes of the reduced activity in the bankers acceptance business in the past year are first, the extraordinary drop in our export trade which amounts to more than \$150,000,000 for the 12 months, and second, the practical cessation, since July 1931, of dollar acceptance financing in Europe. The total reduction of bills of these two classes alone amounts to \$463,000,000 or 77% of the total decline.

Comparing the figures for February with those at the end of January, it is noted that foreign transaction bills,—principally German—are off \$14,000,000, export bills are off \$12,000,000, import bills are off \$8,000,000 and dollar exchange bills are off \$7,000,000, a total of \$41,000,000. Domestic shipments and domestic warehouse bills remained unchanged in volume during the month.

The distribution of acceptances through the discount market was somewhat better than for the previous month. Of the total of \$919,000,000 on Feb. 29, accepting banks held of their own or others bills, a total of \$341,806,426 or 37%, of which \$277,000,000 were held by banks and bankers in New York City. The Federal Reserve System held for their own account or under resale agreement on March 2, the nearest reporting date, a total of \$116,000,000 or 12% and for the account of foreign correspondents a total of \$311,600,000 or 34% leaving \$150,000,000 or 16% for the dealers portfolios, which were about \$45,000,000, and for all other purchasers.

Under the existing conditions, occasioned by the long continued depression in trade and commerce throughout the world, no rapid increase in bankers acceptance volume can be expected at this time, but with the first indication of renewed business activity there should be noted a return of the demand for bankers credits.

Notwithstanding a drop of \$600,000,000 in one year, the volume of bills is in a much stronger position with the present total of \$919,000,000 than is commercial paper, the total volume of which has declined steadily to only about \$100,000,000 as of the end of February.

Detailed statistics were made available as follows by Mr. Bean.

TOTAL OF BANKERS' DOLLAR ACCEPTANCES OUTSTANDING FOR ENTIRE COUNTRY BY FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICTS.

Federal Reserve District.	Feb. 29 1932.	Jan. 30 1932.	Feb. 28 1931.
1.....	\$57,620,457	\$60,391,060	\$124,606,143
2.....	732,995,145	764,809,839	1,160,462,016
3.....	15,961,162	15,117,902	25,820,354
4.....	13,416,870	14,546,391	25,887,552
5.....	2,673,281	2,601,241	10,070,612
6.....	10,189,632	10,769,996	15,528,727
7.....	51,795,633	53,945,770	83,902,361
8.....	2,267,747	1,964,645	2,731,916
9.....	2,081,101	3,028,030	6,553,863
10.....	1,050,000	350,000	600,471
11.....	3,013,369	3,131,691	4,474,395
12.....	26,417,483	30,409,837	59,219,074
Grand total.....	\$919,391,880	\$961,066,402	\$1,519,857,484
Decrease.....		41,674,522	600,465,604

CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO NATURE OF CREDIT.

	Feb. 29 1932.	Jan. 30 1932.	Feb. 28 1931.
Imports.....	\$142,141,000	\$150,021,458	\$211,796,486
Exports.....	195,033,914	207,415,147	398,388,745
Domestic shipments.....	17,354,177	17,279,510	33,838,268
Domestic warehouse credits.....	254,116,410	254,382,349	260,838,879
Dollar exchange.....	26,466,949	33,529,375	71,330,477
Based on goods stored in or shipped between foreign countries.....	284,279,430	298,438,563	543,664,629

CURRENT MARKET QUOTATIONS ON PRIME BANKERS' ACCEPTANCES MARCH 14 1932.

Days—	Dealers' Buying Rate.	Dealers' Selling Rate.	Ddays—	Dealers' Buying Rate.	Dealers' Selling Rate.
30.....	2½	2½	120.....	2½	2½
60.....	2½	2½	150.....	3	2½
90.....	2½	2½	180.....	3	2½

George Eastman, Founder of Eastman Kodak Co., a Suicide—Benefactions Estimated Between \$80,000,000 and \$100,000,000.

George Eastman, founder and Chairman of the Eastman Kodak Co., whose benefactions during his life, according to the Rochester (N. Y.) "Democrat and Chronicle" are estimated at over \$80,000,000, took his own life on March 14 at his home in Rochester. As to his act we quote the following from the Rochester paper referred to:

Dr. Audley D. Stewart, personal physician and friend of Mr. Eastman, declared that ill health, with a possibility of years of invalidism, undoubtedly inspired the act. Dr. Stewart issued this statement:

"Mr. Eastman died suddenly at 12.50 o'clock today. While it was generally known that he had been ill for several years, his condition recently has been such as to give us all encouragement.

"He was apparently, however, in such a mental condition that he feared the worst, because he shot himself after sending all attendants out of his bedroom, saying to them, 'I have a note to write.' In a moment a shot was heard, and when those outside reached his bed he was gone. The note he left read:

"To my friends:
"My work is done. Why wait?"
"It was signed, 'G. E.'"

Earlier in the day, Mr. Eastman called in one or two business associates, to witness a codicil to his will. During the morning he appeared in good spirits and his act was farthest from the minds of the persons in his household. After asking that he be excused to write a note, he went to his room and fired the shot into his heart. His body was found on the bed. Death was instantaneous, officials said.

Dr. David A. Atwater, coroner, issued a certificate of death by suicide while temporarily deranged.

In the routine conduct of their official duty, Curtis W. Barker, deputy commissioner of public safety; District Attorney Ray F. Fowler, and John P. McDonald, captain of detectives, went to the Eastman home, and said there would be no further inquiry.

The fact that the suicide of Mr. Eastman followed within a day or two that of Ivar Kreuger, occasioned the following comment in the New York "Times" of March 16:

While Wall Street does not believe the untimely suicide of Ivar Kreuger will retard the European recovery, it was evident from yesterday's comment—much of it hastily expressed—that this tragedy as well as the self-destruction of George Eastman has had a depressing effect on financial sentiment. The feeling is that both suicides could not have occurred at a more inappropriate time. The danger, as Wall Street sees it, is a possible misunderstanding by the public.

Tribute to Mr. Eastman came from all over the world, following his death, including cablegrams from Tokio, from Viscount Keizo Shibushawa, former Premier of Japan, and Baron and Baroness Mitsui. President Hoover in a statement issued March 15, thus expressed his regret at the death of the late philanthropist:

I have learned with profound regret of the death of George Eastman. He revolutionized the art of photography, bringing the kodak within the means of millions of people. By his own efforts he became one of the great industrial leaders of the world.

He was one of the most generous and most constructive philanthropists of history. He gave strength to every movement for the public welfare of his generation.

Funeral services took place on March 17 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Rochester. The body was cremated, in accordance with the wish of Mr. Eastman. All factories of the Eastman Kodak Co. in the United States and Canada were closed the afternoon of the services. The following is from the Rochester "Democrat and Chronicle" of March 15:

Benefactions of George Eastman aggregate between \$80,000,000 and \$100,000,000, according to the best estimates available. The larger figure is exceeded when the marketable value of securities given to educational institutions is taken into consideration. The University of Rochester received more than \$35,000,000.

Many Gifts Unknown.

Hundreds of gifts are known only to the beneficiaries, since Mr. Eastman jealously guarded information about many of his princely contributions, as is evident from the years that elapsed before his gift of more than \$10,000,000 to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology became known. His identity as "the mysterious Mr. Smith" was disclosed on Jan. 10 1920.

1920 Total \$26,739,000.

At that time, Mr. Eastman personally prepared a list of his gifts, totaling \$26,739,000. This was the only list that he personally released, and which he personally checked. It follows:

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, plus—	\$10,000,000	University of Rochester Endowment Fund	\$100,000
Stock of Eastman Kodak Co. to employees—	6,000,000	Hahnemann Hospital (now Highland)	100,000
Eastman School of Music—	4,000,000	State and Municipal Research Bureau	162,000
Rochester Dental Dispensary	1,500,000	War Relief	225,000
National Association of Audubon Societies	2,000	Red Cross of 1917	250,000
Yerkes Observatory, University of Chicago	3,000	Y. M. C. A.	300,000
Musical instruments for public schools	15,000	Tuskegee Institute	362,000
Y. W. C. A. and Infants Summer Hospital	25,000	Mechanics Institute	375,000
Shelter of Children's Society	45,000	Enlarging Rochester General Hospital	500,000
Rochester Friendly Home	50,000	University of Rochester Fund for Women's College	500,000
Stevens Institute of Technology Hoboken, N. J.	50,000	War Chest of 1928, plus	500,000
Science Building, University of Rochester	75,000	Expenses of War Chest	100,000
Homeopathic Hospital	75,000	Chamber of Commerce Bldg.	575,000
Rochester Parks	100,000	Addition to Chamber of Commerce Bldg., estimated at	750,000
		Total	\$26,739,000

Gifts to University Large.

In 1924 he gave \$15,000,000 to the University of Rochester, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Hampton and Tuskegee institutes, bringing the total of his known benefactions to \$58,602,900. This total was computed by adding to the original list, prepared by Mr. Eastman, those gifts announced in the intervening four years. The \$15,000,000 gift was on the basis of \$50 a share for the Eastman Kodak Co. stock that made up the gift. Subsequently the stock sold at more than five times that price, greatly increasing the amount of the gift. While the various educational institutions hold Eastman Kodak common stock, a good portion of it was sold because of the practice of such institutions in having their endowments in bonds and preferred stocks, rather than in common stock equities.

Prior to his gift of \$15,000,000 to the four educational institutions, Mr. Eastman had given \$2,500,000 to the Greater University of Rochester fund.

Five Foreign Dispensaries.

In May 1927 he gave \$1,500,000 for a dental dispensary in London, England, and followed it with gifts ranging from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 for similar dispensaries in Rome, Italy, Stockholm, Sweden, Paris, France and Brussels, Belgium. These five dispensaries added \$7,500,000 to the previously announced list of \$58,602,900.

In June 1930 he gave \$500,000 to the students loan fund of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; he gave \$300,000 for the George Eastman visiting professorship at Oxford University. He built and equipped a dental wing for the Meharry Medical College at Nashville, Tenn., an institution providing instruction in medicine, dentistry and pharmacy, for Negro youth.

He contributed \$125,000 for five years to underwrite the International City Managers Association; he contributed to the city manager cause in Rochester; he gave at least \$150,000 a year for the last nine years for the Rochester Community Chest; he purchased radios and musical instruments for the children in the public schools; he purchased land in Plymouth Avenue South to clear the view across the river to the Greater University of Rochester; gave \$5,000 to Syracuse University, contributed \$50,000 for an auditorium in the high school at Waterville, N. Y., where he was born.

Prices Drop on New York Stock Exchange on Selling of Kreuger Shares—\$678,000 Certificates of Swedish Company Disposed of Amid Great Confusion—150,000 in First Turnover—\$9,000,000 Credits of Kreuger & Toll Obtained from New York Banks—Bankers Reported to Have Conferred on Sunday March 13.

The New York "Herald Tribune" of March 14 is authority for the statement that bankers for the Kreuger & Toll interests in this country, together with personal representatives of Ivar Kreuger, conferred all day on Sunday (Mar. 13) in Wall Street, but it was added, officials of the New York Stock Exchange took no unusual steps to prepare for the opening of the stock market on Monday March 14. The paper quoted further said:

No general meeting of bankers was called, owing to the fact that no great emergency was seen as involving this capital market. The governing committee of the exchange will meet this [Monday] morning, however, before the opening of the market.

Noting that 673,800 certificates in the principal enterprise of Ivar Kreuger, the Kreuger & Toll Company—were sold in great confusion at sharply reduced prices on the New York Stock Exchange on Monday March 14 (following the suicide in Paris on March 12 of Mr. Kreuger,) the New York "Times" of March 15, further indicated the effect of the suicide on the local exchange on March 14 as follows:

The certificates were offered in such volume that the Governors of the Stock Exchange were obliged to superintend the opening transaction. Trading in the issue did not begin until shortly after 11 o'clock, and the initial turnover involved 150,000 certificates at 1 1/2, a decline of 3 1/2 points from Saturday's [March 12] close. This, in point of volume, was the largest opening trade of which the Stock Exchange has any record.

The delay of an hour in arranging an opening indicated the difficulty in fixing a price and the flood of orders which had to be entered on the specialists' books.

Foreign Holdings Sold First.

The selling was of foreign origin largely in the early dealings, but later in the day there was a rush of liquidation by American interests. The general stock market remained calm and composed during the first two hours here, and it was not until mid-day that the liquidation of Kreuger securities began to produce acute unsettlement elsewhere. Other issues with which Mr. Kreuger was identified broke widely. International Match preferred, on transactions of 27,600 shares, fell 5 1/2 points net, closing at 12 1/2.

Bonds of the Kreuger & Toll group also broke sharply on the Stock Exchange on heavy selling. Kreuger & Toll 5s, due 1959, on a turnover of \$291,000, closed at 82 1/2, off 16 points, although earlier in the day the issue sold as high as 86 1/2 and as low as 30, after opening at 36.

International Match convertible 5s, due 1941, opened at 41, rallied to 43 1/2, touched a low of 39 1/2 and finished at 39 1/2, at which level the net loss amounted to 12 1/2 points. Total transactions in this issue were \$343,000. The company's 5s, due 1947, opened and closed at 38, off 11 points, recording a high of 41 1/2 and a low of 37 1/2. The turnover for this issue aggregated \$267,000.

Transactions in these three issues aggregated \$901,000, compared with the total for the entire listed bond market of \$9,782,000. The only issue of the market to show greater activity than these was that of German Government 5 1/2s, which topped \$400,000.

Other Stocks Suffer Declines.

The effect on other sections of the stock market was greatest between 12 and 3 o'clock. During those hours selling pressure converged upon such issues as United States Steel, American Telephone, Santa Fe, American Can, Union Pacific, Auburn and other so-called pivotal stocks. The net losses in the more prominent issues ranged from 2 to 6 points. The total turnover on the Stock Exchange was about 2,000,000 shares, of which Kreuger & Toll certificates accounted for one-third.

The pressure against New York so far as Kreuger & Toll was concerned, was an unwelcome compliment to this market as the only one which could possibly have absorbed so great a volume of offerings. Swedish interests, no doubt, were heavy sellers in New York, trading having been suspended in Stockholm, Kreuger & Toll fluctuated within a narrow range and closed at 2 1/2, with a net loss of 2 1/2 points. The high for the year to date was 9 1/2 and the low prior to yesterday was 4 1/2.

The extent of the American investment in the Kreuger enterprises is not known, but Wall Street estimates placed the total at \$200,000,000. This apparently was based upon original purchase prices. The securities have depreciated drastically, although possibly not more so in the average than many other securities.

Bankers were not apprehensive with respect to the effects of the Kreuger suicide from now on. They, as well as brokers, were of the opinion that most of the liquidation in Kreuger securities had taken place yesterday.

\$9,000,000 Credits Here.

Information obtained from the principal banks in New York City yesterday placed the amount of loans and credits of the Kreuger & Toll group here at not more than \$9,000,000. Four leading New York institutions hold nearly all of the short-term obligations.

The commitments were described as short-term loans and acceptances of the Kreuger & Toll Company, the Swedish Match Company, and the

International Match Corporation. Commercial paper of the latter company was said to comprise a substantial amount of the total, which is normal in view of the extensive industrial operations of the company.

At the close of last week Kreuger & Toll had 6,777,031 American certificates listed on the New York Stock Exchange, each representing 20 kronor par value participating debentures of the company. This represented 61.6% of the total amount now outstanding. There was an increase of 124,000 certificates on Saturday and a record gain of 153,000 on Friday, while from March 1 to March 12, inclusive, 384,000 American certificates were added to the Stock Exchange list.

All the Scandinavian currencies reacted in New York yesterday as a result of perturbed conditions occasioned by the suicide of Ivar Kreuger in Paris on Saturday. The largest decline was shown by the Swedish krona, which declined 55 points for the day to close at 19.55 cents, the day's low. The day's high was 20.01 cents.

The Norwegian krone sank 15 points to close at 19.65, the low, comparing with a high of 19.81 for the day, and the Danish krone fell 20 points to the low and closing price of 19.85 cents. The day's high was 20.11 cents.

In its issue of Monday March 14 the New York "Journal of Commerce" said:

Although the news of the death of Ivar Kreuger did not reach financial circles until after the close of the markets Saturday, (March 12) 165,400 shares of Kreuger & Toll were turned over. Prices fluctuated from the opening of 5, up to 5½, and back to a low of 5, at which the stock closed for a net loss for the day of ¾ of a point. This trading represented about one-fourth of the total volume of business done of 647,635 shares.

International Match preferred stock was traded to the extent of 1,300 shares between a range of 17½ and 16½ after an opening at 17½. The stock closed at 17½ up ¼. Its range for the year has been 24½ high and 15½ low. Kreuger & Toll has ranged between 9½ and 4¾.

In the "Times" of March 14 it was stated that the Kreuger & Toll Company has little if any indebtedness in the United States outside of the funded debt of the company, it was said in responsible financial quarters. From the same account we also take the following:

No information as to the exact current position of the Kreuger & Toll Company is available here. According to the foreign dispatches, it is not likely that it will be possible to review the position of the company and prepare a complete balance sheet before April 1, due to the necessity of obtaining reports from all subsidiaries, which operate in all the principal countries of the world.

Persons in close touch with Mr. Kreuger's practices believe the financial position of the group is not impaired. The opinion also was expressed that efforts to support the value of Kreuger & Toll certificates here was a private matter of Mr. Kreuger. The current loans of Kreuger & Toll, maturing from time to time, nearly all held by Swedish banks, under normal circumstances would be subject to renewal if it should happen that current income and cash fall somewhat short of the commitment on a given date.

No Demand Notes Issued.

It was pointed out in banking circles that operations of a company like Kreuger & Toll entail constant borrowing from banking institutions upon such collateral as securities owned or notes and bills payable. It was Mr. Kreuger's constant practice to borrow funds for a given term and not to issue demand notes in return for accommodations.

The prompt action of the Swedish Government in preparing moratoria on private debts "when the circumstances warrant" will have the effect of protecting the interest of banking institutions and investors generally until the Kreuger & Toll situation can be reviewed and safeguarded against runs by frightened creditors or depositors in affiliated banks.

The only obligations of the Kreuger & Toll group traded in on American stock exchanges are:

1. Kreuger & Toll Company, American certificates representing 20 kronor par value participating debentures, of which 6,499,886 are listed on the New York Stock Exchange. Closed last week at 5, down 2½ points for the week. Range for year was 9½ high, 4¾ low. All-time range, 46½ high, in 1929; 4¼ low, on Dec. 22 1931.
2. Kreuger & Toll Company, secured sinking fund gold 5% debentures, due 1959, of which \$50,000,000 were sold in New York in March 1929 at 98. About \$48,000,000 now outstanding, listed on New York Stock Exchange. No recent trading in issue. Last bid 54¼, asked 54½.
3. International Match Corporation, sinking fund 5% debentures, due 1947, of which \$50,000,000 were sold in New York in 1927 at 98½. About \$47,400,000 now outstanding, listed on New York Stock Exchange. Closed last week at 49, down 3 points for the week. Range for the year was 62½ high, 43¼ low. All times range, 102 high, in 1930; 39 low, in 1931.
4. International Match Corporation, convertible gold 5% debentures, due 1941, of which \$50,000,000 were sold in New York in January 1931, at 98. All outstanding, listed on the New York Stock Exchange. Closed last week at 52, down 5 points for the week. Range for the year was 64½ high, 46¼ low. All time range, 100 high, 43 low, both in 1931.
5. International Match Corporation, cumulative \$2.60 participating preference stock, 1,350,000 shares outstanding, listed on the New York Stock Exchange. Closed last week at 17½, down 2¼ points for the week. Range for the year was 24½ high, 15¼ low. All time range, 121½ high, in 1928; 11 low, in 1931.

Outside of these securities there are no Kreuger & Toll or other obligations of the group here, with the possible exception of participations or holdings acquired by Americans abroad, of which there is naturally no record and in which there is no market trading.

Stating that the turnover on the Stock Exchange on March 15 approximated 1,500,000 shares, compared with 2,000,000 shares on the day before, the "Times" of March 16 said:

Selling of Kreuger & Toll was less active than on Monday, and the issue, after fluctuating in a somewhat narrower range, closed unchanged on the day. Eastman shares were dealt in fairly heavily, but there was a small net gain in the price. This stock, which swung within an arc of less than 2½, was not unsettled by the suicide on the previous day of the company's chairman. Other prominent and active shares fell back, among them United States Steel, American Telephone, Santa Fe, International Business Machines, du Pont, New York Central and Western Union.

It was also observed in the New York "Times" of March 15 that the Kreuger & Toll certificates traded in here are

not stock at all, but represent participating debentures which have no voting rights; it was further noted:

Thus some reports conveying the impression that the flow of the debentures to this country meant a shift of control were erroneous. It is evident, however, that if the Swedish company should ever be liquidated the rights of these debentures will be senior to those of the voting stocks. This eventuality is highly conjectural, however, as there is no one in the whole world who could say what disposition will be made of the Kreuger empire. The organization perfected by Ivar Kreuger is believed to be big enough to carry on.

Bank for International Settlements Expects No Ill Effects on It from Death of Ivar Kreuger—Meeting of Governors at Basle—Return of Governor of Bank of Sweden to Stockholm Following Mr. Kreuger's Death.

The Governors of Central European banks, who came together a week ago at Basle, Switzerland, for the Bank for International Settlements board meeting, met on March 13 (Sunday) to discuss possible financial repercussions from the death of Ivar Kreuger, Swedish industrialist. They decided to await events before going deeply into the matter, said Associated Press cablegrams from Basle on that day, which also stated:

This nerve centre of world banking appeared greatly concerned over Mr. Kreuger's suicide in Paris yesterday, but apparently no action was taken other than the central European bankers' meeting.

Warnings of coming difficulties in the European affairs of the Kreuger & Toll Company were believed in authoritative circles here to have led banks connected with Mr. Kreuger's affairs to have taken precautionary measures. The large turnover in Kreuger & Toll business in Wall Street Saturday was taken as an indication of this.

Ivar Rooth, Governor of the Bank of Sweden, and Oscar Rydbeck, Mr. Kreuger's right-hand man, both of whom were here for the World Bank meeting, started for Stockholm an hour and a half after Mr. Kreuger was found dead.

From the New York "Times" we take the following from Basle March 14:

Ivar Kreuger's death dominated the talk among the European central bankers assembled to-day for the monthly meeting of the World Bank [Bank for International Settlements] board.

The chief point of interest of the meeting itself was that the board found the bank's profits for the fiscal year ended March 31 were amply sufficient to justify its recommending that a general assembly be called to-day for May 10 to declare the usual 6% dividend. It is understood that after writing off all the bank's exchange losses on currencies that abandoned the gold standard its profits remain larger than last year.

The board renewed the Reichsbanks credit, noted reports on the Austrian and Hungarian situations and otherwise concerned itself with routine matters. The bank officials were pleased to see that all the governors of the big European central banks, including Montagu Norman, Clement Moret and Dr. Hans Luther, came to Basle for the meeting despite the meagerness of the agenda. What brought them was a desire to talk things over in general on the margin of the meeting. From this viewpoint the combination of Mr. Kreuger's death and the German election made the meeting unusually valuable.

The results of the election caused much surprise and satisfaction, for the financiers, including the Germans, did not expect President von Hindenburg to gain such a lead. The bankers also were surprised at what they called the comparatively mild general effects of Mr. Kreuger's death. They attributed this to the offsetting effect of the good news of the German vote.

The World Bank officials declared their institution was not directly affected by Mr. Kreuger's death or the Swedish moratorium. It might be affected, indirectly, however, if there are heavy withdrawals from the Bank of Sweden, which then would have to draw on its reserves deposited in the World Bank. Officials stated that thus far there had been no such call for help.

These officials were in touch with all Europe's Central Banks and also with New York by telephone to-day. It was revealed that, although the Kreuger shares everywhere either as in New York and Paris slumped badly or as in Switzerland were not dealt in, there was not as bad a drop in other shares as had been feared, and Swedish kronor lost only about 4%.

The Kreuger company's short-term indebtedness to New York is estimated to total \$6,000,000 or \$7,000,000, while its long-term indebtedness to bondholders in the United States totals \$200,000,000.

Officials attribute the Kreuger trouble immediately to a \$20,000,000 debt due this month which his Swedish creditors refused to renew and for which he was unable to raise funds in New York and Paris to pay off. As a more basic cause they point to the "terrific shrinkage" in German, Polish, Rumanian and other bonds he held, to losses on foreign exchange and generally to liquidity trouble resulting from borrowing short and lending long.

As an example of his losses in bonds it was pointed out that he bought \$15,000,000 of the Young loan from the World Bank at 85, which now sells at 85—and Mr. Kreuger held in all \$140,000,000 in German bonds.

Action of House Banking Committee in Favorably Reporting Bill to Make Debentures of Intermediate Credit Banks Eligible for 15-Day Loans to Member Banks of Federal Reserve System Viewed by Charles R. Dunn as Assuring Passage of Bill.

Charles R. Dunn, fiscal agent at 31 Nassau St. for the Federal Intermediate Credit banks, announced on March 13 the receipt of official advices from Washington that the bill making the debentures of the Intermediate Credit banks eligible for 15-day loans by Federal Reserve banks to banks which are members of the Federal Reserve System, has been favorably reported out by the House Banking and Currency Committee without amendment. The favorable

action of the Banking and Currency Committee practically assures the passage of this bill, Mr. Dunn said, pointing out that practically no opposition had developed regarding it and that the House and Senate are expected to pass it in the form in which it has been reported out by the Committee. Among the organizations which have endorsed this bill is the American Farm Bureau Federation. Mr. Dunn said:

I am exceedingly optimistic with respect to this bill and its passage and final enactment by Congress and the President will put the debentures of the Federal Intermediate Credit banks in an extremely favorable position. It will cut the cost of borrowing by the farmer, who now pays as high as 9% under existing conditions, and interest rates will be reduced 1½% or more. Since the Federal Intermediate Credit bank debentures have not been eligible for 15-day loans by Federal Reserve banks to member banks they have not had the degree of liquidity desired by the market. It was an oversight that these debentures were not made eligible when the bill creating the banks was passed in 1923.

The enactment of this bill will facilitate the monthly short term debenture financing by the banks in New York and other financial markets. It is a great step forward from the several points of view.

Bill of Representative Strong Would Define Federal Reserve Policies—Monetary Stabilization Also Proposed in Measure Offered in House.

Representative Strong (Rep.) of Blue Rapids, Kans., a member of the House Committee on Banking and Currency, on March 8, introduced a bill to amend the Federal Reserve Act by defining policies of the Federal Reserve Board, promote maintenance of a stable gold standard, maintain a stable purchasing power of the dollar at approximately the 1926 wholesale commodity price level and to direct the Governor of the Board to make public any change in its policies. The "United States Daily" reporting this gave the text of the bill as follows:

Be it enacted, &c., That the Act approved Dec. 23 1913, known as the Federal Reserve Act, as amended, be further amended as follows: Add to section 14 the following paragraphs:

(g) The term "Federal Reserve System," as used in this Act, shall mean the Federal Reserve Board, the Federal Reserve banks, and all committees, commissions, agents, and others under their direction, supervision or control.

(h) In order to promote the stability of commerce, industry, agriculture, and employment: the Federal Reserve System shall use all the powers and authority now or hereafter possessed by it to maintain a stable gold standard: a more stable purchasing power of the dollar at approximately the wholesale commodity price level of the year 1926, so far as such purposes may be accomplished by monetary and credit policy.

(i) That the index number of the general level of wholesale commodity prices as determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor shall be used as the guide by the Federal Reserve System in the use of its powers as herein directed.

(j) Whenever any decision as to policies is made or whenever any action is taken by the Federal Reserve System tending to effect the aforesaid purposes of this amendment, such decision or action and reasons therefor shall be published by the Governor of the Federal Reserve Board immediately and in such detail as may be deemed by him to be most effective in promptly advising the public of the same.

Sec. 2. After section 28 add the following:

Section 28A. Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with the terms of this Act are hereby repealed.

More Power Urged for Reserve Board—Representative Goldsborough Introduces Measure for Revision of Existing Law.

Broadening of the powers of the Federal Reserve Board would be provided to raise and stabilize the commodity price level under a bill (H. R. 10517) introduced, March 15, by Representative Goldsborough (Dem.) of Denton, Md., a member of the House Committee on Banking and Currency. In indicating this, March 16, the "United States Daily" added:

Mr. Goldsborough, who is Chairman of the Subcommittee of the Banking and Currency Committee in charge of this bill, announced orally that his group will begin hearings on the measure March 16, following which the Committee will go into executive session to consider and probably report the bill.

He stated that representatives of the American Farm Bureau Federation, the National Grange and the Farmers National will be heard on March 16 and 18; members of Congress will be heard on March 19, and economists and members of the Federal Reserve Board will be called before the Committee on March 21 and 22.

The measure follows in full text:

Be it enacted, &c., that the Federal Reserve Act is amended by adding at the end thereof a new section to read as follows:

Sec. 31. The Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks are hereby authorized and directed to take all available steps to raise the present deflated wholesale commodity level of prices as speedily as possible to the level existing before the present deflation, and afterward to use all available means to maintain such wholesale commodity level of prices.

Sec. 2. If, in carrying out the purposes of the preceding section, the Federal Reserve Board, and, or, the Federal Reserve banks, in selling securities, should exhaust the supply, the Federal Reserve Board is authorized and directed to issue new debentures.

Sec. 3. If, in carrying out the purposes of Section 1, the gold reserve is deemed by the Federal Reserve Board to be too near to the prescribed minimum, the Board is authorized to raise the official price of gold if the other methods already authorized appear inadequate.

If, on the other hand, the gold reserve ratio is deemed too high the Federal Reserve Board is authorized to lower the official price of gold if the other methods already authorized appear inadequate.

Glass Banking Bill Introduced in Senate in Revised Form—Amends Federal Reserve and National Banking Laws—Statement by Senator Glass.

In revised form, the bill of Senator Carter Glass, introduced in the Senate on Jan. 21, was again presented to the Senate on March 17, following its revision by a Sub-Committee of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee. Like the original bill, said the Washington correspondent, March 17, of the New York "Evening Post," the revised measure places severe restrictions upon the use of Federal Reserve credit for collateral loans, creates a liquidating corporation to take over the assets of closed banks, defines affiliates and makes drastic restrictions upon branch banking. While stating that the new bill follows generally the lines of the original bill, the "Post" notes that several rather important changes have been made, however, during the prolonged study which has been made by the sub-committee.

From the same paper we take the following:

Among the new provisions are the requirement that Federal Reserve banks shall restore their surpluses as of Dec. 31 1931, before paying further dividends, the requirement that member banks increase their reserves with the Reserve banks during the next five years, and authorization for the liquidating corporation to issue debentures up to four times its capital. Other provisions minimum capital for new banks at \$100,000, prohibit any bank of less than \$500,000 capital from establishing a branch outside of the city in which it is situated prohibit any bank from establishing branches across a State line except in unusual circumstances, and authorize the Comptroller of the Currency to dismiss bank officials for irregularities.

Senator Glass issued a statement simultaneously with the introduction of the bill in which he explained the effect of the revisions and the discretionary powers which they give to the Federal Reserve Board in addition to the great increases in its power proposed by the original bill.

In this statement the former Treasury Secretary expressed the opinion that the era of bank failures is over.

Bill's Fate in Doubt.

The bill introduced to-day is the one which faced such a prospect of controversy that it was necessary several weeks ago to take from it the uncontroversial features which became the Glass-Steagall bill and pass them. That was done after a White House conference at which the assurance was given that no parliamentary obstacles would be put in the way of the present bill. Just what the reaction to it will be, however, cannot be definitely understood until members have had an opportunity to study its involved provisions.

One of the objects of the bill is to make drastic limitations upon the use of Federal Reserve system credit for collateral loans. It provided that rediscount facilities "shall not be extended to member banks for the purpose of making or carrying loans covering investments, or facilitating the carrying of, or trading in stocks, bonds, or other investment securities other than obligations of the Government of the United States."

It then provides further that the Federal Reserve Board may in its discretion suspend for not more than one year from the use of the credit facilities of the Federal Reserve system any member bank making undue, unauthorized or improper use of such facilities. At another point the bill gives the Reserve Board power to fix from time to time the percentage of capital and surplus of any member bank which may be represented by loans protected by collateral security. It also prohibits any member bank from making loans in excess of 10% of its capital stock to any affiliate dealing in stocks and bonds.

The bill eliminates the provision of present law which makes the Secretary of the Treasury an ex officio member of the Federal Reserve Board and provides that it shall consist of six appointed members and the Comptroller of the Currency ex officio.

The liquidation corporation is to be controlled by the Comptroller of the Currency and an "open market committee" which is to consist of the Governor of the Board and one member from each Reserve district. Its operations in respect to member banks are to be financed by a fund subscribed by the Federal Reserve and member banks. Its operations as to State banks, authorized for a period of two years from passage of the act, are to be financed by a \$200,000,000 appropriation from the Treasury.

The outstanding features of the new Glass bill, were indicated as follows in a Washington despatch March 17 to the New York "Journal of Commerce":

1. Prohibition against the making of loans for the account of others on collateral security withdrawn.
2. Compulsory banking by incorporated firms in recognized banking institutions omitted.
3. Removal of recalcitrant executives from their banking positions when complaint is made against "bad banking" methods provided for.
4. Restoration of surplus of Reserve banks as of Dec. 31 last before distributing earnings contemplated in new amendment.
5. Penalty clause, proposing withdrawal of 15-day borrowing on promissory notes, modified so as to require a previous order from a Reserve bank or the Reserve Board to cease increasing security loans while Reserve funds are being borrowed.
6. Existing reserve requirements for member banks variously located altered to the extent of restoring over a period of five years reserves formerly required supporting time deposits.
7. Liquidating corporation to be set up under this bill to be given authority proposed in Thomas-Beedy closed bank bill to issue debentures in amount four times its capital, if desired.
8. A minimum capital of \$100,000 to be required of banks in future seeking national charters, except when in towns of not exceeding 6,000 inhabitants, their capital to be \$50,000, and if formed to take over the business of any existing bank \$25,000.
9. In "very exceptional cases" the new bill would permit establishment of a branch bank across an adjacent State line, but not further away than 50 miles. No bank with less than \$500,000 capital would be permitted branches outside of its own domicile.
10. There is removed from the original bill prohibition against any member bank offering compensation for the maintenance of checking balances and the prohibition against the purchasing or holding by any national bank the obligations of any corporation not having earned a stated dividend for a period of years.

The statement issued by Senator Glass on March 17 is taken as follows from the "United States Daily":

The changes in the bill as introduced to-day from the text of the bill introduced on last Jan. 21, are not numerous, but some of them quite important. Omitting all reference to inconsequential verbal changes, it may be noted that words have been added to the related provision which require a Federal Reserve Bank to restore its surplus as of Dec. 31 1931, before making distribution of its earnings.

The provision of the bill relating to the use of Federal Reserve facilities on direct promissory notes of member banks for 15-day borrowings is modified so as to require a previous order from a Federal Reserve bank or the Federal Reserve Board before the penalty of suspension shall be applied; a further discretion is confided to the Federal Reserve Board to determine the period for which a member bank may be suspended for persistent violation of the requirements of this provision after being duly warned.

Reserve Requirements.

Existing reserve requirements for members banks variously located are altered only to the extent of restoring, over a period of five years, the reserve formerly required to be held behind time deposits. This has been done because of convincing testimony that the banks generally, in order to evade the law, have manipulated their demand and time deposits so as to avail themselves of the low 3% requirement for time deposits. This has resulted in reducing the average reserve requirements to a very undesirable, if not unsafe, figure.

To the provision of the January bill establishing a liquidating corporation for the prompt relief of depositors in failed banks we have added that provision of the Thomas-Beedy bill which authorized the liquidating corporation to issue debentures in an amount four times the amount of its capital, in case it should deem this to be necessary or desirable. As a matter of fact it is doubtful if this shall ever be the case. Indeed, it is questionable if the Liquidating Corp. will ever be compelled to make more than a single call on its authorized assessment of member banks, unless it may be assumed that we are to have another notable era of bank failures, which does not now seem at all probable.

National Bank Capital.

In the matter of National bank capital the bill as introduced to-day eliminates the requirement of 15% of gross deposits as contained in the January bill and provides a minimum capital of \$100,000 for National banks hereafter chartered, except that banks in towns not exceeding 6,000 inhabitants may have a minimum capital of \$50,000 and that banks formed for the purpose of succeeding to the business of an existing bank may, in the discretion of the Comptroller of the Currency, have as little as \$25,000.

The branch bank provision of the January bill is modified by authorizing the Federal Reserve Board, in very exceptional cases, to permit the establishment of a branch across an adjacent State line, but not beyond a distance of 50 miles from the seat of the parent bank. No bank with less than \$500,000 of capital is permitted to establish a branch outside of the city, town or village in which it is located.

Penalties for Illicit Business.

An entirely new provision is added to the bill as introduced to-day, which imposes an intermediate penalty for banks that persistently do an illicit and irregular business, notwithstanding the criticisms and warnings of a Comptroller of the Currency. Under existing law the only penalty is a revocation of charter, a punishment regarded as so severe that the Comptroller's office is always reluctant to apply it. Under this new provision the Comptroller of the Currency, the Governor of the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve agent in a given district constitute a committee to take evidence in the case of bank officials offending against the law, which Board is authorized, after a full hearing, to dismiss the offending bank official.

Those provisions of the January bill which were lifted out and incorporated in the so-called Glass-Steagall bill are, of course, omitted from the new bill. Likewise are omitted certain provisions of the January bill which were interpreted to interfere with the business of private banking over which it is thought Congress has no jurisdiction. Also there were omitted from the bill certain sections that were variously interpreted as too restrictive, such as the requirement that no member bank may offer compensation for the maintenance of balances subject to check; that no National bank shall purchase or hold the obligations of any corporation which had not earned a stated dividend for a period of years. There are certain readjustments of the double liability requirement of holding companies engaged in group banking, &c.

From the Washington account March 17 to the New York "Herald Tribune" we take the following:

Section 2 of the bill, which contains the definition of the proposed act, has been rewritten but not essentially changed.

Section 3 provides that facilities of the Reserve system shall not be extended to member banks for the purpose of making or carrying loans covering investments or facilitating the carrying of stocks or trading in them. Any member bank may be suspended from the reserve system for making undus use of its facilities. This section is unchanged from the language of the original bill.

Section 4, which is restrictive of chain banks, is unchanged.

Section 6 of the original bill, requiring that all member banks shall comply with the requirements of the act applicable to National banks, is omitted, but the regulation of affiliates as proposed in that section of the first bill is retained with little change.

Section 7, which is intended to remove the Secretary of the Treasury from the Reserve Board, is in the same language as in the earlier bill.

In the original bill, Section 8 authorized adding to the number of cities which are classified as reserve and central reserve cities. This is eliminated.

Section 8 of the new bill, which was Section 9 of the first measure, relates to the percentage of the capital and surplus of a member bank which may be represented by loans protected by collateral security. It authorizes the Reserve Board to fix this percentage. The terms of the first bill in regard to this matter are to some extent changed and a provision in the original to this matter are to some extent changed and a provision in the original is dropped out which said no collateral loan should be made by any bank to any person in excess of 10% of the unimpaired capital and surplus of the bank.

Liquidating Corporation Section.

Section 11A of the original bill was the section which related to advances to groups of banks on ineligible assets. This section was put into the Glass-Steagall bill and, therefore, is eliminated from the new bill.

Section 11 of the original bill is the same as Section 9 of the new bill, and provides that no loans shall be made to affiliates in excess of 10% of the capital and surplus of the bank.

Section 10 of the new bill is practically the same as Section 12 of the original and covers the provisions as to creation of a Federal open market committee, of which the Governor of the Reserve Board is to be a member.

Section 12B of the new bill covers the Federal Liquidating Corporation. This was also Section 12B of the old bill. As pointed out by Senator Glass,

there has been added the provision of the Thomas-Beedy bill, which authorizes the Corporation to issue debentures to four times the amount of the capital. Senator Glass estimates the resources of the Corporation might amount to \$750,000,000, but does not expect that sum to be required.

Section 11 of the new bill was Section 13 in the original. This relates to 15-day borrowing on direct promissory notes of member banks. It is the section intended to curtail use of Reserve System facilities to finance speculation. It has been modified, as expressed by Senator Glass, so the penalty provisions are in some degree less stringent than before, but it is nevertheless drastic. It provides that member banks' 15-day notes and acceptances under revolving or renewal credit should not be available to the Reserve banks as security for Federal Reserve notes.

In the "United States Daily" of March 18 it was stated that the new bill if enacted will be known as the "Banking Act of 1932." It has been referred to the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency. The Glass banking bill introduced in the Senate in January was referred to in our issue of Jan. 23, page 608.

Tax Bill Before House—Maximum Surtax Rate Raised from 40% to 65%—Normal Tax on Incomes over \$8,000 Increased from 6% to 7%—Copper Duty Abandoned.

Reporting the action yesterday (March 18) of the House on the revenue bill, imposing new taxes, including a manufacturer's sales tax of 2¼%, the New York "Evening Post" stated in a Washington dispatch that the Ways and Means Committee was overruled, and the surtaxes were raised from a maximum of 40% to 65%. The vote by which this was done was amazingly large, 153 to 87, says the dispatch, which also states that only six Democrats voted with Chairman Crisp.

The maximum surtax rates take effect on incomes of \$5,000,000, and are in addition to the normal tax, which was previously written up by a vote of 121 to 88 from 6% to 7% on incomes over \$8,000. The two amendments together now make income taxes total 72% on all incomes over \$5,000,000. The "Post" also said:

Sales Tax in Doubt.

The action of the House to-day threw the fate of the sales tax in some doubt, after leaders had considered it was as good as adopted. Although the more optimistic took the view that many Representatives had voted for the high income taxes who would also vote for the sales tax, some of the leaders, including Henry T. Rainey, Democratic floor leader, said they honestly did not know what the outcome of the sales tax fight would be now that the temper of the House had been so clearly demonstrated.

The surtax schedules in the higher brackets were amended as follows:

40%-----	\$100,000 to \$150,000	54%-----	\$750,000 to \$1,000,000
42%-----	150,000 to 200,000	56%-----	1,000,000 to 1,500,000
44%-----	200,000 to 250,000	58%-----	1,500,000 to 2,000,000
46%-----	250,000 to 300,000	60%-----	2,000,000 to 3,000,000
48%-----	300,000 to 400,000	62%-----	3,000,000 to 4,000,000
50%-----	400,000 to 500,000	64%-----	4,000,000 to 5,000,000
52%-----	500,000 to 750,000	65%-----	above 5,000,000

Other Amendments.

Increasing the maximum normal income tax rate from 5 to 7% on incomes of \$8,000 and more.

Reducing exemptions on incomes from \$1,500 to \$1,000 for single men and from \$3,500 to \$2,500 for married men. Increased taxes from 1½ to 4% on the first \$4,000 and from 3 to 4% on the second \$4,000.

The bill, as we stated in our issue of March 12, page 1885, was brought before the House on March 7, following the completion of the drafting of the proposed legislation by the House Ways and Means Committee, and consideration of the bill in the House was begun March 10. The new taxation embodied in the bill was indicated in our item of a week ago. General debate on the bill was scheduled to be concluded in the House at a night session March 17, as to which we quote the following from the "United States Daily" of March 17:

This agreement was reached when the Acting Chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, Representative Crisp, offered and was upheld by the House on March 16 in unanimous consent requests (1) that general debate close on the bill at the close of the session on March 17, and (2) that a night session be held on that date from 8 to 10:30 p. m. to permit continuance of general debate.

Associated Press advices from Washington (March 18) published in the New York "Sun" said:

The House Ways and Means Committee reversed itself to-day on the proposed 4 cents a pound excise tax on copper imports and decided against sponsoring such a levy in the pending tax bill. The vote on reversal was 14 to 8.

The action on the copper tax was taken at a closed session at which Treasury officials and representatives of the copper fabricating industry in the East appeared in opposition.

Yesterday the committee decided to sponsor a 4 cents a pound levy on imported copper with compensatory rates on copper in various forms. Its action to-day was viewed with considerable surprise by Representative Douglas, Democrat, of Arizona, and Representatives of twelve other copper-producing States who yesterday had rejoiced at meeting with some success in their efforts on behalf of such a tax.

Acting Chairman Crisp said the committee reversed itself because the proposed tax "involved complicated tariff schedules," which would have to be changed in the tariff laws in about forty different ways. He said it would be impossible for the various schedules to be worked out in time for action by the House of the new revenue bill.

Wary of Dry Law Problems.

The committee also turned down a proposal of Representative Dickinson, Democrat, of Missouri, to increase the tax on a barrel of medicinal liquor by \$5. Mr. Crisp said the committee did not want to get into any more prohibition problems.

A subcommittee consisting of Mr. Crisp, Representatives Rainey of Illinois, Democrat, and Hawley of Oregon, Republican, was appointed to consider further amendments to be offered.

It will consider proposals to exempt grape juice and lard from the 2.25% manufactures sales tax.

After a rapid-fire debate which led to House acceptance of the La Guardia amendments increasing rates on incomes above \$8,000, the House moved into the surtax section of the measure.

Representative Swing, Republican, of California, proposed an amendment to restore the war-time surtax on incomes exceeding \$100,000, ranging as high as 65% on incomes of \$5,000,000 and over.

The committee proposed an increase in surtax rates from 20 to 40% on incomes in excess of \$100,000.

Mr. Swing's amendment would begin with 40% on \$100,000 incomes and is graduated up to 50% on \$500,000.

It was adopted by a vote of 153 to 87.

The House followed its leader for the first time to-day by raising the corporation tax from 12% to 13%.

An amendment by Representative Harlan, Democrat, of Ohio, to make the amount 15% was defeated without a division.

Stock Levy Rejected.

The House rejected an amendment to levy a special tax of \$1 on every \$1,000 of capital stock of corporations. Representative Fuller, Democrat, of Arkansas, proposed the restoration of this war-time tax. He estimated it would return \$100,000,000 annually in revenue. The amendment was rejected on a viva voce vote.

Action upon all amendment is subject to reconsideration before the bill finally is passed. Under the rules a roll call vote may not be had at this stage of consideration. After a viva voce vote, the members may be called up to stand and be counted by the Speaker, or a teller vote may be demanded under which they pass between tellers and be counted for or against an amendment.

On Monday, March 14 the Ways and Means Committee of the House met to try to frame some minor amendments which might make the manufacturer's tax more acceptable to the Democratic opposition. It adjourned without further action, however, said a dispatch to the New York "Times", which further said:

Unofficial reports said that the Committee had decided to stand by the sales tax, practically as written. The majority of the members were opposed, it was said, to opening the list of exemptions. They felt that once new exemptions are admitted, the sales tax might be "exempted to death."

On March 15 it was stated in Associated Press dispatches from Washington:

The Committee decided to propose in its own amendment elimination of the 2.25% sales levy on canned fruit, vegetables and meats and canned and smoked fish.

The proposed changes will reduce the probable yield of the sales levy, originally estimated at \$595,000,000 by \$11,000,000.

The Committee will endeavor to find other sources of revenue to produce this amount.

The Committee voted to exempt press messages from the special taxes on telegrams.

In indicating that a call for a bi-partisan caucus for a "last ditch" fight was the answer of opponents of the sales tax to concessions offered by the House Ways and Means Committee on the more drastic provisions of the proposed levy. A Washington dispatch, March 15, to the New York "Herald Tribune" said:

The conference to be held to-morrow night was suggested by Representative Robert L. Doughton of South Carolina and was originally intended as a rally of Democrats antagonistic to the sales tax. However, Republicans have been invited, and Representative Doughton estimates that more than 100 members will attend.

Suggestion that a program would be laid for a "last-ditch" fight was taken as evidence that some of the opponents feel their position has been weakened by overtures of the Ways and Means Committee, made to-day in the form of amendments to the bill to eliminate the tax on canned goods and press messages.

From an account, March 16, to the New York "Times" we take the following:

A large group of House Democrats met to-night to lay plans for an attempt to "kill" the 2.25% sales levy from the tax measure, while party leaders were using every available resource to maintain this "essential feature" of their budget balancing program.

There were 50 of the heretofore unorganized Democrats opposing the sales tax who gathered in the House caucus room and voted to "leave no honorable means unemployed" to defeat it.

They failed to enroll as many in this "organized" campaign as they predicted earlier in the day. They laid this partly to inclement weather.

The conference developed no plan of action, but the members agreed that they were against the sales tax; they reported opposition to this provision from practically every part of the country and came to the conclusion that "an apparently overwhelming majority of the Democratic members of the House are opposed to the manufacturers' tax provision of the pending revenue bill."

Inter-State Commerce Commission to Date Has Approved Loans of \$53,991,255 to 15 Railroads—Over 296 Millions in Federal Loans Applied For.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission this week approved immediate loans to three additional railroads from the Reconstruction Finance Corp. for the full statutory period of three years viz.: Fort Smith & Western, \$162,000; Missouri Export RR., \$100,000, and Chicago & Eastern Illinois an additional loan of \$82,000. To date 44 railroads

have applied to the Inter-State Commerce Commission for authority to borrow some 296 millions from the Reconstruction Finance Corp. The Commission has approved immediate loans totaling \$53,991,255 to 15 roads without prejudice to approval of additional amounts of the sums sought upon further investigation into the needs of the respective carriers. The Reconstruction Finance Corp., according to the latest information at hand has advanced a total of \$47,075,257 of the sums approved by the Commission.

The additional loans approved by the Inter-State Commerce Commission this week are as follows:

Chicago & Eastern Illinois.....	*\$82,080
Fort Smith & Western.....	162,000
Mississippi Export RR.....	100,000

* This is in addition to \$3,629,500 already approved.

The security offered and the purposes specified for the loans approved are as follows:

Chicago & Eastern Illinois Ry.

Pledge with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation as collateral security for said loan an aggregate principal amount of \$8,852,700 of its bonds of the following issues: (a) prior lien mortgage 6% bonds series A of 1961; (b) prior lien mortgage 5½% bonds series B of 1961 [now pledged as security for loan of \$3,629,100 approved Feb. 27 1932]; and also deposit its irrevocable order to the Railroad Credit Corporation, authorizing and directing it to pay to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, for the account of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Ry., the amount of \$82,080.

The loan of \$82,080 which is for a period not to exceed two years is to enable company to pay six months' interest, due April 1 1932, in that amount, on its first consolidated mortgage 6% bonds which are outstanding in the amount of \$2,736,000, maturing Oct. 1 1934.

Fort Smith & Western.

The loan of \$612,000 is for a period not exceeding three years and is for the purpose of providing funds to pay:

(a) Overdue bills for materials, supplies, car repairs, rental of joint facilities, and indebtedness to the Hospital Association, as set forth in the statements filed in support of the application, in an amount not exceeding \$64,332;

(b) General taxes assessed against the railroad in the State of Oklahoma for the year 1930, in an amount not exceeding \$42,668; and

(c) Bank loans matured on and prior to Feb. 4 1932, in the aggregate amount of \$55,000.

The loan will be secured by the pledge of an equivalent face amount of receiver's certificates duly authorized by the court of jurisdiction, or by the acceptance of such receiver's certificates as direct evidence of the receiver's indebtedness to it.

Mississippi Export RR.

Loan of not to exceed \$100,000 for a period of three years from date thereof, by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. That the Mississippi Export RR. is to deposit with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, as collateral security for said loan, \$100,000 of its first mortgage 6% bonds due in 1946.

The purposes for which the proceeds of the loan will be used are as follows:

To pay a note to the First National Bank of Mobile, Ala., due March 13 1932.....	\$75,000
To pay interest thereon due March 13 1932.....	1,327
To pay a demand note to the Bank of Lucedale.....	2,400
To pay a note to Gulf Mobile & Northern RR. Co. due March 30 1932.....	4,758
To pay various audited accounts payable.....	16,514

In addition to the application already pending before the Commission (see "Chronicle" Mar. 5, p. 1699 and Mar. 12, p. 1893) the following roads have applied to the Commission for authority to borrow from the Reconstruction Finance Corp. in the amounts shown:

Alabama Central.....	\$25,000
Ann Arbor.....	764,657
Buffalo-Union-Carolina.....	100,000
Florida East Coast.....	619,373
Gulf & Ship Island.....	694,350
Kansas City Kaw Valley & Western.....	135,831
Maine Central.....	2,400,000
Waco Beaumont Trinity & Sabine.....	8,983,285

Maine Central RR.

The Maine Central RR. would use the money to pay notes due July 1 and to restore the cash balance of the treasury expended in part for payment of loans and purchase of the Upper Coos RR. The road offers as security \$2,119,000 of bonds of the Portland & Ogdensburg Ry. and a first mortgage on the Upper Coos RR. The company wants the loan to be available June 1 next. It has \$1,500,000 in notes maturing on June 1 which were issued Dec. 1 1931, through Lee, Higginson & Co. These bankers have advised the railroad that under existing conditions they cannot place a loan for the railroad to meet its present requirements. The carrier was advised on Feb. 16 last, that the banks now holding its note expect it to provide for the June 1 maturities without asking that the loans be extended for a longer period.

The road told the Commission that it has no present ability to repay the loan applied for or to pay its \$1,500,000 in outstanding notes, except through sale at current market prices of its Portland & Ogdensburg bonds. An unwarranted sacrifice would be involved in their sale at this time, it was said.

Kansas City Kaw Valley & Western.

The loan would be secured by pledge of \$150,000 of the road's first mortgage gold bonds. The funds would be used to pay matured bond interest and bond interest due April 1 1932, pay off outstanding notes, back taxes, passed due bills and provide for maintenance.

Florida East Coast.

The receivers would use the proceeds of the loan to pay interest and principal on maturing equipment trust certificates.

Details regarding the loans approved by the Commission, the loans advanced by the Reconstruction Finance Corp. and pending applications are given in the "Chronicle" Mar. 5, p. 1697 and Mar. *2, p. 1893.

Reports That Reconstruction Finance Corporation May Bar Rail Loans to Repay Bank Debt—Later Indicated that Corporation Will Co-operate With Bankers.

From the New York "Journal of Commerce" of March 16 we take the following:

Reports which were widely circulated yesterday that the Reconstruction Corporation may refuse to extend credit to railroads for the purpose of repaying short term loans to the banks in many instances led to sharp declines for railroad securities.

Bankers said that there has been no definite indication of the policy to be adopted by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation on this point and that there were widespread rumors that the question is now being debated. There is, it was said, a sharp division of opinion among the officials of the Reconstruction Corporation. Loans thus far approved by the Inter-State Commerce Commission and the board of the Reconstruction Corporation have been relatively small for the most part, and delay in announcing decisions in many large pending applications has created uneasiness.

One rumor was circulated that negotiations were being carried on between the bankers and officials of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for the purpose of reaching a compromise under which the banks would receive partial repayment on their extensions to the roads. The refusal by some of the banks to continue credits to the roads was reported to have aroused the protest of Eugene Meyer, Chairman of the Corporation and Governor of the Federal Reserve Board. Gen. Charles G. Dawes was said to have favored the use of Reconstruction Finance Corporation funds for the full retirement of banking credits.

Views of Bankers.

The view in banking quarters is that the corporation should extend credit to the roads in order to pay banking debts with the same readiness that loans are extended for other purposes. It was pointed out that the corporation was formed with the principle aim of strengthening the banking structure and that the refusal of loans to permit the repayment of banking credits would conflict with the major purpose of bringing the corporation into existence.

It was considered likely by some that the corporation finally would issue a definite announcement of its policy with respect to the issuance of loans for the repayment of banks. Even if loans of this kind are refused, it was held, the value of the work of the Corporation will be very great in many other respects.

A Washington dispatch to the "Wall Street Journal" of Mar. 17 stating that there is no basis for reports of friction in the Reconstruction Finance Corporation over railroad loans added:

The rumored differences were on whether the Corporation should take over the entire burden of railroad lending or whether banks should continue loans. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation says it considers various cases concerning loans on their merits and has no set policies.

In its issue of Mar. 17 the "Journal of Commerce" had the following to say:

The financial positions of borrowing railroads and the ability of lending banks and bankers to continue to carry short-term loans to the carriers will be the chief factors determining the policy of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, it was stated in banking circles yesterday.

Instead of adopting a fixed policy on the question of issuing loans to liquidate bank credit, the Reconstruction Corporation will work in co-operation with the bankers, testing each case on its merits.

There has been no division of opinion as to the issuance of Reconstruction Corporation loans in order to retire bonds in the hands of the public and where publicly floated issues are held by the banks; the Corporation just as readily will assist in meeting maturities. With respect to short-term credits issued to the roads by banks, however, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation will closely examine each case as it is presented.

Inter-State Commerce Commission Passes on Requests.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission, it is pointed out, passes upon requests for loans from the carriers in the first instance. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation board must approve thereafter, and the friction has arisen within the latter body of which Eugene Meyer Jr., is Chairman and Charles G. Dawes, President.

The point is stressed among bankers here that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation has no intention of forcing railroads into receivership where that can be at all prevented, in view of the adverse effect on general credit and business conditions of such developments.

Also that body does not want to embarrass the banks. However, a difference of opinion has arisen as to what is a reasonable case for a loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to repay a bank loan and from now on each case is to be considered on its merits on the basis of conference between the interested bankers and representatives of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, where the request for a loan of this character is not granted.

In the meanwhile bankers interested in railroad finance pointed out that where bankers were going to continue to carry a substantial load of railroad short-term debt they may expect dividend reductions and omissions. Realization of this is believed largely responsible for recent weakness in many railroad share prices. The passing of the preferred dividend by Baltimore & Ohio was ascribed to this cause.

From Washington, Mar. 14, the same paper reported the following:

Reports so far issued by the Inter-State Commerce Commission approving railroad applications for loans from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation indicate that the question as to whether Government loans shall be made to enable the carriers to pay off bank loans is one to be decided according to the circumstances of each individual case.

In the 17 approval reports issued by the Commission approving loans to 15 railroads amounting to \$53,972,255, practically all of which has now been actually loaned by the Corporation, are four cases in which part of the money allowed was to be used to pay bank loans, although in several other cases, in which the Commission approved only part of the loan applied for, to meet the most immediately pressing requirements, reserving the rest for later consideration or further information, amounts asked for to meet bank loans maturing later in the year were withheld for the time being. In one or two cases, also, the Commission suggested further efforts to induce bankers to renew loans at least in part.

Loans to Nickel Plate.

The loan of \$9,300,000 to the New York, Chicago & St. Louis (Nickel Plate) RR., approved on Feb. 24, included \$6,000,000 for a loan from the Guaranty Trust Co., maturing March 7. This was secured by certificates

of deposit representing the Nickel Plate's interest in the Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry. and also by \$10,500,000 of its own bonds, which according to the report were to be transferred upon payment of the bank loan to the Finance Corporation as collateral security for its loan.

The loan of \$3,629,500 to the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Ry., approved by the Commission and later announced as having been made by the Corporation, also included \$700,000 for a note to the Midland Bank, due March 1. The company had asked for a total of \$7,196,436, which also includes some bank loans coming due later in the year.

A loan of \$275,000 to the Alabama, Tennessee & Northern RR., approved Feb. 26, which was also made by the Corporation, included \$160,000 for bank loans, and a loan of \$162,000 to the receiver of the Fort Smith & Western Ry. approved on March 11, included \$55,000 for bank loans. On the other hand, the Chicago North Western Ry. which applied for a total of \$26,000,000 in partial payments throughout the year was allowed at once only \$7,600,000 in the Commission's report, and the part deferred for later consideration included a one-year loan of \$10,000,000 due Oct. 13.

Law Is Laid Down In Use of Rail Credit—Inter-State Commerce Commission Bars the Chesapeake & Ohio From Employing Loan Funds to Buy Alleghany Corporation Stocks.

Use of the credit of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway to take railroad stocks off the hands of the Van Sweringen Alleghany Corp. was frowned upon on Mar. 17 by the Inter-State Commerce Commission. According to an account on that date from Washington to the New York "Journal of Commerce" from which we also quote as follows:

A declaration by the Commission that under existing conditions railroad credit should be used for strictly railroad purposes, and not for the purpose of acquiring securities of other railroads, is included in the text of its report made public to-day, conditionally authorizing the Chesapeake & Ohio to pledge so much as may be necessary of an issue of \$28,142,000 of refunding and improvement mortgage 4½% bonds as collateral security for \$9,000,000 of short-term notes.

The condition was that no part of the bonds shall be pledged as security for notes to be used in connection with the purchase of or payment for any "stock of any other company or any evidence of indebtedness of any other company or of any person, partnership, or association," unless such pledge is hereafter specifically authorized by the Commission.

The text of the report shows that the purpose of the Commission was to prevent the use of the new notes in paying for the purchase by the Chesapeake & Ohio from the Alleghany Corp. of 46,200 shares of Pere Marquette stock, 215,000 shares of Erie stock and 167,300 shares of New York Chicago & St. Louis stock, for which it issued last month one-year notes to the amount of \$3,950,658. A brief memorandum of the Commission's action was made public on the date of its report, March 11, but the text was not made public until to-day.

Referring to the issue of notes for the purchase of the stock, it says: "The record fails to show whether the applicant intends to use as collateral for the foregoing notes any of the bonds which it is asking authority to pledge. The conservation of the credit of carriers is a matter of public interest and under existing conditions we think it is proper to require that bonds issued be used only in connection with the provision of funds for keeping railway properties in operation, meeting fixed charges and otherwise maintaining credit and that the authorization granted herein should be restricted accordingly. It is our view that it was not the intent of Congress, in exempting short-term notes to a limited extent from the regulatory power, that carriers should restrict their freedom of action in short-term financing by borrowing for purposes other than those strictly germane to the maintenance and operation of their properties in inter-State commerce."

The report states that the application for authority to pledge the bonds was filed to enable the company to meet the company's cash requirements and to maintain adequate working capital, but attention was called to the fact that the company on Feb. 12 had filed with the Commission the usual certificate of notification used in connection with short-term notes for which Commission authority is not required, showing that it had issued seven notes for an aggregate of \$3,950,658 in payment for the Pere Marquette stock and as a deposit to secure a four-year option to purchase the Erie and Nickel Plate stock.

Demands Said to Overtax Reconstruction Finance Corporation—Such is View Given at Probe on Home Loan Bill Before Senate Subcommittee.

Grave doubts as to the ability of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation being able to meet the requirement of the building and loan associations for credit was expressed before a subcommittee of the House Banking and Currency Committee on March 17 during hearings on the bill for the creation of a system of home loan banks said a Washington dispatch on that date to the New York "Journal of Commerce" which further stated:

Lawrence T. Stevenson, President, National Association of Real Estate Boards, told the Committee that his organization does not feel that the type of credit offered by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation can appropriately be used for long-term credit, which is necessary to aid home owners.

Discusses Credit Facilities.

"We have also heard it frequently stated," he said, "that the funds of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation will hardly be adequate to meet the many demands from railroads, banks and other large institutions whose solvency must be maintained."

Nathan W. McChesney, counsel for the organization, said that the number of foreclosures in Chicago, which is typical of many other cities, have been more numerous than ever before and said that what is needed now is a moderate inflation of business to offset the abnormal deflation.

He said that he did not believe the bill is as broad in its terms as it should be and urged an amendment to take care of the mortgage brokers. He thought a provision also should be made in order that a mortgagee could borrow from a bank on his eligible mortgage, which bank would then rediscount the paper at one of the home loan banks. Such provision, he said, would be of direct benefit to the home owner.

Emergency Fund of Reconstruction Finance Corporation Reported Nearly Exhausted—Corporation to Sell \$250,000,000 Worth of Debentures.

In the "United States Daily" of March 18 it was stated that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation has sufficient money on hand to continue operations at the present rate for a little less than three weeks, but the Corporation will sell \$250,000,000 worth of debentures soon, according to information made available, March 17, at the Department of the Treasury and the offices of the Federal Reserve Board. The "Daily" went on to say:

Treasury accounts showed on March 15 a balance of \$45,887,000 to the Corporation's credit out of the \$150,000,000 allotted to the Corporation when it was launched a month and a half ago. Thus far the credit agency has drawn an average of \$34,700,000 from its fund in the Treasury every two weeks, according to the statistics furnished. Additional information made available follows:

During February the Corporation took \$67,095,000 from the Treasury, averaging \$33,547,000 for each of the two two-week periods in the month. In the first two weeks of March, ending March 16, it drew another \$37,017,000. The rate of withdrawals has been fairly level, therefore, since the Corporation was created and if continued will exhaust the balance on hand on or about April 1. Approximately \$104,112,000 of the \$150,000,000 has been taken by the Corporation.

To provide itself with additional funds, the Corporation has two alternatives. It may ask the Treasury Department for another advance on the \$500,000,000 capital stock subscription which the Treasury must make, or it may float its own debentures.

Although no definite step has been taken, the Corporation has announced that it will choose the latter method and float \$250,000,000 worth of its own debentures selling them not on the open market but to the Department of the Treasury. Since the completion of its March 15 financing the Treasury has \$738,317,000 from which to buy the debentures, but this sum must also help the Treasury bridge the difference between current receipts and current expenditures.

In announcing the debenture issue the Corporation explained that it would not ask for additional capital stock subscriptions until it had borrowed up to the legal limit on capital stock paid in. In other words, it may now float debentures amounting to \$450,000,000 on the basis of \$150,000,000 worth of capital stock which the Treasury has bought.

Following this course, the Corporation can secure \$100,000,000 more promptly than if it asked the Treasury to subscribe to the rest of the capital stock which the law provides the Treasury shall take. Only \$350,000,000 in capital stock subscriptions is yet to be contributed by the Treasury.

The Corporation has before it, in addition to applications from banks and business concerns, requests for loans from railroads which aggregate approximately \$40,100,000. The Inter-State Commerce Commission has approved railroad loans amounting to \$53,600,000; but the Corporation has actually advanced and announced only \$13,500,000 in railroad loans.

President Hoover in Special Message to House Asks Immediate Appropriation of \$60,000,000 for Rivers and Harbors Improvement—House Committee Defers Action.

An immediate appropriation of \$60,000,000 to maintain full employment on Federal waterway improvement work was asked of Congress by President Hoover on March 14.

A special message to the House urged action, "in order that we may avoid the unemployment and dislocation that would result from delays." Regarding the President's request Associated Press dispatches from Washington March 14 also said:

The President explained that, expecting enactment of the War Department supply bill at the customary time, "the engineers have entered upon certain contracts, the continuance of which have depended upon the passage of the appropriation at the usual time," he added.

"The budget estimate for the maintenance and improvement of existing rivers' and harbors' works for 1933 is \$60,000,000, which should become immediately available upon the passage of the act.

"As delay seems inevitable, and unless some action be taken, a large number of men will be thrown out of work and other expenses incurred by suspension of work. I therefore recommend that Congress give consideration to immediate appropriation of the funds for the maintenance and improvements of existing rivers' and harbors' works.

"Such a course would imply no increase in the contemplated expenditures." The delay in acting on War Department appropriations was caused by Democratic leaders partly because of the crisis in China and the volume of protests against reported reductions in personnel.

Patrick J. Hurley, Secretary of War, in a statement accompanying the President's message said:

"Anticipating the passage of the War Department Appropriation bill before April of this year, contracts contingent upon this appropriation have been entered into and contractors have engaged labor and material to proceed with the work. It will soon be necessary to suspend operation on many important projects and lay off a considerable force of men unless additional funds are appropriated."

On March 14, Chairman Byrns of the House Appropriations Committee said that no action will be taken on President Hoover's request for an immediate \$60,000,000 appropriation for rivers' and harbors' work for at least another month. Chairman Byrns is quoted as saying:

"I have conferred with Brigadier-General George Pillsbury, assistant to Major-General Lytle Brown, Chief of Engineers, and he agreed there were ample funds for at least another month. I believe there probably is enough for the rest of the fiscal year.

"With the tax bill out of the way, the War Department supply bill will be passed in ample time to make the Budget Bureau's recommendation for \$60,000,000 available to carry on waterway improvements.

"Should a real necessity for funds develop, we could appropriate the money within three days. But the engineers have not demonstrated the necessity at this time."

Gen. Dawes of Reconstruction Finance Corporation in Letter to Senator Brookhart Says Corporation Is Ready to Recognize Applications from Liquidating Agents of All Closed State Banks.

Information that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation is ready and willing to make loans on the assets of closed State banks was made known on March 12 in a letter written by General Dawes, its President, to Senator Brookhart which the Senator made public. As given in a New York "Times" dispatch from Washington March 12 the letter reads:

"Referring to your letter of March 7 and its enclosure relative to closed State banks located in Iowa, please be advised that this office has been notified by the State Banking Commissioner of your good State that according to the opinion of the Attorney General he can, in his capacity, borrow from this corporation by the pledge of assets for the purpose of distributing dividends to depositors of closed banks. This authority, however, is subject to the approval of the courts having jurisdiction.

"This corporation is ready and willing to recognize applications from liquidating agents of all closed State banks where the liquidating agent has the legal authority to pledge assets in order to borrow money. It would seem advisable that since the Attorney General of the State is of the opinion that your State Banking Commissioner can legally qualify, that every effort should be made to encourage him to make application to this corporation for loans, the proceeds of which would benefit the depositors of the closed State banks."

The following is from the same dispatch to the "Times":

President Greets Workers.

The President this morning received and congratulated the directing personnel of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, who have been devoting 18 hours a day to their duties. General Dawes presented the "workers" to the President in the Cabinet Room and said his purpose was "to give credit to the men and women who do the work."

General Dawes pictured the official subordinates as those carrying forward "the work and direction of one of the largest corporations in existence, men and women who work 18 hours a day and get things in shape."

"The President told them," General Dawes said afterward, "that he had asked to meet them in order to express his appreciation of their quick and effective efforts in organizing the Reconstruction Finance Corporation on such an efficient basis."

General Dawes was accompanied by Eugene Meyer, Chairman of the board of directors, and Directors Harvey C. Couch and Jesse H. Jones. Those presented to the President were G. A. Marr, General Counsel; George R. Cooksey, Secretary; L. P. Bethea, Assistant Secretary; Miss C. A. Bristow, Chief File Clerk; G. C. Holmberg, Assistant to the board of directors; J. L. Dougherty, Counsel; R. W. Chubb, Special Counsel; Floyd R. Harrison, Assistant to the chairman of the board; Leo H. Paulling, Chief of the examining division; Hugh Couch, Treasurer; H. A. Mulligan, Assistant Treasurer, and Chester Morrill, Secretary of the Federal Reserve Board.

Senate Subcommittee Seeks Information from Reconstruction Finance Corporation Regarding Aid to Improve Real Estate Conditions.

A report on aid given to improve the real estate situation was requested from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation on March 9, in a resolution adopted by a subcommittee of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee. A dispatch from Washington to the New York "Times" said:

This action followed testimony in an executive session of the committee given by Secretary Lamont, who was Chairman of the President's Home Ownership Conference held here.

The Watson subcommittee has spent several weeks considering the Home Loan Discount bill, which would authorize the establishment of twelve banks, one in each Federal Reserve District, whose sole business would be the rediscounting of mortgages on homes.

These banks would have an authorized combined capital of \$150,000,000, to be raised through public bond issues. Mortgages would be discounted by the banks up to 60% of the assessed value of the home properties. This provision, it has been pointed out, would virtually eliminate second mortgages.

Senator Watson of Indiana, Republican floor leader and Chairman of the subcommittee, said "it has been decided that a bill will be reported," but added that the form of the bill will depend to some extent on the report requested from the Finance Corporation.

The bill under consideration also has been advocated as another relief measure for banks, as the discount banks could relieve commercial banks of safe mortgages which they hold but which, under present conditions, are listed as "frozen assets."

The bill is understood to have the backing of the administration, as President Hoover emphasized the need of encouraging home ownership through better methods of financing, in opening the home ownership conference.

The measure has been endorsed by representatives of several building and loan associations and similar organizations, whose representatives have testified before the subcommittee.

Senator Watson declined to-day to anticipate the provisions of the bill which he expects to report, but it was authoritatively reported that the subcommittee is giving serious attention to proposals that the bill also include aid for limited-dividend housing corporations.

Borrowing from Reconstruction Finance Corporation Favored to Assist Depositors—Iowa Bank Commissioner Permitted to Secure Federal Credit.

The Superintendent of Banks in Iowa, in the opinion of the Attorney-General of that State, can, subject to court approval, borrow from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for the benefit of depositors in closed State banks, it was revealed March 12 in a letter addressed to Senator Brookhart (Rep.), of Iowa, by Charles G. Dawes, President of the Corporation, and made public at Senator Brookhart's office. The "United States Daily" of March 14, from which we quote, gave Mr. Dawes' letter as follows:

Senator Brookhart: Referring to your letter of March 7 and its enclosure relative to closed State banks located in Iowa, please be advised that this office has been notified by the State Banking Commissioner of your own State that according to the opinion of the Attorney-General he can, in his capacity, borrow from this Corporation by the pledge of assets for the purpose of distributing dividends to depositors of closed banks. This authority, however, is subject to the approval of the court having jurisdiction.

This Corporation is ready and willing to recognize applications from liquidating agents of all closed State banks where the liquidating agent has the legal authority to pledge assets in order to borrow money. It would seem advisable that since the Attorney-General of the State of Iowa is of the opinion that your State Banking Commissioner can legally qualify, that every effort should be made to encourage him to make applications to this Corporation for loans, the proceeds of which would benefit the depositors of the closed State banks.

Minnesota Rules on Loans to Banks by Reconstruction Finance Corporation—Holds Institutions Chartered by the State May Pledge Assets to Secure Reconstruction Advances.

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation is a bank, within the meaning of the laws of Minnesota, and for that reason State-chartered banks of Minnesota may pledge their assets to secure loans granted them by the Corporation, in the opinion of Attorney-General Henry Benson, recently rendered to the Commissioner of Banks, J. N. Peyton. St. Paul, Minn., advises March 11 to the "United States Daily" reporting this added:

Congress has granted to the Corporation, Mr. Benson ruled, two of the characteristic powers of a bank—power to receive deposits and to make loans and discounts.

Mr. Benson's opinion follows in full text:

Dear Sir: You inquire whether the Reconstruction Finance Corporation created by Act of Congress approved Jan. 22 1932, entitled "An act to provide emergency financing facilities for financial institutions to aid in financing agriculture, commerce and industry, and for other purposes," is one of those corporations to which banks and trust companies of this State may lawfully pledge their assets to secure loans.

Section 1 of Chapter 257, Laws 1927, provides that no bank or trust company shall pledge, hypothecate, assign, transfer or create a lien upon or charge against any of its assets except to the State or to secure public deposits or to secure money borrowed in good faith from other banks or trust companies.

Banks are of three kinds, namely: (1), of deposit; (2), of discount; (3), of issue or circulation, or any combination of these functions.

Oulton v. Savings Institution, 84 U. S. 109, 1 Michie on Banks and Banking (permanent edition), page 10.

The authorities hold quite uniformly that a person or corporation is doing a banking business although but one of these powers is exercised. *MacLaren v. State*, 141 Wis. 577, 124 N. W. 667.

Curtis v. Leavitt, 15 N. Y. 9 (56).

Bank for Savings v. The Collector, 3 Wall. 495.

Hamilton National Bank v. American Loan & Trust Co., 66 Neb. 67.

Earle v. American Sugar Refining Co., 74 N. J. Equity 751 (763).

Reed v. People, 125 Ill. 592 (596).

1 *Bouvier's Law Dictionary* (3rd rev.), page 318.

Western Investment Banking Co. v. Murray, 56 Pac. 728.

Kiggins v. Munday, 19 Wash. 233, 52 Pac. 855.

Rominger v. Keyes, 73 Ind. 375 (377).

1 *Words and Phrases* (1st ed.), page 682.

Under the terms of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act, the Corporation thereby created has a capital stock of \$500,000,000 subscribed by the United States. Fifty million dollars of this amount is made available to the Secretary of Agriculture for the purpose of making loans or advances to farmers of the United States under certain conditions. Section 5 of the Act authorizes the Corporation to make loans, in aid of agriculture, commerce and industry, to banks, railroads, and certain other corporations. Loans to banks are to be secured by collateral and to be for a period not exceeding three years. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation may also discount or rediscount obligations tendered for that purpose. Section 12 provides that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation shall be a depository of public money, except receipts from customs, when designated for that purpose by the Secretary of the Treasury.

From the above it is apparent that Congress has clothed this Corporation, to a limited extent at least, with power to receive deposits and to make loans and discount commercial paper. It is not a bank of issue or circulation, and need not be in order to be a bank under the above decisions.

The purpose of Laws 1927, Chapter 257, Section 1, was to prevent, among other things, the pledging of assets to secure what was in reality a deposit by an individual but which afterwards might be claimed to be a loan. It was not intended to interfere with the right of a State bank to borrow money in good faith from another corporation having banking powers and to secure the payment of the loan by the pledge of a part of its assets.

The "other banks or trust companies" referred to in Section 1 of the Act need not necessarily be banks or trust companies organized under the laws of this State or even located in this State.

Since Congress has granted to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation two of the characteristic powers of a bank, we think it may be regarded as a bank within the meaning of Laws 1927, Chapter 257, Section 1. *Smith v. Kansas City Title & Trust Co.*, 255 U. S. 180 (210), is an authority for such a holding.

We therefore advise that in our opinion a State bank or trust company may lawfully pledge its assets to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to secure money borrowed from that Corporation.

Laws Sought in Utah to Safeguard Banks—State Commissioner Submits Series of Suggestions.

Salt Lake City (Utah) advises March 11 to the "United States Daily" reported that suggestions for legislation to prevent another epidemic of bank failures and to further safeguard the depositors' money have been advanced by the State Bank Commissioner, Walter H. Hadlock.

The proposals offered by Mr. Hadlock for consideration of those planning constructive legislative action were given as follows in the "Daily":

1. Permit the organizing of a bank only where all conditions justify.
2. Provide a way for immediately collecting a stockholder's assessment in case of an impaired capital. (If a 100% stockholders' assessment could have been immediately available, most of our recent bank failures in Utah could have been averted.)
3. Require a conservative ratio of capital against deposit liability.
4. Limit the classes and amount of securities in which a commercial or savings bank or trust company may invest its funds.
5. Require a more detailed classification of a bank's assets in its published statement. (Depositors are entitled to know how their money is being invested.)
6. Require each director to acknowledge receipt of the copy of Examiner's report and to familiarize himself with its contents.
7. Limit the granting of trust powers to banks only where the situation justifies and provides that all such records and securities of the trust department be kept separate and apart from the other affairs of the bank.
8. Place some restrictions on the amount a bank may borrow or re-discount. Prohibit a bank from accepting for deposit public funds unless legally secured.
9. Require the verification of all savings accounts at least once each year. Prohibit two or more incorporated banking institutions from publishing a consolidated statement.
10. Provide for a building and loan division within the State banking department, also a failed banks division. Make the State banking department self-supporting by a pro rata assessment against all institutions under its jurisdiction. Grant the Bank Commissioner such powers as are necessary for him to take immediate action to remedy an unsatisfactory condition or law violation within a bank. Justify the confidence of the public in banks by surrounding the depositors' money with ample protection and safety.

Brooklyn Indictments Against 13 Officers and Directors of Closed City Trust Co. Dismissed—Francis X. Mancuso Loses Point.

Practically all the Brooklyn indictments against the 13 officers and directors of the City Trust Co. growing out of the bank's failure more than two years ago were dismissed on March 14 on a technicality by Justice Harry E. Lewis in the Brooklyn Supreme Court, according to the New York "Evening Post" of that day, which also said:

Only one charge was left. That was the indictment for grand larceny to which Joseph Palmenteri had pleaded guilty. Justice Lewis indicated that he would dismiss that also when necessary legal preliminaries have been disposed of.

The dismissal of indictments charging conspiracy was on the motion of Assistant District Attorney Samuel Goldstein, who said he found that they were defective. The indictments, he said, were returned by a Grand Jury which had previously adjourned without fixing a date for its next meeting, which omission, under a Court of Appeals ruling, had automatically ended its existence.

The other indictments charging grand larceny, forgery and subornation of perjury were dismissed on the move of defense counsel.

Those named in the indictments were Louis Tavormina, Joseph M. Cohn, J. Vincent Labate, Arthur F. Beyerle, Benedetto A. Palumbo, William Bailey, Gennaro Ascione, George Ziniti, Michael F. Longo, Joseph Adelman, Amleto Safina, Emanuel Bobker and Palmenteri.

Mr. Goldstein told the Court that Palmenteri, who had pleaded guilty to the grand larceny charge, had aided the prosecution and asked that Palmenteri's counsel should be given an opportunity to withdraw that plea.

Meanwhile at the trial of former Judge Francis X. Mancuso, who was a City Trust Co. director, Supreme Court Justice William F. Bleakley admitted into evidence testimony that Mancuso had given before Moreland Commissioner Robert H. Moses in 1929.

This testimony was part of the basis of the perjury indictment on which Mancuso is being tried before Justice Bleakley and a jury in the Criminal Court.

I. Gainsburg, counsel for defense, objected on grounds that admission of Mancuso's evidence before Mr. Moses, where he was not permitted legal counsel, was a violation of the Penal Code. But Justice Bleakley ruled that it might be admitted not as establishing facts but as tending to show what issues were before the Commissioner.

Gov. Ritchie of Maryland Says Mounting Costs of Government Calls for Crusade by Bankers to Secure Conservatism in Country's Fiscal Policy—The Spreading Activity of the Federal Government.

Before the Rhode Island Bankers' Association at Providence on March 9, Governor Albert C. Ritchie of Maryland, delivered an address under the title "The American Banker Must Serve and Lead," in which he said in part:

We meet at a time when business depression, nation-wide unemployment and the general collapse in values which a few short years ago soared to unbelievable heights, have combined to confront the bankers of the country with the most difficult situation in many generations.

We live in an industrial world, and the center of gravity has passed to banking. Business centers in the bank. You exercise perhaps the most far reaching social power there is. You control the springs of enterprise, the sinews of business. Formerly you husbanded the savings of men. Now you husband and capitalize and trade in their organized credit, and the securities you underwrite have changed both the character and the control of wealth.

Yet I doubt whether the average banker reflects a great deal upon the relationship between this gigantic and far reaching power and the governmental machinery of his country.

When you have thought of politics, probably it has generally been as something quite separate from banking and finance, as a sort of necessary evil which should be kept apart from your operations. Business as a rule wants little of politics. It has seemed to regard it somewhat like a series of sham battles, at times diverting, at times irritating and at times capable of actually throttling personal initiative and industrial enterprise—as indeed it may do.

Now, however, the business man is beginning to look deeply into the conduct of government, for he is feeling the heavy hand of taxation. He sees one-fifth of the earnings of the American people go to meet the cost of government, and he is asking how much of this money is being expended on unnecessary projects, not properly governmental, and on useless job-holders.

In many parts of the country, the multiplication of taxes and tax-levying agencies has proceeded at such an alarming rate that the limit of safety has been reached and passed, credit has been withdrawn, and funds are no longer available for current expenses. In large measure these situations have arisen from inadequate or inadvisable legislation, and from bad management, or both, and the bankers of the Nation have had occasion to learn, during the past few years, that States and counties and cities, even in this wealthy country, cannot go on increasing the range of their activities and the amount of their expenditures, levying taxes and issuing stocks and bonds, without a day—and an unhappy day—of reckoning.

The situation is one which summons the banking community to a realization of how much its structure and stability rests upon governmental foundations.

After all, there is one function of government which holds the country's entire financial structure almost within the hollow of its hand, and this applies to municipality, State and Nation. It is the budget making function.

If it was ever the fashion to assume that national deficits are not of great importance, on the theory that the Federal Government can always meet them by raising taxes, this is so no longer.

We started the year 1931 with a 25% deficit, and the experience of Europe shows a 10 or a 15% deficit to be a calamity. Yet since the crash came in October 1929 our national deficit has been steadily mounting into the billions, and the national budgets submitted have relied neither on increased tax rates nor decreased expenditures, until now at last the Government, with its main tax reliance, incomes, going down and losses going up, and with tariffs for revenue likewise a faltering prop, has been forced to the sales or consumption tax.

Whether this program will suffice or not, the country simply must realize the necessity of a balanced budget and must face the facts about it. If in the past we have shut our eyes to the truth about prohibition, about the on-rushing business depression, about the destruction of our export trade, about buying wheat we dare not sell, about the duty of industry in good times to its labor in hard times, about the relationship between reparations and foreign debts—at least let us face the truth about our fiscal condition.

What this country must consider is whether we can afford to spend four billion dollars a year; whether we can go on with a governmental structure costing seven times more than in pre-war days, while commodity prices are back at the pre-war level; whether we can see 5 independent bureaus spending three million dollars in 1913 multiply into 42 in 1932 spending thirteen hundred millions; whether we can spend progressively increasing amounts on government while our national income has been almost cut in half.

Perhaps the most discouraging thing about the whole business is an increase in taxes. We seem to forget that the tax lien cannot always be foreclosed, and that there is a practical limit to the taxing power, which I am disposed to believe has been almost if not already reached.

Our government seems never to put its mind on trying to spend less instead of more of the earnings and savings of the American people. I am not undertaking to fix the blame. I am quite ready to admit that it is in large measure a product of the times, and that it is difficult for any government to resist the frantic demands of powerful and highly organized groups demanding special concessions and subsidies and subventions we cannot afford, and threatening the political lives of Congressmen who do not instantly acquiesce.

But if the present conditions are not met and cured, I very much fear that we are headed for worse calamities than we have yet experienced. In any event, I am convinced that to avoid them the American people must be aroused to demand sanity and conservatism in the fiscal policy of the country, and that in that crusade the American banker must both lead and serve.

With reference to the ever spreading activities of the Federal Government, Governor Ritchie had the following to say in one of the most stinging indictments of the policy ever uttered:

The Federal Government, has set up, one after another, great and expensive bureaus, invaded the domain of State authority and multiplied the army of Federal job-holders. Federal activities have been extended year by year, until they reach not only into fields reserved to the States, but also the conduct, the habits and the business of the individual citizen.

More than 600,000 Federal employees, working in 150 bureaus, eat up taxes raised from the American taxpayers. Twenty-five different grades of Federal officers, armed with Federal authority, annoy and harass and interfere with the American people. The cost of the Federal Government has grown fifteen times faster than the population. This vast monster which has been created seems ready to devour us, and tax us into bankruptcy. It removes also from the State governments control and supervision of an intimate and sympathetic character, quickly responsive to the will of the people, and substitutes a strange, almost alien administration, remote from the people, and calculated to inspire fear, hatred and contempt.

This governmental hand is in our pockets all the time, its eye is upon our every activity, and it seeks to lay bare our inmost thoughts. It undertakes to tell the housekeeper how to keep house, the storekeeper how to keep store, and the farmer how to farm. It tells us about bed-sheets, and how long they wear. It gives us information about window shades and children's trousers; about marmalade and caviar; where rainpouts should be placed; what to do about jammed doors, leaky spigots, inefficient door bells and frosted pipes; it tells us how to operate hot dog machines and how to cure children of running away from home; what are the habits of frogs, and whether love-making is more popular indoors than out. And the Federal Government, while compiling this important information for the use of the American people, is also busily engaged in competing with private business in more than 100 different lines, running through the alphabet from agricultural products to warehousing and woolen and worsted goods.

The time has come to call a halt. The American people, long suffering though they are, will not be satisfied to assume heavier burdens of taxation unless they know that the taxes are necessary to meet the cost of essential functions of the Federal Government. What they know to-day is that much of the taxes collected is being wasted on non-essentials, on unnecessary Federal job-holders, and in inefficient methods.

And this situation exists when industry has stopped or is on part time, agriculture is at its lowest point and seven million men and women are unemployed.

We demand a return to the basic principles of our government, a demobilization of the Federal army of job-holders, and our rededication to those policies under which individual liberty is assured, and individual initiative and enterprise encouraged and rewarded.

I believe these sentiments fall on sympathetic ears. Rhode Island may be the smallest State in the Union so far as area is concerned, but it

yields to no State in its love and reverence for the rights of free people in a free country. From the very beginning Rhode Island stood firm for religious and political liberty. It has not forgotten the teachings of Roger Williams. History tells us that yours was one of the first communities to put the theory of political individualism into practice. So strong was it imbedded, that when independence was won and the Confederation of States established, Rhode Island led the fight to defeat the proposal to authorize the Congress to lay an impost duty of 5% to pay the debts of the central government.

Rhode Island feared centralized government. You told the other States in 1787 that the local privileges, won at so great a cost and held so dear, would be endangered by the existence of a powerful Federal bureaucracy. You refused to send delegates to the Constitutional Convention. Of course, this single State could not hold out alone, and the time came when you took your place in the family of sovereign States. But neither then nor since has Rhode Island failed to cling steadfast to the principle of home rule, and to denounce the extension of Federal power when the rights of the individual were menaced.

Rhode Island never ratified the Eighteenth Amendment. It awaits the day, now apparently close, when its position will be vindicated, and when it will be acclaimed all over the Nation for its refusal to surrender to propaganda, and for its courage and honesty in keeping aloft the banner of individual liberty. Maryland has never had a State Volstead Act. We salute Rhode Island, which refused to ratify the Amendment itself.

And talking about balancing budgets, I would like at some early day to discuss the subject of National Prohibition in its relation to taxation, for it can be shown with a very probable degree of certainty that revenues which would come from returning this subject to State control would make Federal consumption taxes altogether unnecessary, and would constitute a long and a fundamental step towards a balanced Federal budget and economic recovery.

What I have been saying about the relationship between public credit and balanced budgets has, of course, been brought home to you by recent and current developments, but perhaps it may serve to emphasize the vital importance of the politics of government to the business and banking world.

After all, that amazing thing we call credit, which is at once the heart of your operations and your opportunities, rests on a political foundation. This means that in the last analysis it rests on the will of the people. See to it then that this will is an educated one, that it is not stamped by foolish manias or isms or by foolish leaders, and that it does not wreck what it does not understand.

Regional Loan Agency of Reconstruction Finance Corporation Established at Charlotte, N. C.—Additional Members of Advisory Committees of Agencies Previously Established.

Establishment of a regional loan agency at Charlotte, N. C., to be headed by Ford H. Wood as Chairman, with Torrence E. Hembly as alternate, was announced by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation on March 12 according to a Washington dispatch to the New York "Times," from which we also take the following:

Of the 17 members appointed to the new agency, 10 have been transferred from the Richmond regional committee, previously announced.

In addition to Messrs. Wood and Hembly, the following members of the Charlotte Advisory Committee were announced:

- *B. M. Edwards, Columbia, S. C.
- *H. D. Bateman, Wilson, N. C.
- *W. J. Roddey, Sr., Rock Hill, S. C.
- I. W. Stewart, Charlotte, N. C.
- *Robert M. Hanes, Winston-Salem, N. C.
- Robert Gage, Chester, S. C.
- *A. L. M. Wiggins, Hartsville, S. C.
- F. H. Coffey, Lenoir, N. C.
- *George K. Freeman, Goldsboro, N. C.
- J. G. Adams, Asheville, N. C.
- *A. W. McLean, Lumberton, N. C.
- Reuben B. Robertson, Canton, N. C.
- *Alexander Webb, Raleigh, N. C.
- A. E. Bird, Charleston, S. C.
- *E. G. Flanagan, Greenville, N. C.

*Appointed originally as members of the Richmond committee and transferred to Charlotte.

Additional members of 15 other advisory committees already in operation throughout the country were announced by the Corporation as follows:

- Cleveland Loan Agency.*
- Francis S. Guthrie, Pittsburgh, Pa., alternate for F. F. Brooks.
- W. H. Courtney, Lexington, Ky.
- Richmond Loan Agency.*
- M. M. Prentiss, Baltimore, Md.
- George W. White, Washington, D. C.
- H. H. McKee, Washington, D. C.
- Albert H. Dudley, Baltimore, Md.
- F. G. Addison, Jr., Washington, D. C.
- Birmingham Loan Agency.*
- C. R. Bell, Anniston, Ala.
- William H. Kettig, Birmingham, Ala.
- St. Louis Loan Agency.*
- J. H. Conner, Evansville, Ind.
- Chicago Loan Agency.*
- Advisory Subcommittee for Wisconsin.
- C. J. Kuhnmueller, Milwaukee.
- H. A. Van Oven, Beloit.
- H. J. Hage, Wausau.
- William Mauthe, Fond du Lac.
- F. P. McAdams, Watertown.
- E. R. Estberg, Waukesha.
- John H. Puelicher, Milwaukee.
- Walter Kasten, Milwaukee.
- Louisville Loan Agency.*
- Arch B. Davis, Louisville, alternate for W. R. Cobb.
- R. M. Fible, Louisville, alternate for J. E. Huhn.
- W. T. Chapin, Louisville, alternate for Noel Rush.
- Earl R. Muir, Louisville, alternate for W. J. Rahill.
- Starling Wells, Elizabethtown, Ky., alternate for W. C. Montgomery.
- Memphis Loan Agency.*
- C. E. Pigford, Jackson, Tenn.
- Minneapolis Loan Agency.*
- John M. Fox, Kenmore, N. D.
- A. W. Fowler, Fargo, N. D., alternate for Pierre Clemens.
- Helena Loan Agency.*
- Alternates for S. McKennan: A. T. Hibbard, Frank Bogart.
- Alternates for Fred Heinecke: T. C. Hammond, T. A. Marlow.
- Dallas Loan Agency.*
- Lang Wharton, Dallas, alternate for Nathan Adams.
- Henry James, Abilene, Texas.
- John A. Middleton, Greenville, Texas.
- W. M. McGregor, Wichita Falls, Texas.
- G. F. Taylor, Tyler, Texas.
- T. B. Yarbrough, Fort Worth, Texas, alternate for W. E. Connell.
- Leslie Waggener, Dallas, alternate for F. F. Florence.
- E. E. Bewley, Fort Worth, Texas, alternate for R. E. Harding.
- San Francisco Loan Agency.*
- T. H. Ramsey, Red Bluff, Cal.
- Salt Lake City Loan Agency.*
- E. G. Bennett, Ogden, Utah, alternate for M. S. Eccles.
- Houston Loan Agency.*
- H. B. Finch, Houston.
- E. F. Gossett, Houston.
- Kansas City Loan Agency.*
- James M. Kemper, Kansas City, Mo.
- Denver Loan Agency.*
- Charles W. Lee, Pueblo, Col.

An item showing the list of advisory committees for some of the agencies appeared in our issue of Feb. 26, page 1313.

Appointment of James R. Dorman As State Bank Commissioner in Kentucky Confirmed.

From Frankport, Ky., advices March 10 to the "United States Daily" it is learned that the Kentucky Senate has confirmed the appointment of James R. Dorman as State Banking Commissioner, according to announcement at the

Governor's office. Mr. Dorman was nominated by Governor Ruby Laffoon to succeed C. S. Wilson, the present Commissioner.

Unlisted Security Dealers Association and Association of Bank Stock Dealers Combine.

Announcement was made on March 17 that the Unlisted Security Dealers Association and the Association of Bank Stock Dealers had combined to form a new association, which will be known as the Bank Stock and Unlisted Dealers Association of New York. The consolidation, it is stated, was prompted by the similarity of interests and a large duplication of membership of the two groups. The following officers have been elected:

President, Mark A. Noble of Noble & Corwin
 First Vice-President, Frank Cannon of Cannon, Stephan & Nelson.
 Second Vice-President, Clinton Gilbert of Clinton Gilbert & Co.
 Treasurer, H. D. McMillan of L. A. Norton & Co.
 Secretary, Oliver J. Troster of Hoit, Rose & Troster.

The board of governors comprises, in addition to the officers, Frank Thomas, J. Roy Prosser, A. C. Doty, Arthur C. Badeau, Richard C. Rice, Ralph Bristol and Charles Kearns.

Many Changes Made in Personnel of Bancamerica-Blair Corporation—George N. Armsby Elected Chairman of the Board and President and John M. Grant, Vice-Chairman—Other Executive Changes Announced.

George N. Armsby, for many years a prominent figure in corporate and international banking circles, has been elected Chairman of the Board and President of the Bancamerica-Blair Corporation of this city (the securities-distributing company controlled by the Transamerica Corporation). This announcement was made Tuesday March 15, following a meeting of the Board of Directors of the investment banking institution. John M. Grant (recently appointed President of the Transamerica Corporation) was elected Vice-Chairman.

Other officers elected or re-elected at the meeting of the Board, in addition to the above were as follows: Vice-Presidents, J. Cheever Cowdin, Robert C. Adams, Hearn W. Streat, George J. Gillies and John R. Montgomery; Assistant Vice-Presidents, E. G. Burland, E. G. Carley and Myron Summerfield; Secretary, J. J. de Boisaubin; Treasurer, Arthur L. Stemler; Assistant Secretaries, E. G. Carley, Henry Harris, Arthur Hamill and Arthur L. Stemler; Assistant Treasurers, John Mooney and J. J. de Boisaubin.

It was also announced that the following officers and directors had resigned: Hunter S. Marston, resigned as President, and George N. Lindsay, Edward F. Hayes, B. T. Feustman, Charles G. Cushing, J. Grant Forbes, Henry Lockhart, Jr., and Jean Monnet as Directors, and C. A. Elliott as Secretary and Treasurer.

As a result of the above changes the Board of Directors of Bancamerica-Blair Corporation now consists of seven members, namely: George N. Armsby, A. P. Giannini, John M. Grant, J. Cheever Cowdin, Robert C. Adams, C. McK. Lewis and James F. Cavagnaro. The official announcement continues, in part as follows:

Bancamerica-Blair Corporation and its predecessor, Blair & Co., one of the oldest banking institutions, founded in 1890, have long held a dominating position in the domestic and international banking field. The aggregate of its securities underwritings and syndicate participations has, for many years, placed the organization in the front rank of the most active institutions in the underwriting field. Prior to the World War, Mr. Armsby's efforts were confined to carrying on and further developing the business of J. K. Armsby Co., an organization founded in 1865 by his father, who was one of the industrial pioneers in California. At the outbreak of the war Mr. Armsby resigned temporarily from business and became a member of the Priorities Committee of the War Industries Board. He was also a member of the United States War Industries Board Foreign Mission.

In 1916, Mr. Armsby and Mr. Cowdin organized the California Packing Corporation. The negotiations they carried on at that time brought them in close contact with the partners of the former firms of Blair & Co. and William Salomon & Co. It was at that time that Mr. Armsby decided to enter the banking field.

It was Mr. Armsby who was chiefly responsible for bringing about the consolidation of the old firm of Blair & Co. and William Salomon & Co. in 1920. The consolidated firm of Blair & Co., Inc. was merged with the securities affiliate of the Bank of America, New York, in May, 1929, thus forming the present Bancamerica-Blair Corp.

Mr. Cowdin, who will continue to take a prominent part in the activities of the organization, has always been identified with the securities business. Prior to the war he was a partner in the firm of Bond & Goodwin in California. Not long after his discharge from the service, with the rank of Major, he joined the house of Blair & Co., Inc., when it was first organized in 1920. Since that time Mr. Cowdin has been a member of the Executive Committee of Bancamerica-Blair Corp.

Mr. Adams, who, prior to joining Bancamerica-Blair Corp., was for 15 years connected with the old Equitable Trust Co. and Equitable Corp., is probably one of the best known bond and securities experts in the eastern banking field. He is also prominently known in bond circles throughout the country.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, & C.

Two New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange memberships were sold this week, that of Thomas J. Murphy to Charles Slaughter for \$4,000, an increase of \$500 over the last preceding sale, and that of Luis F. Yglesias to A. C. Israel, also for \$4,000.

The New York Cocoa Exchange membership of Irving R. Booty was sold this week to Harold L. Bache for another for \$1,750, an increase of \$150 over the last preceding sale.

At a special meeting of the Governing Committee of the New York Stock Exchange, held March 17, it was voted to keep the Exchange closed on Friday, March 25, Good Friday.

The Board of Managers of the New York Cocoa Exchange also voted to close on Good Friday.

Both the New York Cotton Exchange and the National Metal Exchange will be closed on March 25, and the day following (Saturday, March 26). Other Exchanges that also will be closed on Good Friday are the New York Produce Exchange, the Chicago Stock Exchange and the Chicago Board of Trade.

The next regular meeting of the Bankers Forum of the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Banking will be held at the Hotel Lexington, 48th St. and Lexington Ave., on Tuesday, March 22. Following the dinner which is to be served at 7 p. m., the gathering will be addressed by S. Tremaine, Comptroller of the State of New York, his subject being "The Credit of our Municipalities." Later in the evening, H. J. Kenner, General Manager of the Better Business Bureau of New York, will speak on "Stock Swindling Now and Yesterday."

At the regular meeting of the directors of the Bankers Trust Co. of New York, held March 15, Lucien B. Thomas was elected an Assistant Vice-President.

The regular quarterly dividend of 45 cents per share has been declared on the capital stock of the Chemical Bank & Trust Co., payable April 1 1932 to stockholders of record March 19. M. D. Howell, Assistant Vice-President of the Chemical Securities Corp. was elected an Assistant Vice-President of the Chemical Bank & Trust Co. at the regular meeting of the board of directors held March 17.

Francois de Saint Phalle, a partner in the brokerage firm of de Saint Phalle & Co., 120 Broadway, died suddenly in Paris March 16. A cerebral hemorrhage was the cause of his death. Mr. de Saint Phalle, who was 47 years old, was for many years Vice-President of the Baldwin Locomotive Co., but resigned that position about three years ago to enter the brokerage business with other members of his family.

Bail of \$1,000 each was furnished in General Sessions March 8 when 11 former officials of the defunct World Exchange Bank, Second Avenue and Eleventh Street, New York, pleaded not guilty to an indictment charging they had misappropriated funds of the bank before its closing in March 1931. The New York "Times" in noting this on March 8 further said:

The bank was closed by Joseph A. Broderick, State Superintendent of Banks, and the indictment was handed up last week by the Grand Jury following testimony produced by Eugene B. McAuliffe, Assistant District Attorney, through examiners of Mr. Broderick's staff. Mr. McAuliffe said that, although more than \$800,000 was alleged to have been lent illegally to individuals and affiliates of the bank, all the money had been returned and the patrons had received 100% on their deposits.

The indictment was voted under Section 305 of the Penal Law, the same law under which some of the officials of the defunct Bank of United States in recent months were tried and convicted in General Sessions.

Those named in the indictment were: Meyer Greenberg who was Chairman of the Board of Directors; Joseph Sheldon, President; Morris Gurin, Louis Goldman, Jacob Pomeranz and Charles Illions, formerly Vice-Presidents, and Jacob H. Cohen, Paul Herring, David Mandel, Henry Yohalem and Louis Marcus who are former directors. The officers named also served as directors of the Bank.

The closing of the Bank was noted in our issue of March 21 1931, page 2125.

Salary adjustments of the official and clerical staff of The Chase National Bank of New York will become effective April 1, co-incident with the return of the stock of the Bank to a 15% annual dividend basis. It was stated at the bank that junior clerks would not be affected by the adjustments, no salary under \$1,200 per annum being changed. Salaries over that amount and up to \$5,000 will be subject to a 5% reduction, while those above \$5,000 will be reduced 5% on the first \$5,000 and 10% on the excess over that amount. This is the only general salary adjust-

ment that has been made by The Chase National Bank since the beginning of the current business depression.

A regular quarterly dividend of $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ or 50 cents a share, payable April 1 1932, to stockholders of record March 19, was declared this week by the Board of Directors of Empire Trust Company of New York City. This compares with 80 cents a share quarterly which the company has been paying. President Baldwin announced that the net earnings of the company since January 1 indicate better than 90 cents a share for the first quarter.

The Title Guarantee and Trust Company of New York this week declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.20, but omitted the extra dividend of 30 cents a share paid in the final quarter of 1931. Previously it had paid an extra dividend of 60 cents in each quarter since the middle of 1929.

The Bank of New York & Trust Co.—the first bank in the City and now the oldest in the country, retaining its original name—was 148 years old on March 15. It was on the 15th of March, 1784, that the stockholders met at the Coffee House to elect officers and listen to Alexander Hamilton read the Bank's constitution, which he had just written. With reference to its anniversary the Bank says:

Numbered among the original stockholders were many of New York's most prominent families, such as Roosevelt, Low, Waddington, Maxwell, McCormick, Vanderbilt, Randall, Hamilton, Franklin, Sands, Bowne, Stoughton, Le Roy, Constable and Gouverneur—descendants of whom are still represented on the books of the bank.

At the time the bank opened, the Federal Constitution had not been written and the United States dollar had neither been coined nor defined. New York was a city of 20,000—second in size to Philadelphia—and its northern limits extended barely a mile beyond the Battery.

The bank's first home was in the Walton House in St. George's Square, renamed Franklin Square, but in 1797 the bank moved to the corner of William and Wall, where it has remained for the past 135 years.

With its fusion with the New York Life Insurance & Trust Co., founded in 1830, it became the Bank of New York & Trust Co. To-day this institution represents the combined experience of 102 years of trust service and 148 years of active banking.

Two White Plains, N. Y., banking institutions, the People's National Bank & Trust Co., capitalized at \$300,000, and the Plaza National Bank, with capital of \$100,000, were consolidated on March 9 under the title of the People's National Bank & Trust Co. of White Plains, with capital of \$300,000. On the same date the Comptroller of the Currency authorized the enlarged institution to maintain a branch at No. 1 Depot Plaza, White Plains.

Effective March 5 last, the Callicoon National Bank, Callicoon, N. Y., capitalized at \$100,000, was placed in voluntary liquidation. It was succeeded by the First National Bank in Callicoon.

With reference to the affairs of the failed State Bank of Binghamton, N. Y., United Press advices from Albany March 11 contained the following:

Governor Roosevelt has ordered an extraordinary special term of the Supreme Court to be held in Cooperstown, Otsego County, N. Y., April 12 to try indictments pending in Broome County against Andrew J. Horvatt, Michael J. Horvatt, Thomas J. Mangan, Sigmund A. Friedlanfer, Massoud Ellis, Elmer J. Churchill and Joseph Greskovic, in connection with the failure of the State Bank of Binghamton.

That the trustees of the Millbury Savings Bank of Millbury, Mass., had voted to request Arthur R. Guy, State Bank Commissioner of Massachusetts, to take over the affairs of the institution immediately to protect the interests of the depositors, was indicated in a dispatch by the Associated Press from Millbury on March 15, which continuing said:

The bank had invoked the law requiring applications for withdrawals to be made 90 days in advance and the first of these applications expires to-day (March 15). The decision to request the Bank Commissioner to take over the affairs of the bank was reached at a meeting last night.

Bank Commissioner Arthur R. Guy, in a telephone conversation from New York last night, said he believed the institution financially sound. The bank was not able to convert sufficient assets into ready cash to meet all demands and therefore took action. The bank, he said, will be closed to-day.

Officials of the bank said they had an application for a loan pending before the newly created Credit Corporation formed in this State to give financial aid to savings banks in Massachusetts.

Referring further to the arrest in Los Angeles, Cal., on Feb. 25 of Maxwell A. Cox, former Vice-President of the Irvington Trust Co. of Irvington N. J., who is alleged to have absconded on Dec. 24 last with \$11,800 of the bank's funds (noted in the issue of the "Chronicle" for March 5 page 1703) Associated Press advices from Los Angeles on March 4 stated that the former banker had been released from custody late that day. The dispatch went on to say in part:

Police said they had not heard from New Jersey authorities and added: "We can't hold him any longer."

Cox repeatedly denied he had stolen any money, claiming he had put up notes and collateral for the money he received.

"We didn't hear anything from the New Jersey authorities," detectives of the police fugitive detail here said upon releasing Cox, "and we had no right to hold him longer under the law. Cox made no attempt to sue out a writ."

That a new banking institution will probably open in April at Merchantville, N. J., (a Camden suburb) which will replace the First National Bank & Trust Co. and the Merchantville Trust Co. of that place which closed their doors on Oct. 10 last, is indicated in the following taken from the Philadelphia "Ledger" of March 15:

Merchantville's new banking institution will open for business in April, according to E. E. Shumaker, former President of the R. C. A.-Victor Co. and Chairman of the Citizens Consolidation Committee of that community.

Mr. Shumaker, who heads a committee of nine to raise \$300,000 additional capital for a bank that will represent a consolidation of the First National Bank & Trust Co., of Merchantville, and the Merchantville Trust Co., both of which closed their doors October 10 1931, stated yesterday (March 14) that the sale of capital stock will be completed this week.

The plan to re-establish banking facilities in the suburb of Camden with a population of more than 5,000, got under way in less than two weeks after the two institutions closed their doors. It has been approved by the Comptroller of Currency at Washington on behalf of the National Bank and by the New Jersey Banking & Insurance Department, in charge of the trust company, subject to the raising of the \$300,000 additional capital. The committee engaged in selling the stock has been at work since Jan. 15.

Approximately \$2,288,000 of deposits are held by the two banks, and since their closing the community has been without banking facilities. The reorganization and consolidation plan provides for the new institution to occupy the quarters of the trust company, and has been approved by the stockholders and a large majority of the depositors.

The closing of the Merchantville banks was noted in the "Chronicle" of Oct. 17, page 2556.

On Monday of this week, March 14, the Central-Penn National Bank of Philadelphia, opened a new main office in the Public Ledger Building at the Southeast Corner of Seventh and Chestnut Streets, consolidating the two offices formerly located at Fifth and Chestnut Streets and at Seventh and Market Streets, in order to more efficiently serve its customers in the downtown district of Philadelphia. The institution continues its branch offices at Fifteenth and Sansom Streets, Broad Street and Passyunk Avenue and Broad and Cambria Streets. In describing the new headquarters the Philadelphia "Ledger" of March 14 said:

The new main office of the bank occupies over 22,000 square feet of space, and the main banking floor extends East on Chestnut Street to about half the length of the building. The bank's officers, the principal departments, customers' conference room and general information bureau are located on the main street floor. The safe-deposit department, with six vaults, including over 2,000 safe-deposit boxes, with customers' conference room and coupon rooms are quickly reached from the main floor by private elevator. Other offices of the bank are on an upper floor of the building, and additional space can be leased as required.

The Central-Penn National Bank is a consolidation in July 1930 of the Central National Bank, chartered in 1865, and the Penn National Bank organized in 1828. It is capitalized at \$3,040,000, with surplus and undivided profits of \$9,357,000, and has deposits of \$48,407,834 and total resources of \$66,476,893. Its personnel is as follows: Archie D. Swift, President; Stanley E. Wilson, Albert H. Ashby (and Cashier), David R. Carson, Elwell Whalen and Horace C. Beitzel, Vice-Presidents, and Ellwood K. Acker, Walter C. Brooks, Charles B. Callinan, Walter S. Chittick, Oscar H. Clawson, Thomas G. Conklin, Leo M. Kelly, Edwin M. Maser and Albert B. Roop, Assistant Cashiers. William Post is Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Plans to reopen the closed Homewood Peoples Bank of Pittsburgh, Pa., are to be submitted to the State Secretary of Banking Dr. William D. Gordon, according to F. E. Shaughnessy, who announced March 9 that 25% of a proposed stock sale of 2,000 shares at \$75 a share had been subscribed. Mr. Shaughnessy presided at a meeting of business and professional men on the night of March 8 at which plans were discussed. The Pittsburgh "Post Gazette," from which the foregoing is learned, continuing said:

"When all the stock is subscribed and if the plan is approved by Secretary Gordon, the latter may, under the enabling act of 1931, turn over to the newly elected officers and directors a certain percentage of the old deposits for immediate distribution," Shaughnessy said. Tentative plans were made to turn the stock subscription money in to the Colonial Trust Co., as trustee according to Shaughnessy.

The New Holland National Bank, New Holland, Pa., was placed in voluntary liquidation on Feb. 13, last. The institution, which was capitalized at \$125,000, was absorbed by the Farmers' National Bank & Trust Co. of the same place.

Associated Press advices from Brownsville, Pa., on March 15 stated that the receivers of the Monongahela National Bank of Brownsville, had that day paid to the 500 creditors a second dividend amounting to \$33,416. This institution was closed April 6 of last year, as noted in our issue of April 11, page 2707.

Concerning the closed City Trust & Savings Bank of Youngstown, a dispatch from that city on March 12 by the Associated Press, contained the following:

Reopening of the City Trust & Savings Bank, closed here last October 15, is "practically assured." H. R. Hooper, Chairman of the Reorganization Committee, said to-day, after a stockholders' meeting had unanimously approved reopening plan which already has been approved by the State. When the bank opens it will have \$11,000,000 of unquestionable assets, Hooper added. It will have capital of \$750,000 and surplus of the same amount, with \$146,000 undivided profits. The stockholders voted to reduce the par value of the bank's stock from \$100 to \$25 a share. The bank's resources, as given in the last statement before it closed, were about \$18,000,000.

The National Bank of Defiance, Ohio, an institution capitalized at \$150,000 which closed its doors on Sept. 8 1931, was to pay an initial dividend of 20%, amounting to \$200,000, beginning Monday of this week March 14, according to an announcement by A. S. Allsup, the receiver, on March 12, as reported in Associated Press advices from Defiance on that date. The closing of this institution was noted in our issue of Sept. 12 last, page 1719.

The Comptroller of the Currency on March 12 approved an application to organize the First National Bank of Plano, Ill., with capital of \$35,000.

The directors of the First National Bank of Chicago, Ill., at their regular meeting on March 11, declared a quarterly dividend of \$3 a share on the capital stock, payable March 31 1932 to stockholders of record March 28. The Chicago "Journal of Commerce," from which the foregoing is learned, went on to say:

Previous dividends have been at the rate of 18% annually, and included dividends paid by the First Union Trust & Savings Bank, the stocks of which is owned by and held in trust for the stockholders of the First National Bank. In recent years, approximately one-third of the annual payments to the shareholders of the national bank have been from the profits of the trust and savings bank.

"Earnings of the bond and real estate loan departments have been materially reduced," the official announcement says. "The desire to build up large reserves, in line with the conservative policy which has always characterized the bank's management, makes it, in the judgment of the board, inadvisable for the Trust Company to contribute to the general dividend at this time.

"Earnings of First National Bank continue on a satisfactory level, and for the first two months of the year are in excess of the corresponding period a year ago."

The Comptroller of the Currency on Feb. 29 last, issued a charter to the First National Bank at Pontiac, Mich. The institution which is capitalized at \$500,000, represents a reorganization of the First National Bank & Trust Co. of Pontiac and is a unit of the Detroit Bankers Co. of Detroit. We quote, as follows, from the "Michigan Investor" of March 5 regarding the new organization:

An important change in the banking set-up of the metropolitan area comprising Detroit, Pontiac and other nearby communities took place this week with the formation of a new national bank in Pontiac, an institution growing out of the First National Bank & Trust Co., of Pontiac, and the Detroit Bankers Co., holding company for the group which includes the First Wayne National Bank, of Detroit, the Detroit Trust Co., and numerous other institutions in the State.

Thus Pontiac, one of Michigan's most important industrial cities, gains a bank that has the backing of a banking corporation with resources in excess of \$600,000,000. . . . Henry M. Zimmerman, President of the Michigan Bankers' Association, will continue as Chairman of the Board, and Joseph E. Horak will be President. All other officers and employees of the former bank will continue, it was announced. Harold B. Ward, of Detroit, becomes Executive Vice-President.

The magnitude of the operation whereby the Detroit Bankers Co. takes the Pontiac bank into its group is indicated by the fact that the Detroit Bankers Co. put in \$750,000 of new capital and surplus; and directors of the former bank guaranteed certain assets by putting up more than \$500,000 in personal securities. And as a recognition of the importance of Pontiac as an industrial center and of the bank as an asset to the community, the General Motors Corp. immediately increased its deposits in the bank by \$1,000,000, thus making the institution one of the corporation's important depositories.

Of even greater importance to Pontiac and to the banking business of the State was the addition of a number of outstanding industrial and banking leaders to the Board of the bank. The new directors include Charles T. Fisher, Vice-President and director, General Motors Corporation; I. J. Reuter, President and General manager, Oakland Motor Car Co.; C. B. Stiffler, Vice-President, Oakland Motor Car Co.; Mark A. Wilson, Vice-President, Detroit Bankers Co.; Peter J. Monaghan, Counsel, Detroit Bankers Co.; Harold B. Ward, Executive Vice-President, First National Bank in Pontiac. Mr. Wood is president of the Peoples Wayne County Bank, of Highland Park, a unit of the Detroit Bankers Company.

Those who guaranteed certain of its assets were: G. H. Gardner, Charles B. Wilson, D. R. Wilson, L. H. Cole, C. J. Nephler, Carl H. Pelton, Clinton McGee, Henry M. Zimmerman, Harry Pryale, Paul Seiler, H. M. Crawford, Dr. H. S. Chapman, Fred M. Warner Estate, Eames & Brown, Dr. W. H. Morley, Stuart H. Perry, A. A. Mann, A. J. Stecker, The Boston Store, Col. W. S. Butterfield and The Pontiac Daily Press.

The Board of Directors now consists of: L. D. Allen, L. H. Cole, H. M. Crawford, E. H. Farmer, Charles T. Fisher, George H. Gardner, Joseph E. Horak, Clinton McGee, Peter J. Monaghan, C. J. Nephler, Carl H. Pelton, Harry M. Pryale, I. J. Reuter, George A. Rice, L. D. Allen, Paul W. Seiler, C. B. Stiffler, Harold B. Ward, Charles B. Wilson, David R. Wilson, Mark A. Wilson and Henry M. Zimmerman.

In commenting on the change in the banking set-up of Pontiac, John Ballantyne, President of the Detroit Bankers Co., pointed out that directors of the former bank had given sound evidence of their faith in their community by their action in guaranteeing bank assets. He declared further-

more that Pontiac now has a bank commensurate with its importance and with the needs of the community.

Henry M. Zimmerman, Chairman of the board, First National Bank at Pontiac, was quoted as expressing his great satisfaction that Pontiac now is absolutely assured of banking service on a permanent basis of efficiency and satisfaction.

A plan whereby \$1,620,000 of the funds of the closed People's Trust & Savings Bank of Clinton, Iowa, has been made available to the depositors, beginning March 15, was approved in the Clinton County District Court on March 14, according to Associated Press advices from that place, which went on to say:

By the Court's approval of this plan, a 50% dividend will be credited to all depositors of record.

The plan includes an agreement with the City National Bank of Clinton whereby that bank will take over assets equal to the amount of deposits and liabilities assumed. The transfer of these assets is effective at once. Remaining assets of the receivership will be in the hands of trustees, who will liquidate them as rapidly and as advantageously as possible.

Adolph Bieger, Sr., Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bremen Bank & Trust Co. of St. Louis, Mo., died at his home at the Fairgrounds Hotel that city on Mar. 10, following a short illness. Death was due to heart disease. Born in Hessen-Nassau, Germany, 84 years ago, the late banker came to this country at the age of 14. He received his education in the St. Louis public schools. Before becoming an executive of the Bremen Bank & Trust Co., he for many years headed the A. Bieger Hair & Bristles Manufacturing Co. He became a director of the bank in 1896, and subsequently served as Vice-President and President (holding the latter office from 1916 to 1924) before being chosen Chairman of the Board, the position he held at his death.

The North Carolina Bank & Trust Co. (head office Greensboro, N. C.) on March 15, retired from the field of security merchandising which formerly was handled through its investment affiliate, the North Carolina Corp. J. A. Morgan, who was appointed Vice-President at a recent meeting of the executive committee, is in charge of a newly created bond department. The new department has no securities of its own for sale, but buys and sells upon orders from its customers. By this action of the executive committee, the operations of all offices of the securities affiliate, the North Carolina Corp., were discontinued. A communication in the matter goes on to say:

The bank is offering an enlarged investment counsel and advisory service which is available to customers who wish to have access to the best information on securities. This service will be supplied by Mr. Morgan who, as Trust Investment Officer, has been statistical and securities expert of the trust department for the past 18 months.

Oscar W. Burnett, President of the North Carolina Corp., resigned, which resignation was accepted by the Executive Committee and was effective on March 15, at which time all of the announced changes were made.

The closing on March 14 of a small North Carolina bank, the Graham County Bank of Robbinsville, showing total resources in its year-end statement of only \$130,153, was reported in the Raleigh "News & Observer" of March 15, which furthermore said in part:

Reports reaching the State Banking Department were to the effect that the bank was virtually liquidated before closing.

On Dec. 31 it showed an ordinary commercial deposit liability of \$16,000 and \$26,989 cash in vault and due from depositories. Public deposits amounted to several thousand dollars, but they were secured, it was said.

Advices from Pass Christian, Miss., to the New Orleans "Times-Picayune" on March 9 stated that depositors of the defunct Bank of Pass Christian would be given an opportunity to exchange their certificates of guaranty for Mississippi 5½% bonds, according to an announcement by J. H. Spencer, a bonding company representative. The dispatch continuing said:

Spencer requests depositors who are interested in the exchange to call at the Pass Christian branch of the Hancock County bank Thursday.

The Bank of Pass Christian suspended in December 1929, after having been in operation for 10 years. At the time of closing Lee M. Russell, former Governor of Mississippi, was President, and D. B. Allen, Cashier.

On March 5 1932, the First National Bank of McKinney, Tex., capitalized at \$100,000, was placed in voluntary liquidation. The institution was absorbed by the Collin County National Bank of McKinney.

An application to organize the First National Bank of Odessa, Tex., with capital of \$25,000, was approved by the Comptroller of the Currency on March 12.

Edward Rotan, Chairman of the Board of the First National Bank of Waco, Tex., and one of the best known bankers in the State of Texas, died in Waco on March 9.

The deceased banker, who was 87 years of age, was born in Tennessee, but went to Texas in 1866. After teaching school for three years, Mr. Rotan in 1871 associated himself as a partner with the late W. R. Kellum in the wholesale grocery business in Waco. Upon the death of Mr. Kellum he was made head of the firm and continued actively as a merchant until his election in 1892 as President of the First National Bank of Waco, a position he held until 1920 when he became Chairman of the Board of Directors. During the Civil War, Mr. Rotan was in the Confederate Army, serving with the Sixteenth Tennessee Infantry and participating in some of the most important battles between the North and the South.

A merger of the Guaranty State Bank of San Angelo, Tex., with the San Angelo National Bank of that city, was consummated on March 9 under the title of the latter. San Angelo advices to the Dallas "News," reporting the matter, furthermore said:

Capital stock remains \$400,000 and surplus \$160,000, the San Angelo National having reorganized and reopened on this basis Jan. 4, but total assets of the two institutions approximate \$3,000,000; deposits \$2,250,000; bonds, cash and exchange \$800,000, and loans \$2,000,000.

All business and employees of the Guaranty State were transferred to the San Angelo National. Roy Hudspeth, who has been President of the Guaranty State, becomes Vice-President; Ira Swope, Guaranty State Cashier, becomes an Assistant Cashier, and Victor Pierce and Dick Cauthorn, Guaranty State Directors, are added to the new Board, which numbers seventeen. Sol Mayer remains President of the San Angelo National.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

The stock market during the present week suffered a further setback due to a number of contributing causes, including the death of Ivar Kreuger and the collapse of Kreuger & Toll, and the untimely death of George Eastman, head of Eastman Kodak Co., which occurred on Monday. Trading has been dull, and except for the brisk rally in the late dealings on Thursday, prices have moved gradually downward and in many instances, have reached new low levels. On Tuesday United States Steel broke below 44, and General Motors tumbled under 20. Railroad shares have generally been heavy and frequently under pressure, and while there have been spasmodic periods of buying among the more popular speculative favorites, the general trend of the market, except on Thursday, has been toward lower levels. One of the outstanding occurrences of the week was the action of the directors of the Bank of England in reducing the bank rate 1/2 point further from 4% to 3 1/2%. Adverse dividend actions by R. H. Macy & Co., which cut the annual dividend from \$3 to \$2, and the passing of the preferred dividend by Baltimore & Ohio RR. for the first time since 1900, were also contributing factors in the general unsettlement. Call money renewed at 2 1/2% on Monday, continued unchanged at that rate on each and every day of the week.

Price changes were small and without definite trend during the abbreviated session on Saturday. During the first hour United States Steel dropped to a new low, but recovered later in the day. The feature of the railroad stocks was the weakness of Baltimore & Ohio preferred, which dipped to a new low, followed by a small decline in the common stock. Trading was extremely dull, the day's turnover dropping to 647,630 shares. One of the events of the day was the announcement of Westinghouse Air Brake that the common stock had been placed on a \$1 annual dividend basis, against \$2 paid heretofore.

Prices fell off sharply on Monday. Liquidation was apparent throughout the session. There were occasional efforts to rally the market, but these, as a rule, failed to make any very pronounced changes. The declines ranged from 1 to 3 points among the speculative favorites, to 5 or 6 points in a few special stocks. Eastman Kodak broke about 8 points following the report of the suicide of George Eastman. The selling in Kreuger & Toll was particularly heavy, though the certificates traded in here are not stock at all, but represent participating debentures which have no voting rights. The principal changes were on the downside and included such market speculative favorites as United States Steel, which dipped 2 1/4 points to 44 5/8; Auburn Auto, 6 1/4 points to 93; Union Pacific, 4 5/8 points to 77 3/4; American Can, 2 3/4 points to 67 1/8; Southern Pacific, 2 3/4 points to 24; New York Central, 2 points to 28 3/4; Consolidated Gas, 2 5/8 points to 63 3/8; Amer. Tel. & Tel., 4 points to 124 1/2, and Santa Fe, 3 3/4 points to 78 3/4. At the close, the market was soft and near the bottom for the day.

Stocks drifted still lower on Tuesday, and while there was a brisk rally in the railroad issues and public utility shares

during the early forenoon, this soon petered out and final prices were little changed from the close of the preceding day. United States Steel broke below 44, followed by General Motors which slid under 20, and many of the active speculative stocks were off a point or more. The railroad issues were down 2 or more points, although stocks like Canadian Pacific, and Union Pacific showed considerable strength during the first hour. The turnover was 1,468,680 shares, as compared with 2,034,395 on Monday. The outstanding changes continued on the side of the decline, the recessions including such prominent stocks as Atlantic Coast Line, 2 points to 26; International Business Machines, 4 1/2 points to 101; General Cigar, 1 point to 35; Chesapeake & Ohio, 1 3/4 points to 19 1/4; Norfolk & Western, 2 points to 115, and Inland Steel, 1 5/8 points to 20 5/8.

Stocks continued unsettled on Wednesday and sharp declines were apparent all along the line as a wave of selling appeared, followed by adverse dividend developments among a number of prominent issues. Most of the active stocks were weak, particularly United States Steel, General Motors, Consolidated Gas and American Can, all of which were under pressure and in some cases dipped to new low ground. Railroad shares turned reactionary and while the declines were small they forced a number of prominent stocks down to new low levels for the year. Merchandising stocks were hard hit by the unexpected reduction in the annual dividend rate of R. H. Macy & Co. from a \$3 to a \$2 basis. Another disturbing factor was the omission of the quarterly dividend of \$1 each on the common and preferred stock of the International Match Co., which is controlled by the Swedish Match Co. The outstanding changes of the day were on the side of the decline, and included among others, General Motors, 1 1/2 points to 19; American Tel. & Tel., 2 1/2 points to 121 1/2; Auburn Auto, 5 1/4 points to 88 3/4; du Pont, 2 3/4 points to 49 3/4; Westinghouse Electric, 1 1/4 points to 26 7/8; New York Central, 1 3/8 points to 26 7/8; American Can, 1 1/2 points to 65 5/8; United States Steel, 1 5/8 points to 42 5/8, and Bendix Aircraft, 2 points to 10 1/2.

On Thursday the market displayed a sagging tendency during the early trading, but most of the losses were cancelled as the day advanced. As the day progressed, pressure eased and a substantial rally toward the end of the session lifted prices upward to higher levels. Other active stocks joined the upswing and at the close of the market moderate gains were shown by such issues as New York Central which closed at 28 7/8 with a gain of 2 points, Amer. Tel. & Tel. which improved 2 5/8 points to 123 7/8, Auburn Auto which forged ahead 3 3/4 points to 92 1/2 and Westinghouse Electric which surged upward 1 1/4 points to 28 1/8. Other gains were United States Steel 1 1/8 points to 43 3/4, American Can 1 3/8 points to 67, du Pont 1 3/8 points to 50 7/8 and Gillette Safety Razor 1 5/8 points to 20 5/8.

On Friday, a wave of new selling flowed into the market during the second hour. The bulk of the selling, however, centered in Western Union, American Tobacco "B," United States Steel, Allied Chemical & Dye and Amer. Tel. & Tel., though the railroad stocks were also sold to some extent. Public utilities were likewise under pressure and while there were intermittent rallies in the general list, they failed to check the steady downward movement. The principal changes on the side of the decline were Allied Chemical & Dye, 2 1/4 points to 76 3/4; Amer. Tel. & Tel., 3 1/2 points to 120 3/8; Atchison, 2 1/2 points to 75 3/8; Auburn Auto, 2 points to 80 1/2; J. I. Case, 2 points to 33 7/8; Columbian Carbon, 2 points to 34 3/8; Pan-Amer. Petroleum, 3 1/2 points to 17 1/8; Liggett & Myers, 3 points to 55; International Business Machines, 2 points to 105; du Pont, 1 3/8 points to 49 1/4; Eastman Kodak, 1 3/8 points to 75 3/8; Union Pacific, 1 1/4 points to 75, and Norfolk & Western, 1 1/2 points to 115 1/2.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Week Ended March 18 1932.	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad and Miscell. Bonds.	State, Municipal & For'n Bonds.	United States Bonds.	Total Bond Sales.
Monday	2,034,395	5,596,000	2,903,000	1,283,000	9,782,000
Tuesday	1,468,680	5,631,000	2,197,000	2,550,000	10,378,000
Wednesday	1,464,234	4,904,000	3,183,000	1,208,000	9,295,000
Thursday	1,772,423	5,629,000	2,455,000	1,247,000	9,331,000
Friday	1,406,500	4,262,000	1,808,000	937,000	7,067,000
Total	8,793,862	\$29,079,500	\$14,088,000	\$8,259,000	\$51,426,500

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended March 18.		Jan. 1 to March 18.	
	1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.
Stocks—No. of shares.	8,793,862	14,406,019	88,616,581	151,846,247
Bonds.				
Government bonds...	\$8,259,000	\$2,108,500	\$154,590,950	\$43,932,050
State & foreign bonds...	14,088,000	15,969,000	168,991,500	170,377,500
Railroad & misc. bonds	29,079,500	34,745,000	353,220,500	391,473,000
Total	\$51,426,500	\$52,822,500	\$676,802,950	\$605,782,550

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week Ended March 18 1932.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	11,183	\$5,000	12,516	\$1,000	205	---
Monday	26,747	1,600	27,769	12,000	592	\$6,000
Tuesday	26,028	27,000	19,111	8,800	901	---
Wednesday	25,630	5,200	14,166	4,000	966	1,000
Thursday	27,009	6,000	28,049	25,000	1,037	---
Friday	3,650	9,000	8,575	---	547	2,000
Total	120,247	\$43,000	110,186	\$50,800	4,248	\$9,000
Prev. week revised	128,373	\$34,000	136,108	\$94,000	5,461	\$7,000

a In addition, sales of warrants were: Thursday, 10; also, sales of rights were: Thursday, 35.

THE CURB EXCHANGE.

This week's market on the Curb Exchange has been one of gradually lower prices though in most cases the losses were not large. The volume of business has been small. Utilities were easier, a feature being the break in Electric Bond & Share, com., the old stock dropping from 8 5/8 to 5 1/2 and the new stock from 26 1/4 to 17. The close to-day was at 6 1/4 and 19, respectively. The preferred stock also suffered heavily, the \$6 pref. selling down from 55 to 31 1/2 and the \$5 pref. from 46 to 35. Closing prices to-day were 40 1/4 for the former and 38 3/4 for the latter. Commonwealth-Edison dropped from 95 3/4 to 88 1/4 and recovered finally to 89 3/4. Amer. & Foreign Power warrants declined from 3 5/8 to 2 and ended the week at 2 1/4. Amer. Gas & Elec., com. weakened from 34 1/4 to 28 1/8, ex-div., the final transaction to-day being at 29 1/2. Northern States Power, com. eased off on few transactions from 77 to 74 and recovered finally to 76. In oils, declines were recorded by Humble Oil & Refg. from 46 1/2 to 44 3/8 with the close to-day at 44 1/2. Indiana Pipe Line weakened from 7 1/2 to 6 1/2. South Penn Oil lost over 2 points to 12. Standard Oil (Indiana) lost a point to 16 and finished to-day at 16 1/4. Standard Oil (Ky.) weakened from 15 to 13 1/4 and closed to-day at 13 1/2. Gulf Oil receded from 29 1/8 to 26 1/2 and recovered finally to 28 5/8. Among industrial and miscellaneous issues American Cigar com. sold down 7 points to 140. Aluminum Co. of America declined from 48 3/4 to 45 and closed to-day at 45 1/4. Amer. Meter was off from 24 3/4 to 22 and Atlas Utilities, com. from 6 3/4 to 5 5/8, the last named closing to-day at 6. Glen Alden Coal omitted its dividend and the stock fell from 14 1/4 to 11. Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea was down from 141 to 136, the close to-day being at 137. Mead, Johnson & Co., com. declined from 56 3/8 to 54. Ohio Brass, class B, weakened from 11 1/4 to 7 3/4. Parker Rust Proof lost 6 points to 44.

A complete record of Curb Exchange transactions for the week will be found on page 2123.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB EXCHANGE.

Week Ended March 18 1931.	Stocks (Number of Shares).	Bonds (Par Value)			
		Domestic.	Foreign Government.	Foreign Corporate.	Total.
Saturday	92,505	\$1,690,000	\$60,000	\$29,000	\$1,779,000
Monday	176,475	2,761,000	68,000	117,000	2,996,000
Tuesday	160,859	2,660,000	90,000	99,000	2,849,000
Wednesday	195,300	2,530,000	73,000	170,000	2,773,000
Thursday	188,145	2,946,000	120,000	84,000	3,150,000
Friday	269,764	3,098,000	89,000	103,000	3,290,000
Total	1,083,048	\$15,685,000	\$500,000	\$602,000	\$16,787,000

Sales at New York Curb Exchange.	Week Ended March 18.		Jan. 1 to March 18.	
	1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.
Stocks—No. of shares.	1,083,048	3,042,200	12,016,946	40,522,045
Bonds.				
Domestic	\$15,685,000	\$21,664,000	\$163,581,100	\$189,393,000
Foreign Government	500,000	1,536,000	5,879,000	12,271,000
Foreign corporate	602,000	981,000	7,900,000	9,842,000
Total	\$16,787,000	\$24,181,000	\$177,360,100	\$211,506,000

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of Feb. 24 1932:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against notes amounted to £120,766,481 on the 17th inst. as compared with £120,765,282 on the previous Wednesday.

The S.S. "Viceroy of India" which sailed from Bombay on the 20th inst. carries gold to the value of about £1,150,000.

Offerings of gold in the open market are still being acquired for a destination not disclosed.

Quotations during the week:

	Per Fine Ounce.	Equivalent Value of £ Sterling.
Feb. 18	120s. 1d.	14s. 1.8d.
Feb. 19	120s.	14s. 1.9d.
Feb. 20	119s. 9d.	14s. 2.3d.
Feb. 21	120s.	14s. 1.9d.
Feb. 22	119s. 1d.	14s. 3.2d.
Feb. 23	118s. 9d.	14s. 3.7d.
Feb. 24	119s. 7.3d.	14s. 2.5d.
Average		

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of gold registered from mid-day on the 15th inst. to mid-day on the 22nd inst.:

Imports.		Exports.	
British South Africa	£1,422,792	France	£2,868,887
British West Africa	54,068	Netherlands	460,390
Brazil	366,100	Belgium	87,035
United States of America	58,140	Czechoslovakia	12,000
New Zealand	41,211	Switzerland	10,772
Iraq	43,229	Austria	9,600
Netherlands	28,436	Other countries	7,205
Other countries	11,955		
	£2,025,931		£3,455,889

United Kingdom imports and exports of gold for the month of January last are detailed below:

Imports.		Exports.	
Sweden	---	293,470	---
Germany	£1,957	24,099	---
Netherlands	219,650	1,262,550	---
Belgium	---	25,300	---
France	---	18,654,257	---
Switzerland	---	71,812	---
West Africa	120,307	300	---
United States of America	75,075	1,258,668	---
Central American & West Indies	6,189	---	---
Argentine Republic, Uruguay & Paraguay	23,073	---	---
Union of South Africa & South-West Africa Terr.	4,322,492	---	---
Rhodesia	311,700	---	---
British India	11,269,403	---	---
Straits Settlements	197,213	---	---
Australia	374,325	---	---
New Zealand	43,740	---	---
Other countries	181,749	94,833	---
	£17,146,873	£21,484,689	---

SILVER.

Silver has shown a firmish tendency during the week, sellers being disposed to hold back in view of the situation in Shanghai.

Buying for the Continent and China bear covering caused prices to advance steadily until 19 15-16d. for cash and 20 1/4d. for two months' delivery were reached yesterday; owing to hesitation on the part of buyers there was a reaction to-day, quotations being fixed at 19 13-16d. and 19 15-16d. for the respective deliveries.

America has been inclined to work moderately both ways, but the Indian Bazaars have not been active.

The market has a steady appearance at the moment but is likely to be influenced largely by developments in the Far East.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of silver registered from mid-day on the 15th inst. to mid-day on the 22nd inst.:

Imports.		Exports.	
United States of America	£36,163	Germany	£83,087
Canada	19,560	Belgium	29,138
British India	10,989	United States of America	19,235
France	5,649	British India	9,850
Japan	4,400	Other countries	4,124
New Zealand	4,147		
Other countries	1,159		
	£82,067		£145,434

Quotations during the week:

IN LONDON.		IN NEW YORK.	
Bar Silver Per Oz. Standard.		(Cents per Oz. .999 fine).	
Cash.		2 Mos.	
Feb. 18	19 9-16d.	19 11-16d.	30 1/4
Feb. 19	19 3/4d.	19 13-16d.	30 1/4
Feb. 20	19 3/4d.	19 1/2d.	30 1/4
Feb. 21	19 13-16d.	20d.	30 1/4
Feb. 22	19 15-16d.	20 1/4d.	Holiday
Feb. 23	19 13-16d.	19 15-16d.	31 1/4
Average	19.75d.	19.906d.	

The highest rate of exchange on New York recorded during the period from the 18th to the 24th inst. was \$3.48 1/4 and the lowest \$3.44 1/4.

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

(in lacs of rupees)	Feb. 15.	Feb. 7.	Jan. 31.
Notes in circulation	18,195	18,232	17,916
Silver coin and bullion in India	11,313	11,450	11,588
Gold coin and bullion in India	483	483	483
Securities (Indian Government)	6,049	5,949	5,500
Bills of exchange	350	350	350

The stocks in Shanghai on the 20th inst. consisted of about 55,700,000 ounces in sycee, 169,000,000 dollars and 6,740 silver bars, as compared with about 55,700,000 ounces in sycee, 169,000,000 dollars and 6,640 silver bars on the 13th inst.

We have also received this week the circular written under date of March 2 1932:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against notes amounted to \$107,772, 648 on the 24th ulto., as compared with \$120,766,481 on the 17th ulto. The total gold shipments made from Bombay last week amounted to about £1,630,000.

In the open market the gold available has been taken for a destination not disclosed.

Quotations during the week:

	Per Fine Ounce.	Equivalent Value of £ Sterling.
Feb. 25	118s. 10d.	14s. 3.6d.
Feb. 26	118s. 10d.	14s. 3.6d.
Feb. 27	118s. 7d.	14s. 3.9d.
Feb. 29	118s. 5d.	14s. 4.2d.
March 1	118s. 10d.	14s. 3.6d.
March 2	118s. 10d.	14s. 3.6d.
Average	118s. 8.6d.	14s. 3.8d.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of gold registered from mid-day on the 22d ulto. to mid-day on the 29th ulto.:

Imports.		Exports.	
British India	£2,629,514	France	£4,665,573
British South Africa	936,351	Switzerland	1,053,606
New Zealand	163,888	Netherlands	931,361
Brazil	169,150	Czechoslovakia	63,170
Netherlands	71,953	United States of America	25,300
United States of America	72,557	Belgium	15,988
Straits Settlements and Dependencies	115,295	Austria	19,175
Australia	14,800	Other countries	10,958
Iraq	29,629		
Irish Free State	11,228		
Other countries	8,865		
	£4,223,235		£6,778,639

The Southern Rhodesian gold output for the month of January last amounted to 42,706 fine ounces, as compared with 50,034 fine ounces for December 1931 and 45,677 fine ounces for January 1931.

On Feb. 25 the Imperial Bank of India reduced its rate of discount from 7 to 6%.

With reference to the table of National gold reserves given in our annual bullion letter for 1931, it was indicated therein that the amount of £10,

038,000 held in Czechoslovakia included silver. We have been authoritatively informed, however, that no silver is now included in the holding, which consists entirely of gold.

SILVER.

Until to-day, movements in prices were very slight, the cash quotation varying between 19 1/16d. and 19 13/16d. and that for two months' delivery only between 19 1/4d. and 19 15/16d. Buying for the Continent has continued and there has been some China bear covering, whilst America has operated moderately both ways, having been rather a seller on balance.

To-day, with easier advices from the East, prices declined in the absence of support, being fixed at 19 1/4d. for cash and 19 11/16d. for two months' delivery—1/4d. lower as compared with yesterday's quotations.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of silver registered from mid-day on the 22d ulto. to mid-day on the 29th ulto.:

Table with columns for Imports and Exports, listing countries like British India, New Zealand, United States of America, Mexico, Canada, French Somaliland, Australia, British South Africa, Other countries, Germany, Bombay, Sweden, France, and Other countries, with corresponding values in pounds and shillings.

Quotations during the week: £210,750 IN LONDON, £47,743 IN NEW YORK.

Table showing silver prices in London and New York for various dates from Feb. 25 to March 1, including cash and two-month rates.

The highest rate of exchange on New York recorded during the period from Feb. 25 to March 2 was \$3.49 1/4 and the lowest \$3.47 1/4.

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

Table showing Indian currency returns in lac of rupees for Feb. 22, Feb. 25, and Feb. 7, including notes in circulation, silver coin and bullion, gold coin and bullion, securities, and bills of exchange.

The stocks in Shanghai on the 27th ulto. were unchanged, consisting of about 55,700,000 ounces in sycee, 169,000,000 dollars and 6,740 silver bars.

Statistics for the month of February last are appended:

Table showing highest and lowest prices for gold and silver in London for February 1932, including bar gold and bar silver per ounce.

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 showing daily closing quotations for securities like Silver, Gold, Consols, British 5%, French Renten, and French War Loan.

The price of silver in New York on the same days has been: Silver in N. Y., per oz. (ets.) 29 1/4.

PRICES ON PARIS BOURSE.

Quotations of representative stocks on the Paris Bourse as received by cable each day of the past week have been as follows:

Large table showing daily closing quotations for various stocks on the Paris Bourse from Mar. 12 to Mar. 18, 1932, including Bank of France, Bank Nationale de Credit, and various industrial and utility stocks.

Table showing stock prices on the Berlin Stock Exchange for Mar. 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18, 1932, listing various companies like Schneider & Cie, Societe Andre Citroen, etc.

THE BERLIN STOCK EXCHANGE.

After having been closed since Sept. 18 1931, the Berlin Stock Exchange was reopened on Thursday, Feb. 25, for two hours of trading. The Commissioner of Exchanges has not as yet authorized the publication of quotations.

New York quotations for German and other foreign unlisted dollar bonds as of March 18:

Table listing German and foreign unlisted dollar bonds with their bid and asked prices, including titles like Anhalt 7s to 1945, Bavaria 6 1/2s to 1945, etc.

COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Bank clearings this week will again show a decrease as compared with a year ago. Preliminary figures compiled by us, based upon telegraphic advices from the chief cities of the country, indicate that for the week ended to-day (Saturday, Mar. 19), bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be 35.9% below those for the corresponding week last year.

Table comparing bank clearings for the week ending March 19, 1932, with the same week in 1931, showing returns by telegraph and per cent.

Complete and exact details for the week covered by the foregoing will appear in our issue of next week. We cannot furnish them to-day, inasmuch as the week ends to-day (Saturday) and the Saturday figures will not be available until noon to-day.

In the elaborate detailed statement, however, which we present further below, we are able to give final and complete results for the week previous—the week ended March 12. For that week there is a decrease of 39.9%, the aggregate of clearings for the whole country being \$5,035,634,177, against \$8,382,040,406 in the same week of 1931.

cities now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located, and from this it appears that in the New York Reserve District, including this city, there is a contraction of 41.5%, in the Boston Reserve District of 42.5% and in the Philadelphia Reserve District of 28.8%. In the Cleveland Reserve District the totals have been diminished by 40.0%, in the Richmond Reserve District by 27.6%, and in the Atlanta Reserve District by 31.3%. The Chicago Reserve District suffers a loss of 45.0%, the St. Louis Reserve District of 34.1%, and the Minneapolis Reserve District of 30.0%. In the Kansas City Reserve District the decrease is 31.8%, in the Dallas Reserve District 25.3%, and in the San Francisco Reserve District 30.7%.

In the following we furnish a summary of Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Table with columns: Week End, Mar. 12 1932, 1932, 1931, Inc. or Dec., 1930, 1929. Rows include Federal Reserve Districts like Boston, New York, Cleveland, etc., and a Total for 118 cities.

We now add our detailed statement, showing last week's figures for each city separately, for the four years:

Large table with columns: Clearings at—, Week Ended March 12, 1932, 1931, Inc. or Dec., 1930, 1929. Rows are organized by Federal Reserve Districts (First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth) and list various cities with their respective clearing values.

Clearings at—

Week Ended March 12.

Large table with columns: 1932, 1931, Inc. or Dec., 1930, 1929. Rows are organized by Federal Reserve Districts (Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Eleventh, Twelfth) and list various cities with their respective clearing values.

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 largest banks.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Lehigh Coal & Navigation, Lehigh Valley, Mitten Bank Sec Corp, etc.

* No par value.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, March 12 to March 18, 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 like Black & Decker com, Ches & Po Tel of Balt pf100, Comm'l Credit pref B, etc.

* No par value.

National Banks.—The following information regarding National banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

CHARTERS ISSUED.

Table with columns: Date, Description of bank charter, Capital. Includes entries like Mar. 12—The First National Bank of Odessa, Texas, Mar. 12—The First National Bank of Plano, Ill.

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS.

Table with columns: Date, Description of liquidation, Capital. Includes entries like Mar. 8—The New Holland National Bank, New Holland, Pa., Mar. 10—The Callicoon National Bank, Callicoon, N. Y.

CONSOLIDATIONS.

Table with columns: Date, Description of consolidation, Capital. Includes entries like Mar. 11—First National Bank in McKinney, Texas, Mar. 9—The Peoples National Bank & Trust Co. of White Plains, N. Y.

BRANCHES AUTHORIZED UNDER ACT OF FEB. 25 1927.

Table with columns: Date, Description of branch authorization. Includes entries like Mar. 5—The National City Bank of New York, New York, Mar. 9—The Peoples National Bank & Trust Co. of White Plains, N. Y.

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not actually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were sold at auction in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Buffalo on Wednesday of this week:

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per Sh., Shares, Stocks, \$ per Sh. Includes entries like 15/16 Phila. Nat'l Bank, par \$20, 35 Phila. Nat'l Bank, par \$20, etc.

By Adrian H. Muller & Son, New York:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per Sh., Shares, Stocks, \$ per Sh. Includes entries like 100 Chase National Bank, A promissory note of Electric Pub. Service Co., etc.

By R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per Sh., Shares, Stocks, \$ per Sh. Includes entries like First mtge. and mtge. note from Russell F. Brown to Herbert B. Keen, dated Mar. 2 1929, for \$63,000 on property located on Oak St., Plympton, 1st mtge., etc.

By Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per Sh., Shares, Stocks, \$ per Sh. Includes entries like 100 Western Mass. Companies, 15 special units First Peoples Trust, Demand note for \$50,000, dated Apr. 16 1925, secured by a 2d mtge. given by Wm. H. Shea to Leverett A. Haskell, covering property at 131 and 133 Charles St., Boston, Mass., \$5,000 lot.

By A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$2 per Sh., Shares, Stocks, \$ per Sh. Includes entries like 10 Como Mines, 10 Zenda Gold Mines.

By Baker, Simonds & Co., Detroit, on Friday, March 11:

Table with columns: Bonds—Per Cent., Bonds—Per Cent. Includes entries like \$2,000 Chas. Trankla coll. tr. 6s, 1936, \$2,000 175 W. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, 1st 6s, 1934.

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. Includes entries like Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, and various utility and industrial companies.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes entries like M-A-C-Plan, Inc. (Hartford), MacAndrews & Forbes, com. (quar.), and various other companies.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes entries like Westinghouse Air Brake (quar.), Weston (Geo.) Ltd., class A (quar.), and Zinke Renewing Shoe Corp., pref. (qu.)

Below we give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends announced this week, these being given in the preceding table.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Railroad (Steam), Public Utilities, and various utility and industrial companies like Alabama Power, Amer. Electric Light, and others.

Table with 4 main columns: Name of Company, Per Cent, When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. The table is split into two pages, with the first page containing the left half of entries and the second page containing the right half. Entries include various financial entities such as Detroit Bankers, Devoe & Raynolds, and many others, with their respective payment percentages, dates, and book closure details.

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed Days Inclusive.
Miscellaneous (Concluded).			
U. S. Gypsum, com. (quar.)	40c.	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 15a
U. S. Steel Corp., common (quar.)	50c.	Mar. 30	Holders of rec. Feb. 29a
U. S. Tobacco, com. (quar.)	\$1.10	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 14a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 14a
Universal Crane, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Universal Pictures, 1st pref. (quar.)	2	Apr. 1	Mar. 26 to Mar. 31
Upressit Metal Cap Corp., pref. (qu.)	*1	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 17
Victor-Monaghan Co., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 19
Vogt Mfg. (quar.)	15c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 10
Vortex Cup, common (quar.)	*37 1/2c	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Vulcan Designing, common	50c.	Apr. 20	Holders of rec. Apr. 7a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Apr. 20	Holders of rec. Apr. 7a
Wagner Electric, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 19
Walt & Bond, class B (quar.)	*20c.	Mar. 30	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Waldorf System, com (quar.)	37 1/2c	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 19a
Walgreen Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 21a
Ward Baking Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 17a
Warner Co., 1st pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Waukesha Motor Co. (quar.)	*50c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Weston Oil & Snowdrift, Inc., com. (qu.)	15c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15a
West Coast Oil, pref. (quar.)	*21.50	Apr. 5	Holders of rec. Mar. 26
Western Exploration (quar.)	*2 1/2c.	Mar. 21	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Western Grocers, Ltd., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Apr. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 20
Westmoreland Inc (quar.)	30c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Weston Electrical Instrument, cl. A (qu)	50c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. d19a
Westvaco Chlorine Products, pref. (qu.)	*\$1.75	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
White Motor Securities, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 14a
White Rock Mineral Springs, com. (qu.)	1	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15a
First preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Second preferred (quar.)	5	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Whitaker Paper, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 19
Wilcox-Rich Corp., class A (quar.)	62 1/2c	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 19a
Will & Baumer Candle Co., pref. (qu.)	2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Winn & Lovett Grocery, class A (quar.)	50c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 21
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 21
Winsted Hooley (quar.)	*2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15
Quarterly	*2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15
Quarterly	*2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Wisconsin Bankshares Corp. (quar.)	4c.	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 22
Wiser Oil (quar.)	*25c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 11
Wright-Hargreaves Mines (quar.)	2 1/2c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 10
Wrigley (Wm.), Jr. (monthly)	25c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 19a
Wurlitzer (Rudolph) Co., 7% pt. (qu.)	1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 19
7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 19
Yale & Towne Mfg. (quar.)	25c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15a
Young (L. S.) Spring & Wire Corp. (qu.)	25c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Youngstown Sheet & Tube, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 22

* From unofficial sources. † The New York Stock Exchange has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice.
 ‡ The New York Curb Exchange Association has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice.
 a Transfer books not closed for this dividend.
 d Correction. e Payable in stock.
 f Payable in common stock. g Payable in scrip. On account of accumulated dividends. j Payable in preferred stock.
 m Commercial invest. Trust conv. pref. dividend will be paid in stock at rate of 1-52d. share com. stock unless holder notifies company on or before Mar. 16 of his desire to take cash, \$1.50 per share.
 n Internat. Hydro-Elec. System class A dividend is optional either 50c. cash or 1-50th share class A stock.
 o All transfers received in order at London on or before March 3 will be in time for payment of dividend to transferees.
 p Midland United pref. A. dividend is optional either cash or 1-40th share com. stk.
 q Imperial Tobacco of Canada ordinary final dividend to be ratified at stockholders' meeting on March 14.
 r Goldblatt Bros. dividend payable in cash or common stock. Holders desiring cash must notify company.
 s General Gas & Elec. com. class A dividend is payable in class A stock at rate of 3-200ths of a share.
 t Payable in Canadian funds.
 u Erroneously reported in previous issue as Merchants Refining Co.
 v Amer. Cities Power & Light class A dividend is optional either 75c. cash or 1-32d share class B.
 w Less deduction for expenses of depositary.
 z Dividends on Canadian Pacific ordinary stock will be payable in Canadian funds and will hereafter be declared half-yearly.

Weekly Return of New York City Clearing House.—Beginning with March 31 1928, the New York City Clearing House Association discontinued giving out all statements previously issued and now makes only the barest kind of a report. The new returns show nothing but the deposits, along with the capital and surplus. The Public National Bank & Trust Co. and Manufacturers Trust Co. are now members of the New York Clearing House Association, having been admitted on Dec. 11 1930. See "Financial Chronicle" of Dec. 31 1930, pages 3812-13. We give the statement below in full:

STATEMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE ASSOCIATION FOR THE WEEK ENDED SATURDAY, MARCH 12 1932.

Clearing House Members.	*Capital.	*Surplus and Undivided Profits.	Net Demand Deposits. Average.	Time Deposits. Average.
Bank of N. Y. & Tr. Co.	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 9,730,700	\$ 74,283,000	\$ 10,598,000
Bank of Manhattan Tr. Co.	22,250,000	44,436,700	220,661,000	38,716,000
National City Bank	124,000,000	101,347,500	a935,864,000	172,125,000
Chem. Bank & Trust Co.	21,000,000	44,753,800	198,289,000	22,736,000
Guaranty Trust Co.	90,000,000	194,959,000	b711,588,000	69,395,000
Manufacturers Trust Co.	e32,935,000	e27,188,400	255,359,000	86,932,000
Cent Hanover Bk & Tr.	21,000,000	79,103,200	384,430,000	38,769,000
Corn Exch Bank Trust Co	15,000,000	22,649,500	164,356,000	25,622,000
First National Bank.	10,000,000	112,537,200	250,364,000	26,117,000
Irving Trust Co.	50,000,000	75,506,700	287,502,000	39,609,000
Continental Bank & Tr Co	4,000,000	6,750,200	25,800,000	3,717,000
Chase National Bank	148,000,000	143,075,000	c955,809,000	104,338,000
Fifth Avenue Bank	500,000	3,405,800	30,402,000	2,518,000
Bankers Trust Co.	25,000,000	75,020,400	d342,110,000	37,385,000
Title Guaranty & Tr Co.	10,000,000	21,208,100	34,190,000	7,718,000
Marine Midland Tr Co.	10,000,000	7,019,000	35,949,000	5,640,000
Lawyers Trust Co.	3,000,000	2,400,000	12,880,000	1,150,000
New York Trust Co.	12,500,000	26,559,200	153,796,000	19,305,000
Com'l Nat Bk & Trust Co.	7,000,000	9,235,600	41,287,000	1,972,000
Harriman Nat Bk & Tr Co	2,000,000	2,863,200	24,978,000	4,699,000
Public Nat Bk & Trust Co	8,250,000	7,876,400	34,000,000	28,210,000
Totals	622,435,000	1,017,530,600	5,174,577,000	740,321,000

* As per official reports: National, Dec. 31 1931; State, Dec. 31 1931; trust companies, Dec. 31 1931. e As of Feb. 9 1932.
 Includes deposits in foreign branches: (a) \$227,423,000; (b) \$60,111,000; (c) \$49,848,000; (d) \$18,832,000.

The New York "Times" publishes regularly each week returns of a number of banks and trust companies which are not members of the New York Clearing House. The Public National Bank & Trust Co. and Manufacturers Trust Co., having been admitted to membership in the New York Clearing House Association on Dec. 11 1930, now report weekly to the Association and the returns of these two banks are therefore no longer shown below. The following are the figures for the week ending March 11:

INSTITUTIONS NOT IN THE CLEARING HOUSE WITH THE CLOSING OF BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK ENDED FRIDAY, MARCH 11 1932. NATIONAL BANKS—AVERAGE FIGURES.

	Loans, Disc. and Investments.	Gold.	Other Cash Including Bank Notes	Res. Dep. N. Y. and Elsewhere.	Dep. Other Banks and Trust Cos.	Gross Deposits.
Manhattan—	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Grace National.	16,903,327	1,100	93,543	1,592,194	594,830	14,030,458
Brooklyn—						
Peoples Nat'l.	6,470,000	5,000	89,000	396,000	34,000	5,670,000

TRUST COMPANIES—AVERAGE FIGURES.

	Loans, Disc. and Investments.	Cash.	Res'v'e Dep. N. Y. and Elsewhere.	Depos. Other Banks and Trust Cos.	Gross Deposits.
Manhattan—	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Empire.	60,327,600	\$3,504,800	5,376,000	2,036,500	59,001,800
Fulton.	18,333,000	*2,308,800	848,900	479,700	17,250,500
United States.	66,892,353	4,800,000	12,073,645	-----	56,163,200
Brooklyn—					
Brooklyn.	104,541,000	2,202,000	21,130,000	106,000	104,679,000
Kings County.	26,166,517	1,723,405	3,065,055	-----	24,271,648

* Includes amount with Federal Reserve as follows: Empire, \$2,189,000; Fulton, \$2,167,400.

Boston Clearing House Weekly Returns.—In the following we furnish a summary of all the items in the Boston Clearing House weekly statement for a series of weeks:

BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS.

	Week Ended March 16 1932.	Changes from Previous Week.	Week Ended March 9 1932.	Week Ended March 2 1932.
Capital	\$ 91,775,000	Unchanged	\$ 91,775,000	\$ 91,775,000
Surplus and profits	82,328,000	Unchanged	82,328,000	82,328,000
Loans, disc'ts & invest'ts.	883,096,000	-24,475,000	907,571,000	914,667,000
Individual deposits	526,094,000	+6,689,000	519,405,000	528,576,000
Due to banks	118,389,000	-4,536,000	122,925,000	122,122,000
Time deposits	207,310,000	+35,000	207,275,000	208,645,000
United States deposits	25,044,000	+5,548,000	19,496,000	27,094,000
Exchanges for Clg. House	12,974,000	-4,429,000	12,545,000	13,808,000
Due from other banks	72,550,000	+23,442,000	49,108,000	59,547,000
Res'v'e in legal deposit'es	69,125,000	-429,000	69,554,000	68,478,000
Cash in bank	7,476,000	-192,000	7,284,000	7,524,000
Res. in excess in F. R. Bk.	4,554,000	+1,090,000	3,464,000	2,720,000

Philadelphia Banks.—Beginning with the return for the week ended Oct. 11 1930, the Philadelphia Clearing House Association began issuing its weekly statement in a new form. The trust companies that are not members of the Federal Reserve System are no longer shown separately, but are included with the rest. In addition, the companies recently admitted to membership in the Association are included. One other change has been made. Instead of showing "Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank" and "Cash in Vault" as separate items, the two are combined under designation "Legal Reserve and Cash."

Reserve requirements for members of the Federal Reserve System are 10% on demand deposits and 3% on time deposits, all to be kept with the Federal Reserve Bank. "Cash in Vaults" is not a part of legal reserve. For trust companies not members of the Federal Reserve System the reserve required is 10% on demand deposits and includes "Reserve with Legal Depositaries" and "Cash in Vaults."

Beginning with the return for the week ended May 14 1928, the Philadelphia Clearing House Association discontinued showing the reserve required and whether reserves held are above or below requirements. This practice is continued.

	Week Ended March 12 1932.	Changes from Previous Week.	Week Ended March 5 1932.	Week Ended Feb. 27 1932.
Capital	\$ 77,052,000	Unchanged	\$ 77,052,000	\$ 77,052,000
Surplus and profits	205,718,000	Unchanged	205,718,000	205,718,000
Loans, disc'ts. and invest.	1,180,297,000	-11,191,000	1,191,488,000	1,205,454,000
Exch. for Clearing House	17,127,000	-3,744,000	20,871,000	20,943,000
Due from banks	79,520,000	-3,868,000	83,388,000	80,002,000
Bank deposits	134,897,000	+1,413,000	133,484,000	128,829,000
Individual deposits	594,954,000	-9,880,000	604,834,000	613,394,000
Time deposits	260,402,000	+1,796,000	258,606,000	259,139,000
Total deposits	990,253,000	-6,671,000	996,924,000	1,001,382,000
Res'v'e with F. R. Bank.	87,305,000	+131,000	87,174,000	87,864,000

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, March 17, and showing the condition of the twelve Reserve banks at the close of business on Wednesday. In the first table we present the results for the System as a whole in comparison with the figures for the seven preceding weeks and with those of the corresponding week last year.

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS MARCH 16 1932

Table with 10 columns representing dates from Mar. 16 1932 to Mar. 18 1931. Rows are categorized into RESOURCES and LIABILITIES, including items like Gold with Federal Reserve agents, Total gold reserves, and various bills and securities.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS MARCH 16 1932

Table with 13 columns for bank locations: Total, Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan.Cty., Dallas, San Fran. Rows include RESOURCES and LIABILITIES for each bank.

Bankers' Gazette.

Wall Street, Friday Night, March 18 1932.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 2091.

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, 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. 12 to Mar. 18) and various bond types (First Liberty Loan, Fourth Liberty Loan, etc.).

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were: 7 4th 4 1/4s 100 1/2s to 100 1/2s

Quotations for United States Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, &c.

Table with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked, Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked. Lists various Treasury certificates and their market rates.

Foreign Exchange.—

To-day's (Friday's) actual rate for sterling exchange were 3.61 1/2 @ 3.63 1/2 for checks and 3.61 1/2 @ 3.63 1/2 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight, 3.62 @ 3.62 1/2; sixty days, 3.59 1/2 @ 3.60 1/2; ninety days, 3.59 @ 3.59 1/2; and documents for payment, 3.60 1/2 @ 3.60 1/2. Cotton for payment, 3.61 1/2, and grain, 3.61 1/2.

Table showing exchange rates for Paris, Germany, and Amsterdam banks, including checks and cables rates.

The Curb Exchange.—The review of the Curb Exchange is given this week on page 2092.

A complete record of Curb Exchange transactions for the week will be found on page 2123.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—During 1931 the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co. paid over 87 millions to policyholders and their beneficiaries. Of this amount over 19 1/2 millions was on account of dividends to policyholders in annual reduction of cost.

Of equal interest was the statement that the new insurance paid for in 1931 was over 624 millions, equaling 94% of the insurance paid for the previous year. The insurance in force, now amounting to over \$3,600,000,000 is an increase of 2 1/2% over the previous year.

The report also showed that in addition to the dividends of 19 1/2 millions paid in 1931, the company has apportioned the sum of \$20,692,930 for the payment of dividends to policyholders in 1932. This sum is carried as a liability, along with the policy reserve required by law, computed at Massachusetts Standard to be \$522,220,800, and also \$47,171,467 held in reserve covering all other equities of policyholders in the company funds.

Over and above this they have in hand a surplus or "Safety Fund" of over \$43,800,000. The sum of these reserves and the surplus makes total admitted assets of \$621,278,133 and increase for the year of \$37,156,319.68. The statement shows investment of these assets in railroad, State, municipal, Federal and public utility bonds, &c., to the amount of \$155,149,898; stocks \$25,340,654, of which all but \$3,773,675 are preferred or guaranteed; farm mortgages \$174,536,583.76; city mortgages \$122,829,474.40 and loans to policyholders \$79,310,640.58. Other assets are Real estate \$28,491,546; cash \$5,115,061.82; premiums deferred and in course of collection \$14,900,043; interest and rents due and accrued \$15,439,078.54; all other items \$165,152.99.

—Announcement is made of the formation of Ewart, Adams & Bond, Inc., to acquire the business of W. L. Adams & Co., and to conduct a general investment business. Members of the new firm are Clifford B. Ewart formerly President of Taylor, Ewart & Co., Inc., Durbin Bond, William L. Adams and J. J. Freudenberger. Both Mr. Adams and Mr. Freudenberger were formerly partners of W. L. Adams & Co. and Mr. Bond was formerly with George H. Burr & Co., and a Vice-President of B. J. Van Ingen & Co., Inc. The new firm will specialize in the underwriting and distributing of corporate issues and will maintain an active trading department.

—Tucker, Anthony & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce that Charles O. Bellows, formerly of Nicol-Livingston & Ford, will be associated with them on or about March 21. The personnel of the New York stock department of Nicol-Livingston & Ford, together with Mr. Bellows, will also be affiliated with Tucker, Anthony & Co., as of that date.

—Harry Bronner, Charles G. Cushing, B. T. Feustman, Edward F. Hayes, Clarence Lewis, George N. Lindsay, Henry Lockhart and Hunter S. Marston, all formerly affiliated with Bancamerica-Blair Corp., announce that they will occupy individual offices at 44 Wall Street, effective March 16 1932.

—Hemphill, Noyes & Co. announce the opening of a municipal bond department under the management of Winfield F. Stephens, with whom Harry B. Parrott will be associated. Coincident with this announcement it was stated that Stephens and Co., specialists in municipal bonds, would retire from active business.

—J. Floyd Watson, formerly with S. W. Straus & Co., has become associated with Hammons & Co., Inc., 120 Broadway, N. Y., in charge of their Real Estate Bond Trading Department.

—An analysis of the financial position of 16 leading food and baking companies based upon their reports issued as of the end of 1931 has been prepared by Luke, Banks & Weeks.

—Webster, Kennedy & Co., specialists in municipal, Government and other tax exempt bonds, have opened a Philadelphia office under the management of John G. Hopkins.

—Lord, Westerfield & Co., Inc., announce the appointment of Donald S. Rodgers as Pittsburgh correspondent and Henry Beyer & Co., as their correspondent in Newark.

—Norton P. Rogers Jr., formerly with Redmond & Co., has joined the municipal department of Leach Bros., Inc., New York.

—Carl T. Hyder, formerly with Rhoades & Co., has been admitted as a general partner in the firm of C. F. Zeitner & Co.

—Rhoades & Co. have opened an office at Milan, Italy, under the management of Gian Luca Cicogna.

—Purdy, Rennie & Co., Inc., announce the removal of their offices to 115 Broadway.

—R. W. Pressprich & Co. are now located at 68 William Street, New York City.

FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE SECOND PAGE PRECEDING.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday Mar. 12 to Friday Mar. 18) and 'Sales for the Week'. Rows list various stock symbols and their corresponding prices.

Table with columns for 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE', 'PER SHARE Range for Year 1932', and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1931'. Rows list various stock names and their price ranges.

* Bid and asked prices, no sales on this day † Ex-dividend ‡ Ex-rights

FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE THIRD PAGE PRECEDING.

Main table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday), sales for the week, stock names, and price ranges (Lowest and Highest) for the current year and previous year.

* Bid and asked prices. no sales on this day x Ex-dividend y Ex-dividend and ex-rights

FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE FOURTH PAGE PRECEDING.

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday Mar. 12 to Friday Mar. 18), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range for Year 1932, and PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1931. Includes entries for various companies like Domus & Miscell., Indus. & Miscell., etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. x Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights. b Ex-dividends.

FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE FIFTH PAGE PRECEDING.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and price ranges for various stocks. Includes sub-headers for 'Saturday Mar. 12.', 'Monday Mar. 14.', etc.

Table of stock listings under 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE'. Columns include 'PER SHARE Range for Year 1932', 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1931', and stock names like 'Indus. & Miscell. (Com.) Par', 'Hamilton Watch pref.', 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 SIXTH PAGE PRECEDING.

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT., Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range for Year 1932, PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1931. Includes stock names like Matheson Alkali Works, May Dept Stores, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. d Ex-dividend and ex-rights. s Ex-dividend. p Ex-rights.

FOR SALES FOR THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE SEVENTH PAGE PRECEDING

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Sales for the Week.

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

PER SHARE Range for Year 1932 On basis of 100-share lots

PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1931

Main table with columns for dates (Saturday Mar. 12 to Friday Mar. 18), sales for the week, stock names, and price ranges for 1932 and 1931.

* 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 EIGHTH PAGE PRECEDING.

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT., STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range for Year 1932, PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1931. Rows include various stock symbols and prices.

* Bid and asked prices, no sales on this day. # Ex-dividend. @ Ex-rights.

New York Stock Exchange—Bond Record, Friday, Weekly and Yearly 2115

on Jan. 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now "and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds.

Table with columns: BONDS, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended March 18, Interest Period, Price Friday Mar. 18., Week's Range or Last Sale., Bonds Sold., Range Since Jan. 1., and another set of columns for the same data on the right side.

* Cash sale. * At the exchange rate of \$4.8665 to the £ sterling. a Deferred delivery.

Main table containing bond listings for 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS' with columns for interest period, price, week's range, and range since Jan 1.

r Cash sale. a Deferred delivery.

Table with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended March 18, Interest Period, Price Friday Mar. 18., Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold., Range Since Jan. 1., Low, High. Includes entries for North Cent gen & ref 6s A, Gen & ref 4 1/2s ser A, North Ohio 1st guar g 5s, etc.

Table with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended March 18, Interest Period, Price Friday Mar. 18., Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold., Range Since Jan. 1., Low, High. Includes entries for Seaboard All Fla 1st g 6s A, Certificates of deposit, Series B, etc.

r Cash sale. d Due May. k Due August. a Deferred delivery.

INDUSTRIALS. Abitibi Pow & Pap 1st 5s, Adams Express coll tr g 4s, Adriaic Elco Co ext 7s, etc.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended March 13.', 'Price Friday Mar. 13.', 'Week's Range or Last Sale.', 'Range Since Jan. 1.', and 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended March 13.', 'Price Friday Mar. 13.', 'Week's Range or Last Sale.', 'Range Since Jan. 1.'

r Cash sale. a Deferred delivery

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price, Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1., and Range Since Jan. 1. Includes sections for Bonds, N.Y. Stock Exchange, and various bond types like Municipal, Industrial, and Government.

r Cash sales a Deferred delivery d 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 12 to March 18, 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. (Low, High). Rows include Railroad, Miscellaneous, and Mining categories.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange, March 12 to March 18, 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. (Low, High). Rows include various industrial and utility stocks.

Table with columns: Stocks (Continued) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Weeks Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Rows include various utility, industrial, and financial stocks.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Utl & Ind Corp com, Convertible preferred, Utilities Pow & Lt Corp A.

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Chic City Rys 5s, Chicago Rys, 1st mtge 6s.

* No par value. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

Toronto Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Toronto Stock Exchange, March 12 to March 18, 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. (Low, High). Includes entries like Abitibi Pr & Paper com, Alberta Pacific Grain A, Atlantic Sugar com.

* No par value.

Toronto Curb.—Record of transactions at the Toronto Curb, March 12 to March 18, 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. (Low, High). Includes entries like Beath & Son W. D. "A", Blitmore Hats com, Brew Cork com.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like McColl Frontenac Oil com, North Star Oil com, Prairie Cities Oil A.

* No par value.

Cleveland Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange, March 12 to March 18, 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. (Low, High). Includes entries like Chase Brass & Copper, Preferred series A, City Ice & Fuel.

* No par value.

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange, March 12 to March 18, 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. (Low, High). Includes entries like Am Laundry Mach com, Amer Rolling Mill com, Churnfold Corporation.

* No par value.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, March 12 to March 18, 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. (Low, High). Includes entries like Allegheny Steel, Arkansas Nat Gas Corp, Preferred, Armstrong Cork Co.

* No par value. z Ex-dividend.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—See page 2095.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—See page 2096.

Milwaukee Grain & Stock Exchange.—Following is the record of transactions at the Milwaukee Grain & Stock Exchange, March 12 to March 18, 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 Briggs-Stratton, Carnation Co, Firemans Insur, etc.

* No par value.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange, March 12 to March 18, 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 Bank and Trust—, First National Bank, Mer-Com Bk & Tr Co, etc.

* No par value.

Los Angeles Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Los Angeles Stock Exchange, March 12 to March 18, 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 Bolsa Chica Oil A, California Bank, Central Investment Co, etc.

* No par value.

San Francisco Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at San Francisco Stock Exchange, March 12 to March 18, 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 Alaska Juneau Gold Min., Anglo & London P Nat Bk, Assoc Ins Fund Inc, etc.

New York Produce Exchange Securities Market.—Following is the record of transactions at the New York Produce Exchange Securities Market, March 12 to March 18, both inclusive, compiled from sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various securities like Admiralty Alaska Gold, Amer Util Gen A, Bancamerica-Blair, etc.

*No par value.

New York Curb Exchange—Weekly and Yearly Record

In the following extensive list we furnish a complete record of the transactions on the New York Curb Exchange for the week beginning on Saturday last (Mar. 12 1932) and ending the present Friday (Mar. 18 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 with columns: Week Ended March 18, 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 Indus. & Miscellaneous, Acme Steel, Acme Wire com, etc.

Table with columns: Bonds (Continued), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., and Bond Description. The table lists various bonds such as Assoc T & T deb 5 1/8 A '55, Grand (F W) Properties, and others, with their respective prices and dates.

Table with columns: Bonds (Continued), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., Bonds (Concluded), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1.

* No par value. † Correction. n Sold under the rule. o Sold for cash. s Deferred delivery. t Ex-rights and bonus. w When issued. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

See alphabetical list below for "Under the Rule" sales affecting the range for the year.

Bulova Watch pref., Feb. 2, 10 at 12 1/2.

Central Power 5s series D, 1957, Mar. 7, \$1,000 at 72.

Cities Service, pref. B, Jan. 11, 10 at 5.

Kansas City Gas 6s, 1942, Mar. 1, \$4,000 at 98.

Netherlands 6s 1972, Jan. 5, \$10,000 at 106.

New York & Westchester Lt. 4s, 2004, Mar. 15, \$1,000 at 85 1/2.

Rio de Janeiro 6 1/2s 1959, Jan. 18, \$12,000 at 16 1/2.

Public Service of No. Ill., 4 1/2s, 1978, Feb. 8, \$1,000 at 85.

Russian Govt. 5 1/2s cts., 1921, Feb. 4, \$1,000 at 1 1/2.

Shawinigan Water & Power 4 1/2s, series B, 1968, Mar. 10, \$2,000 at 78.

Stinnes (H), deb. 7s, 1936, Jan. 25, \$1,000 at 31 1/2.

Sylvania Gold Mines, Jan. 27, 100 at 1 1/2.

Union Gulf Corp. 5s, 1950, Mar. 9, \$1,000 at 98.

United Light & Ry. deb. 6s, 1973, Mar. 9, \$2,000 at 65 1/2.

Welch Grape Juice com., Jan. 27, 25 at 37 1/2.

See alphabetical list below for "Deferred Delivery" sales affecting the range for the year.

American Solvents & Chem. 6 1/2s, w. w., 1936, Mar. 17, \$1,000 at 14 1/2.

American Yvette Co. com., Mar. 14, 100 at 1/2.

Associated Gas & Elec. 4 1/2s, series C, 1948, Mar. 1, \$2,000 at 33.

Associated Telephone Co., Ltd. 5s, 1965, Feb. 18, \$1,000 at 81 1/2.

Atlas Plywood deb. 5 1/2s, 1943, Feb. 29, \$1,000 at 33.

Beacon Oil deb 6s, 1936, with warrants, Jan. 2, \$9,000 at 94.

Bell Telephone of Canada 5s, 1957, Mar. 7, \$9,000 at 94 1/2.

Cities Service Gas deb. 5 1/2s, 1942, Jan. 5, \$1,000 at 51.

Gillette Safety Razor 6s, 1940, Mar. 7, \$1,000 at 94.

Hamburg Elevated Underground & Street Ry. 6 1/2s 1938, Jan. 2, \$1,000 at 29.

Indiana & Michigan Elec. 5s, 1955, Mar. 12, \$2,000 at 94.

Industrial Mortgage Bank of Finland 7 1944, Jan. 2, \$1,000 at 50.

Insull Invest. 6s, w. w., 1940, Mar. 18, \$5,000 at 7.

Interstate Power 5s, 1957, Mar. 10, \$5,000 at 70.

Lerner Stores Corp., com., Feb. 9, 300 at 5 1/2.

New Bradford Oil, Feb. 8, 500 at 1/2.

N. Y. & Foreign Investing deb. 5 1/2s 1948 with warrants, Jan. 13, \$1,000 at 41 1/2.

Pacific Gas & Elec. 6 1/2s first pref., Mar. 9, \$2,000 at 24 1/2.

Pacific Western Oil s. r. 6 1/2s with warr., 1943, Jan. 4, \$6,000 at 51.

Peoples G. L. & Co. 4s, 1981, Feb. 11, \$1,000 at 75 1/2.

Piedmont Hydro-Electric 1st & ref 6 1/2s 1960, Jan. 7, \$2,000 at 51.

Pittsburgh Steel 6s, 1948, Feb. 6, \$1,000 at 76.

San Antonio Public Service 5s B, 1953, Mar. 1, \$1,000 at 78 1/2.

Southwest Dairy Products deb. 6 1/2s 1938, Jan. 20, \$1,000 at 7.

Tri-Utilities Corp. deb. 5s, 1979, Feb. 1, \$2,000 at 3 1/2.

United Verde Extension Mining, Mar. 16, 100 at 2 1/2.

Van Sweringen Corp. 6s, w. w. 1935, Jan. 30, \$5,000 at 48.

West Penn Electric deb. 5s 2030, Jan. 4, \$1,000 at 63 1/2.

Quotations for Unlisted Securities

Public Utility Bonds.

Table of Public Utility Bonds with columns for description, bid price, ask price, and other financial details.

Public Utility Stocks.

Table of Public Utility Stocks with columns for company name, par value, bid price, ask price, and other financial details.

Investment Trusts (Concluded).

Table of Investment Trusts (Concluded) with columns for trust name, par value, bid price, ask price, and other financial details.

Industrial Stocks.

Table of Industrial Stocks with columns for company name, par value, bid price, ask price, and other financial details.

Investment Trusts.

Table of Investment Trusts with columns for trust name, par value, bid price, ask price, and other financial details.

Telephone and Telegraph Stocks.

Table of Telephone and Telegraph Stocks with columns for company name, par value, bid price, ask price, and other financial details.

Chain Store Stocks.

Table of Chain Store Stocks with columns for company name, par value, bid price, ask price, and other financial details.

* No par value. a Last reported market. d New stock. e Ex-stock dividend. z Dividend. y Ex-rights.

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Sugar Stocks.

Table with 3 columns: Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Fajardo Sugar, Haytian Corp Amer, Savannah Sugar com, 7% preferred.

Federal Land Bank Bonds.

Table with 3 columns: Par, Bid, Ask. Includes 4s 1957 optional 1937 M&N, 4s 1958 optional 1938 M&N, etc.

New York Bank Stocks.

Table with 3 columns: Bid, Ask. Includes Bank of Yorktown, Chase, Chatham-Ph Nat Bk & Tr 20, City (National), etc.

Trust Companies.

Table with 3 columns: Bid, Ask. Includes Banca Comm Italiana Tr 100, Bank of Sicily Trust, Bank of New York & Tr 100, etc.

Chicago Bank Stocks.

Table with 3 columns: Bid, Ask. Includes Central Republic, Chic Bk of Commerce, Continental Ill Bk & Tr 100, etc.

Industrial and Railroad Bonds.

Table with 3 columns: Bid, Ask. Includes Adams Express 4s '47 J&D, American Meter 6s 1946, Amer Tobacco 4s 1951 F&A, etc.

Insurance Companies.

Table with 3 columns: Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Aetna Casualty & Surety 10, Aetna Fire, Aetna Life, Agricultural, American Alliance, etc.

Realty, Surety and Mortgage Companies.

Table with 3 columns: Bid, Ask. Includes Bond & Mortgage Guar 20, Empire Title & Guar 100, Franklin Surety, etc.

Aeronautical Stocks.

Table with 3 columns: Bid, Ask. Includes 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 3 columns: Bid, Ask. Includes Allis-Chal Mfg 6s May 1937, Alum Co of Amer 6s May '52, Amer Metal 5 1/2s 1934 A&O, etc.

Railroad Equipments.

Table with 3 columns: Bid, Ask. Includes Atlantic Coast Line 6s, Louisville & Nashville 6s, Baltimore & O 6s, etc.

Water Bonds.

Table with 3 columns: Bid, Ask. Includes Alton Water 5s 1956, Ark Wat 1st 5s 1956 A&O, Ashtabula W W 5s 1958 A&O, etc.

Investment Trust Stocks and Bonds.

Table with 3 columns: Bid, Ask. Includes American & Continental, Bankers Nat Invest com A, Beneficial Indus Loan pref, etc.

* No par value. a And dividend. d Last reported market. f Flat price. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

Current Earnings—Monthly, Quarterly and Half Yearly.

CUMULATIVE INDEX COVERING RETURNS IN PRESENT AND PREVIOUS ISSUE

Below will be found all returns of earnings, income and profits for current periods, whether monthly, quarterly or half-yearly, that have appeared the present week. It covers all classes of corporate entities, whether railroads, public utilities, industrial concerns or any other class and character of enterprise or undertaking. It is all inclusive in that respect, and hence constitutes an invaluable record.

The accompanying index, however, is not confined to the returns which have come to hand the present week. It includes also some of those given in the issue of March 12. The object of this index is to supplement the information contained in our "Monthly Earnings Record," which has been enlarged so as to embrace quarterly and semi-annual statements as well as monthly reports. The "Monthly Earnings Record" was absolutely complete up to the date of issue, March 10, embracing every monthly, semi-annual and quarterly report which was available at the time of going to press.

The index now given shows the statements that have become available in the interval since then. The figures in most cases are merely for a month later, but there are also not a few instances of additions to the list, representing companies which had not yet made up their returns when the March number of the "Monthly Earnings Record" was issued.

We mean to continue giving this current index in the "Chronicle" each week, furnishing a reference to every return that has appeared since the last preceding number of the "Monthly Earnings Record." The latter is complete in and by itself, and for most persons will answer all purposes. But to those persons who are desirous of seeing the record brought down to date every week, this further and supplementary index in the "Chronicle" will furnish an invaluable addition. The "Chronicle" index in conjunction with the "Monthly Earnings Record" will enable any one at a glance to find the very latest figures of current earnings and income, furnishing a cumulative record brought down to date each and every week—an absolutely unique service. A further valuable feature is that at the end of every return, both in the "Chronicle" and the "Monthly Earnings Record," there is a reference line showing by date and page number the issue of the "Chronicle" where the latest complete annual report of the company was published.

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Air-Way Elec. Appliance Corp.....	Mar. 12. 1958	Edison Electric Illum Co Boston.....	Mar. 19. 2144	New York Investors Inc.....	Mar. 19. 2165
Alaska Juneau Gold Mining Co.....	Mar. 12. 1938	Electric Auto-Lite Co.....	Mar. 19. 2156	New York Shipbuilding Corp.....	Mar. 12. 1971
Allied Chemical & Dye Corp.....	Mar. 19. 2136	Electric Storage Battery Co.....	Mar. 19. 2156	North American Aviation Corp.....	Mar. 12. 2185
American Tobacco Co.....	Mar. 19. 2131	Emasco Derrick & Equipment Co.....	Mar. 12. 1964	North American Co.....	Mar. 12. 1942
Amalgamated Leather Cos., Inc.....	Mar. 12. 1958	Equitable Office Bldg. Corp.....	Mar. 12. 1939	North American Edison Co.....	Mar. 19. 2146
American Chalk Co., Inc.....	Mar. 12. 1958	Fairbanks Co.....	Mar. 19. 2132	Northern Indiana Public Service Co.....	Mar. 12. 1954
American Commercial Alcohol Corp.....	Mar. 19. 2150	Fairbanks Morse & Co.....	Mar. 19. 2157	Northwest Bancorporation.....	Mar. 19. 2165
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American Power & Light Co.....	Mar. 12. 1950	Fifth Avenue Bus Securities Corp.....	Mar. 19. 2145	Ohio Oil Co.....	Mar. 19. 2166
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American Water Works & Elec. Co.....	Mar. 12. 1938	Follansbee Brothers Co.....	Mar. 19. 2157	Otis Steel Co.....	Mar. 12. 1972
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Atlas Plywood Corp.....	Mar. 19. 2131	Garner Denver Co.....	Mar. 12. 1965	Pacific Western Oil Corp.....	Mar. 19. 2167
Atlas Utilities Co.....	Mar. 12. 1942	Gary Railways Co.....	Mar. 19. 2145	(David) Pender Grocery Co.....	Mar. 12. 1972
Automatic Washer Co.....	Mar. 12. 1960	General Cable Corp.....	Mar. 12. 1965	Pennsylvania Power & Light Co.....	Mar. 19. 2134
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Borden Company.....	Mar. 19. 2135	General Refractories Co.....	Mar. 19. 2158	Pierce Arrow Motor Car Co.....	Mar. 12. 1945
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Boston Elevated Railway.....	Mar. 12. 1946	Gulf Oil Corp.....	Mar. 19. 2159	Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.....	Mar. 19. 2167
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Connecticut Electric Service Co.....	Mar. 19. 2144	Milwaukee Gas Light Co.....	Mar. 19. 2146	Waldorf System, Inc.....	Mar. 12. 1977
Connecticut Light & Power Co.....	Mar. 19. 2144	Minnesota Power & Light Co.....	Mar. 19. 2133	Walworth Co.....	Mar. 12. 1977
Consolidated Chemical Indus. Inc.....	Mar. 12. 1962	Mississippi Power & Light Co.....	Mar. 19. 2162	Warren Foundry & Pipe Corp.....	Mar. 19. 2170
Consolidation Coal Co.....	Mar. 19. 2154	Missouri Power & Light Co.....	Mar. 19. 2133	(The) Washington Water Power Co.....	Mar. 19. 2135
Container Corp. of America.....	Mar. 19. 2139	(The) Montana Power Co.....	Mar. 19. 2133	Western Dairy Products Co.....	Mar. 19. 2170
Continental Oil Co.....	Mar. 12. 1943	Montour RR.....	Mar. 19. 2131	Western Electric Co.....	Mar. 19. 2140
Corn Products Refining Co.....	Mar. 19. 2155	Moto Meter Gauge & Equipment Co.....	Mar. 12. 1970	Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co.....	Mar. 19. 2136
Crane Co.....	Mar. 19. 2155	Motor Products Corp.....	Mar. 12. 1971	West Ohio-Gas Co.....	Mar. 12. 1957
Dakota Central Telephone Co.....	Mar. 19. 2144	Motor Wheel Corp.....	Mar. 12. 1971	West Penn Electric Co.....	Mar. 12. 1957
Dallas Power & Light Co.....	Mar. 19. 2132	National Ace Co.....	Mar. 12. 1971	Wheeling Steel Co.....	Mar. 19. 2171
Davenport Hosery Mills, Inc.....	Mar. 12. 1963	National Bellas Hess Co., Inc.....	Mar. 19. 2163	Wilcox-Rich Corp.....	Mar. 19. 2171
Deep Rock Oil Corp.....	Mar. 12. 1939	National Fireproofing Corp.....	Mar. 19. 2164	Willys-Overland Co.....	Mar. 19. 2149
Dexter Co.....	Mar. 12. 1963	National Rys. of Mexico.....	Mar. 19. 2131	Wisconsin Gas & Electric Co.....	Mar. 19. 2149
Deisel-Wemmer-Gilbert Corp.....	Mar. 12. 1962	National Steel Corp.....	Mar. 19. 2164	Wisconsin Power & Light Co.....	Mar. 19. 2149
Detroit Edison Co.....	Mar. 19. 2132	National Supply Co.....	Mar. 19. 2164	Worthington Pump & Machy. Corp.....	Mar. 12. 1977
Detroit Street Railways.....	Mar. 12. 1963	National Sugar Refining Co.....	Mar. 19. 2165	Wm. Wrigley Jr. Co.....	Mar. 12. 1977
Douglas Aircraft Co., Inc.....	Mar. 12. 1963	Nebraska Power Co.....	Mar. 19. 2133	Yellow Truck & Coach Mfg. Co.....	Mar. 12. 1941
Eastern Massachusetts St. Ry. Co.....	Mar. 12. 1952	Nelsner Bros. Inc.....	Mar. 19. 2164	York Shares Corp.....	Mar. 19. 2135
Eastern Rolling Mill Co.....	Mar. 12. 1963	New Bedford Gas & Edison Light Co.....	Mar. 19. 2146	Zonite Products Corp.....	Mar. 19. 2174

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—We give below the latest weekly returns of earnings for all roads making such reports:

Table with columns: Name, Period Covered, Current Year, Previous Year, Inc. (+) or Dec. (-). Rows include Canadian National, Canadian Pacific, Georgia & Florida, Minneapolis & St. Louis, Mobile & Ohio, Southern, St. Louis Southwestern, Western Maryland.

We also give the following comparisons of the monthly totals of railroad earnings, both gross and net (the net before the deduction of taxes), both being very comprehensive. They include all the Class I roads in the country.

Two tables showing Gross Earnings and Net Earnings by month from January to December. Columns include 1931, 1930, Inc. (+) or Dec. (-), and Length of Road.

National Railways of Mexico.

Table comparing National Railways of Mexico for 1931, 1930, and 6 months ending Dec 31, 1931. Columns: Railway oper. revenues, Railway operating exps., Net operating revenue, Percentage exps. to rev., Non-operating income, Deductions items 530-641 (I. C. C.), Balance, Kilometers operated.

The Philippine Railway Co.

Table comparing The Philippine Railway Co. for 1931, 1930, and 12 months ending Dec 31, 1931. Columns: Gross operating revenue, Operating Exp. & taxes, Net revenue, Interest on funded debt, Net income, Income appropriated for investment in physical property, Balance.

New York City Street Railways.

(As filed with Transit Commission)

Large table showing New York City Street Railways data by company (Brooklyn & Queens, Eighth & Ninth Aves, Fifth Avenue Coach, Interborough Rapid Transit, Elevated Division, Hudson & Manhattan, Manhattan & Queens, New York & Harlem, New York & Queens, New York Railways, New York Rapid Transit, South Brooklyn Ry Co., Steintways Railways, Surface Transportation, Third Avenue Systems) and month (Nov '31, Nov '30, 5 months ended).

Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.

Table showing Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates for various companies: Alton & Southern, Central Vermont, Chesapeake & Ohio Lines, Montour.

Other Monthly Steam Railroad Reports.—In the following we show the monthly reports of STEAM railroad companies received this week as issued by the companies themselves, where they embrace more facts than are required in the reports to the Inter-State Commerce Commission, such as fixed charges, &c., or where they differ in some other respect from the reports of the Commission.

Central Vermont Ry., Inc.

Table showing Central Vermont Ry., Inc. data for February 1932, 1931, 1930, and 1929. Columns: Month of February, Railway oper. income, Non-operating income, Gross income, Deduct from gross inc., Net income, Ratio of ry. oper. exps. to revenues, Ratio of oper. exps. & taxes to revenues, Miles of road operated.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS COS.

Atlas Plywood Corp.

(And Subsidiary Companies.)

Table showing Atlas Plywood Corp. data for 6 months ending Dec 31, 1931, 1930, 1929, and 1928. Columns: 6 Mos. End. Dec. 31, Gross profit from sales, Selling and admin. exps., Net profit from sales, Other income, Total income, Interest charges, Cash discount on sales, Loss on sale of cap. assets, Miscellaneous charges, Provision for Fed. & Dominion inc. taxes (est.), Net profit, Dividends paid, Surp. add'n for period, Surpl. balance June 30, Surplus adjustments, net, Earn. surpl. Dec. 31, Earnings per sh. on 133,200 sh. cap. stk. (no par).

Arkansas Power & Light Co. (Electric Power & Light Corp. Subsidiary)

Financial statement for Arkansas Power & Light Co. showing monthly and 12-month ending data for January 1932-1931, 1931, 1932, and 1931.

Birmingham Electric Co. (National Power & Light Co. Subsidiary)

Financial statement for Birmingham Electric Co. showing monthly and 12-month ending data for January 1932-1931, 1931, 1932, and 1931.

Carolina Power & Light Co. (National Power & Light Co. Subsidiary)

Financial statement for Carolina Power & Light Co. showing monthly and 12-month ending data for January 1932-1931, 1931, 1932, and 1931.

Central Arizona Light & Power Co. (American Power & Light Co. Subsidiary)

Financial statement for Central Arizona Light & Power Co. showing monthly and 12-month ending data for January 1932-1931, 1931, 1932, and 1931.

Cities Service Co.

Financial statement for Cities Service Co. showing monthly and 12-month ending data for February 1932-1931, 1931, 1932, and 1931.

Detroit Edison Co. (And Subsidiary Utility Companies.)

Financial statement for Detroit Edison Co. showing 12 months ended data for Feb. 29 1932, Feb. 28 1931, Feb. 29 1932, and Feb. 28 1931.

Dallas Power & Light Co. (Electric Power & Light Corp. Subsidiary)

Financial statement for Dallas Power & Light Co. showing monthly and 12-month ending data for January 1932-1931, 1931, 1932, and 1931.

Detroit Street Ry.

Financial statement for Detroit Street Ry. showing monthly and 12-month ending data for February 1932-1931, 1931, 1932, and 1931.

Fairbanks Company (And Subsidiaries)

Financial statement for Fairbanks Company showing quarterly ending data for Dec. 31 1931, 1930, 1929, and 1928.

Houston Lighting & Power Co. (National Power & Light Co. Subsidiary)

Financial statement for Houston Lighting & Power Co. showing monthly and 12-month ending data for January 1932-1931, 1931, 1932, and 1931.

Idaho Power Co. (Electric Power & Light Corp. Subsidiary)

Financial statement for Idaho Power Co. showing monthly and 12-month ending data for January 1932-1931, 1931, 1932, and 1931.

Earnings of the combined organization. Such profits are so embraced only in the year in which they are converted into a cash asset.

CONSOLIDATED GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31:

Table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Assets (Prop. owned and oper., Deferred charges, Mining royalties, etc.), Liabilities (Common stock, Preferred stock, etc.), and Total assets.

Note.—That part of the surplus of subsidiary companies representing profits (sales of materials and products to other subsidiary companies and on hand in latter's inventories is in the above balance sheets deducted from the amount of inventories included under current assets.—V. 134, p. 1976.

Allied Chemical & Dye Corporation.

(12th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.)

The remarks of President Orlando F. Weber, together with the income account and balance sheet, will be found in the advertising columns of this issue.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Gross income after prov. for deprec., Federal taxes, Net income, Previous surplus, Total surplus, etc.

CONSOL. GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 (INCL. SUB. COS.)

Table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Assets (Real est., plant, equip., investments, etc.), Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, etc.), and Total.

Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.)

The remarks of Chairman A. W. Robertson and President F. A. Merrick, together with a statement of earnings and balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1931, are given under "Reports and Documents" on subsequent pages.

COMPARATIVE CONSOLIDATED RESULTS FOR PERIODS ENDED (Including Proprietary Companies)

Table with 4 columns: Cal. Year 1931, Cal. Year 1930, Cal. Year 1929, Mos. End. Dec. 31 '28. Rows include Sales billed, Net mfg. profit, Total income, Net income, etc.

General Motors Corp.

(23d Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.)

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS

Table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Net sales, Profit from oper., Net profit, Total net profit, etc.

Amount earned on com. stock. a87,501,208 a144,227,586 a236,491,712 b262,939,513

Including profit of \$10,057,559 from sale of 1,375,000 shares of common stock of corporation to General Motors Management Corp.

Including the General Motors Corp.'s equity in the undivided profits or losses of Yellow Truck & Coach Manufacturing Co., Ethyl Gasoline Corp., Vauxhall Motors, Ltd., Adam Opel A.G. (since April 1 1929), Bendix Aviation Corp. (since May 1 1929), General Aviation Corp., successor to Fokker Aircraft Corp. of America (since June 1 1929), General Motors Radio Corp. (since inception in 1929), and General Motors Acceptance Corp. and General Exchange Insurance Corp. (in 1925 only; income for 1929, 1930 and 1931 is consolidated), the amount earned on the common capital stock is \$87,501,208 (\$2.01 per share) in 1931; \$141,500,382 (\$3.25 per share) in 1930; \$238,809,587 (\$5.49 per share) in 1929.

Adding General Motors Corp. equity in undivided profits of General Motor Accept. Corp. (100%), Yellow Truck & Coach Mfg. Co. (50.002%), Ethyl Gasoline Corp. (50%), General Exchange Ins. Corp. in 1928 (100%), Vauxhall Motors, Ltd., in 1928 (100%), the amount earned per share of common stock outstanding is \$15.35 on the stock actually outstanding.

Includes in 1931 only the corporation's proportion of the net profits or losses of subsidiary and affiliated companies not consolidated.

Extraordinary and non-recurring losses, including provision for revaluation of the corporation's net working capital abroad to dollar value basis, and for revaluation of security investments to market value as of Dec. 31 1931.

SURPLUS ACCOUNT—YEAR ENDED DEC. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Surplus forward, Surplus for year as above, Equity in earned surp., etc.

Surplus at end of period. —301,266,482 344,265,275 380,560,273 285,458,595

General Foods Corp.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.)

President Colby M. Chester Jr. says in part:

Net earnings of corporation and subsidiaries for 1931, amounted to \$18,153,719. This is equivalent to \$3.44 per share on 5,275,667 shares of common stock outstanding...

Working capital at the end of 1931 was \$30,382,187 compared with \$27,677,875 at the end of 1930. The ratio of current assets to current liabilities stood at 6.7 to 1 at the end of 1931 compared with 5.3 to 1 at the end of the preceding year.

Investments in securities are mainly for reserves, and while the funds will not be needed in the operation of current business, a reserve of \$1,303,434 has been set up to reflect Dec. 31 1931, market values.

Notes payable have not appeared in our balance sheet for several years. Their recurrence at this time is a result of acquiring complete ownership of Frosted Foods Co., Inc., and the inclusion of its assets and liabilities.

Our usual comparative income statement for the year ended Dec. 31 1931 was published in V. 134, p. 1965.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 (COMPANY & SUBS.)

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, and 1929. Rows include Assets (Inventories, Accounts & notes receivable, etc.) and Liabilities (Accounts payable, Accruals, etc.).

x Represented by 5,359,127 shares (no par value), of which \$3,460 are held in treasury. y Convertible at company's option into preferred stock of subsidiary company.—V. 134, p. 1965.

Canadian Pacific Railway.

(Report for Fiscal Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.)

COMPARATIVE INCOME ACCOUNT—CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 1929, and 1928. Rows include Gross earnings, Oper. expenses & taxes, Net earnings, Fixed charges, Pension fund, Balance, surplus, Total income, Preferred divs, Common divs, Balance, surplus, Com. shares outstanding, Earnings per share.

a After deduction of contingent reserves. y Par \$100.—V. 134, p. 1573.

Columbia Gas & Electric Corp. (& Subs.)

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.)

President Philip G. Gossler reports in substance:

Extensions and Acquisitions.—The Seaboard Line, a 20-inch high-pressure pipe line, was completed during the year, extending from the fields in eastern Kentucky and West Virginia through West Virginia, Virginia and Maryland, to connect with previously owned pipe lines in eastern Pennsylvania...

A new company, Lycoming United Gas Corp., is being formed to acquire, directly or through subsidiaries, the various gas producing properties in the Wayne-Dundee fields in New York and the Tioga field in north-central Pennsylvania...

New York State Natural Gas Corp. has already completed arrangements with the Syracuse Lighting Co., Inc., to supply natural gas to the latter for enrichment of its gas service in Syracuse, N. Y., and neighboring communities, subject to the approval of the public authorities.

Through the establishment of this community of interest, which will benefit consumers, the production of the recently discovered fields in southern New York and northern Pennsylvania is made available to the important industrial cities in the central part of New York and can be connected with the large additional reserves of Columbia System and subsidiaries of the Standard Oil Co. (N. J.) in Kentucky, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

The pipe line system bringing natural gas to Columbia System from the fields in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas, in which Columbia Oil & Gasoline Corp.'s one-half interest was financed by Columbia Gas & Electric Corp., was completed during the year.

The delivery of natural gas from the Southwestern fields to subsidiaries of Columbia Gas & Electric Corp. in western Ohio conserves production of Columbia System for possible distribution in Eastern markets and reinforces the supply for the entire territory served.

Financing.—The principal part of the expenditures for these additions and extensions to property was made during the years 1930 and 1931 and was partially funded in January, 1931, by the sale of an issue of \$50,000,000 of gold debenture bonds 5% series due 1961.

Reserves and Surplus.—Due to existing conditions, it has been deemed advisable to set aside from surplus approximately \$4,000,000 as a reserve for contingencies. After this provision and the net result of other debits and credits properly applicable to surplus the consolidated surplus of Columbia Gas & Electric Corp. and its subsidiary companies at the end of the year amounted to \$44,448,803, as shown on the balance sheet and surplus account contained in this report.

COMPARATIVE CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 1929, and 1928. Rows include Utility Operations (Gas, Electric, Railway, Other operations), Total gross revenues, Operating expenses, Prov. for renewals, replacements & deple'n., Taxes, Net operating revenue, Other income, Gross corp. income, Int. on sec. of subs. &c., Preferred divs. of subs., Earnings appl. to min. int.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 1929, and 1928. Rows include Bal. applic. to Colum. G. & E. Co. (inter-co. items elim.), Other Operations (Inc. applic. to Col. G. & E. Corp. inter-co. items eliminated), Net revenue inter-co. items eliminated, Total before fixed chgs., Interest charges, Int. charged to construc., Consol. net income, Pref. dividends paid, Common divs. paid.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 1929, and 1928. Rows include Balance, Common shares outstanding, Earnings per share.

a Figures restated in new form for comparative purposes. b Due to segregation of oil and gasoline properties, 1930 and 1931 figures represent interest and dividends received from Columbia Oil & Gasoline Corp., while 1929 figures represent net income from such properties.

Note.—The corporation's investment in American Fuel & Power Co. is carried under "Investments" in the accompanying balance sheet; as the principal subsidiaries thereof are in receivership, no effect is given to the combined results of operations of that company in the above consolidated income statements or accompanying balance sheet.

CONSOLIDATED SURPLUS ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED DEC. 31 1931.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 1929, and 1928. Rows include Balance, Jan. 1 1931, Net income for year ended Dec. 31 1931, Total surplus, Cash dividends paid, preferred, Common, Dividends paid to minority stockholders, Miscellaneous adjustments, Minority interest in net income, Provision for reserve for contingencies, Miscellaneous debits—Net, Balance, Dec. 31 1931.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, and 1929. Rows include Assets (Property acct., Secs. owned, Cash, Notes receivable, etc.) and Liabilities (Pref. & min. com. stks., 5% pref. stock, Common stock, etc.).

a Comprising electric generating stations, high voltage transmission lines, electric and gas distribution systems, gas, oil and coal fields, gasoline plants and cost of leases (at values as carried on the various constituent balance sheets herein consolidated). b In related, affiliated and other companies (at cost). c Represented by 11,609,985 shares, no par value. d For renewals and replacements and depletion. e Advances to Columbia Oil & Gasoline Corp.—V. 134, p. 1370.

St. Louis-San Francisco Railway.

(Including Subsidiary Lines.)

(Condensed Report for the Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.)

Chairman E. N. Brown and President J. M. Kurn, March 14 wrote in brief:

1931 Operations.—The earnings for 1931 declined substantially, due to the business depression which continued throughout the year. Gross operating revenues decreased from \$74,208,767 to \$57,112,998, a decrease of \$17,095,769, or 23%. After payment of fixed charges there was a deficit of \$3,255,763, as compared with a surplus of \$5,621,536 for 1930.

Revenue freight loaded on line and received from connections decreased 171,356 cars or 20% as compared with 1930. Average earnings per car were \$67.57, a decrease of \$1.33.

Operating expenses for the year decreased \$10,416,214, or 20%. Throughout the year every economy consistent with safe operation and efficient service was put into effect. Train, station and allied services

have been curtailed and by consolidation and other measures division and departmental forces have been substantially reduced. Effective Jan. 16 1931, all official salaries were reduced. On Aug. 1 and Dec. 16, reductions applied to all non-official salaries not covered by contract.

Since the close of the year, as a result of an agreement between representatives of the railroads and representatives of all classes of organized railroad employees, there has become effective, for a year from Feb. 1 1932, a 10% reduction in all wages covered by contract. The annual saving to the company as a result of salary and wage reductions now in effect is estimated at \$2,400,000.

On Jan. 4 1932, there became effective the temporary increased freight rates authorized by the I.-S. C. Commission by its order of Oct. 16 1931. It is estimated that the additional revenue to the company from the increased rates for the year 1932 will be between \$1,200,000 and \$1,500,000. Pursuant to the agreements made by the carriers in accordance with the order of the I.-S. C. Commission, this additional revenue will be payable to the Railroad Credit Corp. and will be available for loans to carriers for the payment of fixed charges. Contributing carriers will ultimately be entitled to receive back their proportionate part of all amounts paid to the Railroad Credit Corp., less the expenses of operation of that corporation and any losses in connection with loans.

General Developments During 1931.—Weather conditions for agriculture in the company's territory in 1931 were favorable throughout the year. Production of cotton, wheat, corn and fruits exceeded expectations, but prices were low and traffic in these commodities was disappointing. Due to low prices and lack of market, many crops, especially fruit, were never harvested and much wheat is still held on farms or in local storage awaiting more favorable prices.

The intensity of competition for freight, passenger, milk and express business by automotive vehicles continued in increased measure. Long as well as short haul traffic has suffered severely. An total of 251 new industries were located on the line during 1931, consisting of 10 compresses and gins, 32 material yards, coal yards and mines, 32 warehouses, 74 oil distributing plants, 10 wholesale grocery and produce houses, 13 manufacturing plants and 80 miscellaneous industries, including canning factories, grain elevators, meat packing plants, oil well supply houses, rock crushers, quarries, gravel plants, creameries, condensaries and cheese plants.

As stated in the last annual report, wells Nos. 1 and 2 on the T. B. Slick oil lease at Oklahoma City were brought in Dec. 3 1930, and Jan. 27 1931, respectively. Well No. 3 was brought in June 1 1931. The royalties collected by the company during 1931 from these three wells amounted to \$68,072, notwithstanding the extremely limited production permitted by the State. Wells Nos. 4 and 5 on the Slick lease have not yet been drilled. The company has a royalty interest in three other wells brought in at Oklahoma City during the year, and is negotiating for a favorable lease of other property at that point for oil development.

On Oct. 30 1931, as a measure to meet motor truck competition, the company joined with other southwestern lines in establishing store-door pick-up and delivery service on less than carload shipments moving within a 300-mile zone. The results of this experiment are not yet fully known. **Securities and Loans.**—On July 1 1931, the company sold \$10,000,000 consolidated mortgage 6% gold bonds, series B, at 93.34% and interest. The proceeds of these bonds were applied to the payment of \$9,342,000 of general mortgage bonds of St. Louis and San Francisco Railway, which matured July 1 1931.

\$14,461,100 principal amount of prior lien mortgage 6% gold bonds, series E, dated Jan. 1 1931, and maturing Jan. 1 1936, were authenticated during the year and pledged under the consolidated mortgage.

During 1931 the company borrowed from banks a total of \$5,974,722. These loans being secured by \$8,246,000 consolidated mortgage 6% gold bonds, series B. Of these loans, \$4,500,000 matures July 1 1932 and \$1,474,722 is payable on demand.

Since the close of the year the company has borrowed from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation \$2,805,175 and has issued to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation its demand note bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum and secured by pledge of \$4,014,000 consolidated mortgage bonds, series B.

In addition to the general mortgage bonds above referred to, equipment trust obligations in the principal amount of \$2,813,000, and Springfield General Office Building note for \$5,000 matured during the year and were paid. \$499,500 principal amount of income bonds of Kansas City, Memphis and Birmingham RR. were retired during the year and \$8,000 were acquired and are held in the company's treasury.

Changes in Capital Account.—The net change in capital account during the year, for new issues, additions and betterments of roadway and structures, for purchase and construction of new equipment, and for betterment of existing equipment, less retirements, was as follows:

Roadway and structures	\$2,207,595
Equipment	236,877
	\$2,444,473
Less property retired—	
Roadway and structures	\$547,593
Equipment	321,542
Net increase in capital account	\$1,575,337

Equipment retired during the year comprised 77 freight cars, three passenger cars, four work cars and one miscellaneous unit, entailing a charge to operating expenses of \$53,147.

On Feb. 1 1931, the company purchased, for \$23,182 cash, the entire line of the Mississippi River Western Railway from Wilson to Stoffles Landing, Ark., a distance of 1.68 miles.

On March 1 1931, the Quanah Acme & Pacific Railway completed its new line from Quanah to Acme, Texas, 5.77 miles. On the same date it relinquished trackage rights between these points over the line of the Fort Worth & Denver City Railway.

General.—During the year the property was adequately maintained. The most important maintenance projects were 34 miles of new 110-lb. rail laid, releasing lighter rail, four miles of open deck pile trestles renewed, 321,485 cubic yards of ballast applied, 931,605 cross ties renewed and 10 highway grade separations.

At the close of the year 124 engines were out of service for repairs, 14.3% of the total owned. The number of freight cars out of service for repairs was 1,800, 4.8% of the total owned.

Notwithstanding the severe decline in earnings the taxes payable by the company and its subsidiaries during the year were only \$47,470 less than in 1930, the amounts respectively being 1931—\$4,308,717 or 7.54% of the gross revenue against \$4,356,187 or 5.87% of the gross revenue in 1930.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS

	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Rev. frt. handled (tons)	17,887,690	23,734,000	27,097,973	25,518,196
Revenue ton miles	383,197,817	454,698,373	526,921,630	497,476,229
Avg. miles per ton	214.22	191.58	194.45	194.95
Rev. per ton mile	1.22 cts.	1.31 cts.	1.34 cts.	1.35 cts.
Rev. tons per train mile	462.03	492.83	476.61	478.24
Rev. passenger carried	1,598,640	2,292,271	2,956,052	3,325,235
Rev. passenger miles	193,530,609	272,953,494	323,719,112	345,543,752
Rev. per passenger mile	2.79 cts.	3.06 cts.	3.37 cts.	3.41 cts.
Avg. miles per passenger	121.06	119.08	109.51	103.92

CORPORATE INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

(St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Co.)

	1931.	1930.	1929.
Railway operating revenues	\$54,426,917	\$70,956,462	\$84,938,060
Railway operating expenses	39,964,080	50,125,350	59,439,855
Net revenue from railway oper.	\$14,462,837	\$20,831,112	\$25,498,205
Railway tax accruals	4,162,223	4,203,433	5,064,253
Other operating charges	398,191	674,506	642,681
Total operating charges	\$4,560,414	\$4,128,927	\$4,641,569
Net railway operating income	9,902,423	16,702,185	20,856,637
Non-operating income	1,074,751	2,954,885	2,072,232
Gross income	\$10,977,174	\$19,657,070	\$22,928,869
Deductions from gross income	127,180	145,271	224,442
Balance available for interest, &c.	\$10,849,994	\$19,511,799	\$22,704,426
Interest on fixed charge obligations	13,322,268	12,779,258	12,495,720
Balance	df.\$2,472,274	\$6,732,541	\$10,208,707

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.
(Including Subsidiary Lines.)

	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Total oper. revenues	\$57,112,998	\$74,208,767	\$89,109,286	\$85,782,818
Railway oper. expenses	42,527,366	52,943,580	62,847,958	59,783,801
Net oper. revenue	\$14,585,632	\$21,265,187	\$26,261,328	\$25,999,017
Taxes	4,308,717	4,356,187	5,222,248	5,212,202
Other oper. charges	841,414	343,360	10,839	6,182,630
Operating income	\$9,435,502	\$16,565,641	\$21,028,240	\$20,969,445
Other income	776,283	1,993,856	1,897,127	3,778,628
Gross income	\$10,211,785	\$18,559,497	\$22,925,368	\$24,748,073
Deductions	137,056	153,846	232,913	111,644
Bal. for bond int., &c.	\$10,074,729	\$18,405,651	\$22,692,455	\$24,636,429
Interest on—				
Fixed charges & oblig.	13,330,492	12,784,115	12,500,382	13,620,863
Cum. adjust. bonds				1,216,319
Income bonds				1,582,740
Net income	df.\$3,255,762	\$5,621,536	\$10,192,073	\$8,216,507
Preferred dividends	2,949,444	2,949,444	2,457,870	1,012,154
Common dividends	1,308,650	5,234,624	(8)5,234,192	(8)5,234,092
Balance of income	df.\$7,513,856	df.\$2,562,531	\$2,500,011	\$1,970,261
Earns. per sh. on com.	Nil	\$4.08	\$11.82	\$11.01

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

		1931.		1930.	
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Assets—					
Invest. in road and equip.				Common stock	65,543,226
Road	346,838,481	345,137,616		Ser. A pref. stk.	900
Equipment	105,271,691	105,397,219		Pref. stk. (new)	49,157,400
Deposited funds of mortgaged property sold	16,623			Equip. tr. oblig.	23,746,000
Miscell. physical property	333,856	474,293		Mtge. bds. out'	269,912,767
Invest. in affiliated co.'s	530,690	528,995		Coil. trust bonds	112,000
Other investm'ts	11,623,948	11,790,049		Miscell. debt.	102,000
Cash	6,366,275	7,205,038		Other curr. liab.	18,071,373
Material & supp.	4,446,081	5,666,038		Deferred liab'l's	200,235
Other curr. assets	3,158,898	3,816,565		Accrued deprec.	38,925,230
Deferred assets	255,780	273,891		Res. for taxes, insurance, &c.	5,071,029
Other unadjud'd debt	1,911,010	2,071,499		Profit and loss	8,128,204
				Approp. surplus	17,550,254
Total	480,752,334	482,361,204	Total	480,752,334	482,361,204

—V. 134, p. 1949.

Radio Corporation of America.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.)

James G. Harbord, Chairman, and David Sarnoff, President, report in part:

Financial.—The gross income of corporation and its wholly owned subsidiaries from all sources for 1931 was \$102,645,419. Net income for the year was \$768,903. Dividends at rate of 7% per annum were paid quarterly on the A preferred stock. Dividends at the rate of \$5 per share per annum were paid on the B preferred stock for the first three quarters of 1931. These dividends amounted in total to \$4,250,880. No dividends have been paid on the common.

The consolidated balance sheet at Dec. 31 1931, gives effect to the reduction of the stated value of the common shares, the creation of additional reserves and the write-downs of plant and inventory accounts (see subsequent page under "Public Utilities").

Radio was no less affected than older or more seasoned industries by the worldwide subnormal business conditions prevailing throughout the year, by the decline in price levels and by unemployment which curtailed the purchasing power of many families. The world economic depression, which caused downward readjustment of values and a recession in commodity demand during 1930, was intensified during 1931. Although company entered the year with a compact and efficient organization and with production schedules balanced closely with sales response, expanded programs could be undertaken only along limited lines. In export activities, the decline in foreign exchange adversely affected the earnings of company.

Intensive effort was directed toward the further improvement of manufacturing processes and in effecting economies in costs of distribution. Balanced against many unfavorable factors of the year was the record of marked technical advancement and general improvement of the services offered by radio to the public. Confidence in the progress of the company was reflected by a substantial increase in the number of shareholders during the year. The number on Dec. 31 1931, was 103,851, an increase from 85,000 at the end of 1930. The number was 25,000 in April 1929.

Organization.—Subsidiary companies are RCA Victor Co., Inc., and RCA Radiotron Co., Inc., in manufacturing and sales; R.C.A. Communications, Inc., and Radiomarine Corp. of America in radiotelegraph communication; National Broadcasting Co., Inc., in broadcasting; R.C.A. Institutes, Inc., in training for radio work; and Radio Real Estate Corp. of America for real estate holdings of company. In addition to these wholly owned subsidiary companies, corporation now has a controlling stock interest in Radio-Keith-Orpheum Corp.

In 1931 Gramophone Co., Ltd., in which company held a substantial interest, was unified with the Columbia Graphophone Co., Ltd. These two British companies were joined under a new holding company, named Electric and Musical Industries, Ltd. As a result of this unification, company now owns approximately 27% interest in Electric and Musical Industries, Ltd., the subsidiaries of which manufacture and sell radio equipment, talking machines and records in Great Britain and many other countries of the world. Company also has interests in organizations operating in Canada, South America and the Orient.

Government Litigation.—In May, 1930, the Department of Justice instituted suit under the anti-trust acts against Radio Corporation of America and other companies charging that the fundamental cross licensing agreements by which Radio Corporation of America obtained rights to patents and to license others to use these patents were in violation of these acts.

The Department of Justice suit was instituted after the Department had won a decision in the lower court against certain gasoline companies which executed so-called patent pooling agreements. After this decision was reversed early in 1931 by the United States Supreme Court, active negotiations were carried on between counsel for Radio Corporation of America and other defendants, and the Department of Justice, looking toward a settlement of the radio litigation. Radio Corporation of America expressed its desire through counsel to co-operate by altering insofar as was possible any agreements which the Department of Justice criticized, irrespective of how they might eventually be regarded by the courts should the litigation be continued.

These negotiations have been conducted without prejudice and with an earnest desire that a settlement in the public interest and in the interest of the further development of the radio industry might be reached. Negotiations to this end have absorbed the attention of officers and counsel of the company, and all suggested actions possible and in keeping with the rights of your company to do business have been taken in order to avoid criticism either by the Department of Justice or others. Much consideration was given to the creation of an "open patent pool." Certain modifications have been undertaken in traffic agreements of Radio Corporation of America. Your company and the General Motors Corporation also decided to liquidate the General Motors Radio Corp., which had been organized by the General Motors Corp. in 1929.

An amended and supplemental petition was filed in this case by the Department of Justice on March 7, 1932, enlarging the scope of the issues and adding certain new parties, among them National Broadcasting Co., R.C.A. Communications, Inc., International General Electric Co., and Westinghouse Electric International Co. Answers to the amended petition will be filed promptly. (See also V. 134, p. 1955.)

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT YEAR ENDED DEC. 31. (Company and Subsidiaries.)

	1931.	1930.
Gross income from operations	100,124,847	132,261,908
Other income	2,520,573	4,775,688
Total gross income from all sources	102,645,420	137,037,596
Cost of sales, general operating, development, selling and administrative expenses	91,099,218	122,115,230
Provision for loss on foreign exchange	965,205	
Interest	1,469,180	1,524,321
Depreciation	7,842,912	6,632,557
Amortization of patents	400,000	939,195
Provision for Federal income taxes	100,000	300,000
Net income for year transferred to surplus	768,903	5,526,293
Dividends A preferred stock	1,373,907	1,373,300
Dividends B preferred stock	2,876,972	3,832,700
Balance	df3,481,976	sur320,293
Earnings per share on common stock (no par)	NI	\$0.02

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF SURPLUS AT DEC. 31 1931.

	Total Surplus.	Earned Surplus.	Capital Surplus.
Surplus at Jan. 1 1931	\$30,010,538	\$30,010,538	
Net income for the year	768,903	768,903	
Capital surplus created by retiring stated value of Treasury stock, and by reduction of stated value of Common stock to \$2 per share	30,057,354		30,057,354
Total	\$60,836,795	\$30,779,441	\$30,057,354
Cost of treasury stock to be retired and cancelled	2,838,472	2,838,472	
Write-down of inventories	10,359,000	10,359,000	
Write-down of fixed assets (buildings and equipment)	16,222,000		16,222,000
Write-down of investments	4,891,300	1,391,300	3,500,000
Reserves for special contingencies	2,623,500	612,000	2,011,500
Additions to general reserve	8,323,854		8,323,854
Dividends on A preferred stock	1,373,907	1,373,907	
Dividends on B preferred stock	2,876,972	2,876,972	
Surplus at Dec. 31 1931	\$11,327,789	\$11,327,789	

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31. 1931.

	1931.	1930.
Assets—		
Cash	23,916,408	20,379,116
Marketable securities	613,457	4,903,425
Notes and accounts receivable	12,591,566	20,898,425
Inventories	8,294,269	28,253,713
Securities and notes of and advances to associated and other companies	26,760,893	32,279,526
Factories, radio communication and broadcasting stations, warehouses, service shops, offices, &c.—land, bldgs. & equip. in operation & construction	39,379,257	60,375,771
Patents, contracts, &c., at cost	4,863,363	3,462,463
Taxes, insurance, &c., paid in advance	641,943	1,995,630
Total	117,061,156	168,548,068
Liabilities		
Notes payable		5,000,000
Accounts payable	6,585,902	7,561,431
Due to General Electric & Westinghouse Cos.	17,729,719	18,182,592
Miscellaneous accruals and payable		2,031,092
Dividends payable	346,005	1,304,957
Mortgages and building loans payable	3,925,000	5,115,869
Serial notes (maturing \$50,000 annually)	677,650	857,010
Reserve for special contingencies	4,173,277	
General reserves	9,823,855	4,650,000
Deferred income		1,305,265
7% A preferred stock	19,779,870	19,779,870
5% B preferred stock	16,430,709	72,749,444
Common stock	426,261,380	
Surplus (all earned)	11,327,789	30,010,538
Total	117,061,156	168,548,068

a Dec. 31 1930 market value in excess of cost. b After reserves of \$57,540,088. c Represented by 767,275 no par shares (redemption value \$100 per share). d Represented by \$13,130,690 no par shares. e Market value.—V. 134, p. 1955.

Continental Oil Co. (and Subsidiaries). (Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.)

President D. J. Moran, March 10, wrote in part:

The production of crude oil, at times during the year, was in excess of market demand due to the flush production from the East Texas pool and other fields. This excess, accompanied in some fields by a lack of sufficient transportation outlets, resulted in extremely low prices for crude oil. As this situation developed, with a consequent increase in the manufacture of gasoline, the price of refined products reached levels which, in many instances, were unprofitable.

On Jan. 1 1931, the corporation adopted the average cost method of pricing inventories. The decline in market prices during the year from the market prices on Dec. 31 1930 (at which the closing inventories of 1930 were valued, being lower than cost), was absorbed in current operations throughout the year. Current purchases of crude in 1931 at low prices resulted in reducing the average cost on the corporation's books from 99c. per barrel, on Dec. 31 1930, to 74c. per barrel on Dec. 31 1931, which cost was lower than market on that date. Consequently no charge-off for inventories was necessary at the close of 1931.

The scale of the corporation's operations increased in 1931. Operating expenses, however, decreased 19.19% as compared with the year 1930. Expenditures for properties, totalling \$3,603,279, were limited to acquisitions which could be purchased at advantageous prices and were necessary to operations. The corresponding amount for 1930 was \$19,084,844.82. The book value of properties sold or abandoned during the year totalled \$13,790,819, leaving a net decrease in the property accounts of \$5,187,539.

The funded and long term debt of the corporation on Dec. 31 1931, amounted to \$10,614,638, representing a reduction during the year of \$10,316,048. The redemption on Dec. 15 1931, 6 months in advance of the expressed date of maturity, of the remaining Marland Oil Co. 5% gold notes, series D, in the principal amount of \$7,500,000, substantially reduced the interest expense of the corporation.

On Dec. 31 1931, the current assets of the corporation were 1.83 times the total debt. The ratio of current assets to current liabilities on the same date was 5.9 to 1.

The difference between the increase in the reserves for depreciation, depletion, intangible development costs and abandonments, in the amount of \$2,208,979.26, and the charge to operations during the year, amounting to \$13,349,491.28, represents accrued depreciation and depletion on assets sold or abandoned during the year.

In California, the holdings of Continental Oil Co. of Government land on the North Dome of Kettleman Hills, at the instance of the Department of the Interior acting under Secretary Wilbur, have been utilized with the lands of others through the organization of the Kettleman North Dome Association. The properties of Continental Oil Co. comprise 18.333% of the entire acreage under the control and operation of the Association. The participating companies have been reimbursed for their expenditures on fixed equipment and intangible development costs. Each company, however, still retains title to its leases and has control over and disposition of its proportionate part of the production of the Association.

As of Dec. 31 1931, the Comar Oil Co., which was 50% owned by Continental Oil Co., was dissolved. The operation of the properties affected will be continued on a partnership basis which will result in materially reducing overhead and operating expenses.

Company has a 3 1/2% stock interest in the Great Lakes Pipe Line Co. All construction in connection with this project was completed during 1931 and gasoline is now being delivered to Kansas City, Des Moines, Omaha, Chicago and St. Paul, the principal terminal points. This system makes available to the corporation a desirable means of transporting gasoline to

meet the competition of those who have crude pipe lines and refineries in the areas served by these terminals. The investment indicates favorable returns.

Stockholders of the Continental Oil Co. numbered 32,234 on Dec. 31 1931. Results of 1931 operations, as compared with 1930, in various branches of the corporation's business, are shown in the following tabulation:

	—In Bbls. of 42 Gals.—	
	1931.	1930.
Production of crude oil:		
Gross	27,974,042	32,787,303
Net	16,248,090	21,159,187
Average daily crude oil production:		
Gross	76,641	89,828
Net	44,515	57,970
Pipe line runs of crude oil	15,354,135	16,644,438
Crude oil run through refineries	14,054,944	12,059,212
Inventory of crude oil on Dec. 31	8,932,551	10,944,598
Inventory of refined products on Dec. 31	3,725,753	3,874,677
Sales of crude oil	13,320,388	17,888,286
Sales of refined products	13,984,445	14,020,836
Sales of natural gas (1,000 cubic feet)	6,241,748	10,514,831

COMPARATIVE CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT YEAR ENDED DEC. 31.

	1931.	1930.	1929.
Gross operating income	\$57,130,663	\$90,430,898	\$81,893,797
Merchandise costs	25,297,438	34,030,418	23,923,911
Operating & administrative expenses	28,027,663	34,684,736	28,807,002
Taxes	x1,783,307	1,767,859	1,133,543
Net operating income	\$2,022,255	\$19,947,885	\$28,029,342
Equity in current year's earnings of controlled cos. not consolidated, net	58	1,220,061	1,317,010
Dividends and interest received	364,018	1,600,927	1,858,440
Income before capital extinguishments and interest charges	\$2,386,332	\$22,768,873	\$31,204,792
Intangible development costs	2,177,762	5,079,903	8,236,513
Depletion and lease amortization	3,240,722	3,247,879	4,149,884
Depreciation	7,931,007	3,046,182	7,878,429
Interest and discount on funded debt	1,081,082	1,767,122	1,780,718
Other interest	15,959	144,362	125,428
Adjustment of inventories to lower cost of market		4,198,773	
Net income	loss\$12,060,222	\$284,452	\$9,053,819
Applicable to minority interests	14,647	29,054	25,159
Extraordinary losses (net)	327,541		
Extraordinary profits—Cr	1,689,803		
Net income accrued to corp'n	df\$10,683,313	\$255,598	\$9,028,661
Shs. com. stock outstanding (no par)	4,718,008	4,694,062	4,743,103
Earnings per share	NI	\$0.05	\$1.90

x In addition to the amount of taxes shown above, there was paid (on account) for State gasoline taxes the sum of \$10,149,323.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DEC. 31 1931.

Capital surplus—Balance, Jan. 1 1931		\$21,527,436
Adjustments affecting accounts acquired from Continental Oil Co. (Maine) June 30 1929—		
Depletion on excess book costs		1,223,792
Book costs of assets written off		909,639
Additional provision in respect of obligations on annuities		400,000
Appreciation investment Comar Oil Co. eliminated account of dissolution		916,910
Balance, Dec. 31 1931		\$18,077,094
Earnings surplus (deficit)—Balance, Jan. 1 1931—deficit		1,565,908
Balance transferred from income statement		10,683,313
Total surplus, Dec. 31 1931		\$5,827,874

COMPARATIVE CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Cash	5,003,103	10,173,761	Notes payable	1,000,000
U.S. Govt. secur. receivable		3,212,688	Accts. payable	3,689,417
Notes and accts. receivable	a4,902,947	a6,836,339	Accrued liabll.	1,091,011
Crude oil and refined products	17,404,414	22,652,985	Purchase money obligations	659,638
Mat'l & supplies	770,930	1,030,777	Funded debt	9,955,000
Other curr. assets	121,855	143,668	Unredeem. bonds int., coupons, &c.	227,215
Invest. in adv. to contr. cos. not consol.	b15,865,306	17,545,184	Minority ints.	430,674
Other invests. & advances	5,566,877	6,007,239	Reserve for contingencies	507,295
Employees stock subscrip. rec.	721		Reserve for annuities	895,879
Capital stk. held in trust under employees' option agreement	1,802,217	1,438,728	Res. for insur.	1,487,030
Net prop. acct.	c99,197,042	106,593,561	Capital stock	d128,846,867
Funds deposited for redemp. of bonds, interest coupons, &c.	227,214	328,964	Capital surplus	18,077,094
Unadj. debits & sundry assets	1,934,502	2,168,408	Deficit (earned)	12,249,221
Prep. & def. chgs	820,370	1,362,412		1,565,908
Total	153,617,901	179,494,716	Total	153,617,901

a After reserve of \$168,989. b After reserve for possible losses of \$13,347,761. c After reserve for depreciation, depletion, amortization and intangible development costs of \$142,662,468. d Represented by 4,718,008 no par shares.—V 134, p. 1200.

The International Nickel Co. of Canada, Ltd. (Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.)

President Robert C. Stanley, March 14, wrote in part:

Sales.—Sales of nickel in all forms, including nickel in alloys, amounted to 55,739,047 pounds compared with 75,284,352 pounds in 1930, a decrease of 26%. The world's consumption of nickel in all forms aggregated 73,000,000 pounds compared with 88,000,000 pounds in 1930 and 136,000,000 pounds in 1929.

Company's nickel sales were as follows: Nickel in refinery products of Port Colborne (Canada) and Clydach (Wales) amounted to 42,096,126 pounds compared with 56,934,612 pounds in 1930, a decrease of 26%. Nickel in products of the rolling mills at Birmingham (England) and Huntington (West Virginia) and of the foundry at Bayonne (New Jersey) totalled 13,642,921 pounds as compared with 18,349,740 pounds, a decrease of 26%.

Sales of "Monel Metal," a product made direct from Creighton ore, totalled 13,158,745 pounds compared with 18,961,706 pounds in 1930, a decrease of 31%; and sales of rolled nickel, 4,084,084 pounds, were off 10%.

As between the two refineries, export sales of nickel from Port Colborne, other than to the United States (U. S. sales being off 33%), were off 21% from the figures of 1930; and sales of nickel by the Mond Nickel Co., Ltd., from Clydach decreased 16% from the previous year.

Copper sales, inclusive of copper in sulphate produced in Wales, decreased from 109,743,747 pounds to 96,919,677 pounds or 12%. Gold sales were 23,384 ounces, silver sales 822,983 ounces, and sales of the platinum metals 51,585 ounces.

Ore Reserves.—Proven ore reserves as at Dec. 31 1931 aggregated 205,606,715 tons. As part of the general curtailment program, development and exploration work in all mines was reduced to a minimum. In view of the great tonnage of proven ore management does not deem it necessary, during the period of curtailment, to continue extensive exploratory work for the purpose of adding substantially to the reserves. During the year 670,489 tons of additional ore were added to the reserves in the ordinary course of mining operations.

Capital Expenditures.—Capital expenditures for 1931 amounted to \$4,679,435 compared with \$12,328,918 for 1930 and \$21,497,608 for 1929. and were distributed as follows: Sudbury District \$4,009,488, Port Port Colborne \$69,009, Great Britain \$321,823, Huntington \$220,309, Bayonne \$52,423, New York office and foreign development companies \$6,380.

Shareholders.—The number of preferred shareholders was 10,533 on Dec. 31 1931 as compared with 10,723 on Dec. 31 1930, a decrease of 2%. The number of common shareholders was 94,621 on Dec. 31 1931 as against 76,235 on Dec. 31 1930, an increase of 24%.

Outlook.—At the present time world industry as a whole, and especially that of the principal industrial nations of Europe, is in a state of uncertainty and insecurity. Great Britain's departure from the gold standard, followed by numerous other countries, has had an effect on the flow of distribution as well as on the prices of commodities. There is an absence of confidence, and credit facilities are not readily available for international trade. It is therefore obvious that a revival of general business depends upon the return of more normal conditions.

As to company's prospects, comparison with the past may aid in envisaging the future. Notwithstanding the severity of the present world-wide depression company has been affected less adversely during this period than during the industrial collapse of 1921. Whereas in 1921 a substantial deficit was incurred, the past year shows earnings, after all charges, amounting to more than 2½ times preferred dividend requirements; and dividends were continued on the common stock throughout the year.

The company's markets for its products are now primarily industrial in character. Sales of nickel in all forms during 1931 were largely in excess of similar sales in 1921, showing an increase of 104%. This comparison is significant in that it clearly indicates that the consumption of nickel is increasing more rapidly than that of most other metals. This satisfactory increase in sales is to be attributed not only to the recognized value of nickel but to the fact that for the past 10 years technical research and development have been employed on a progressive scale to demonstrate its worth and to extend its uses.

During the past decade the company has become an integrated and essential part of modern industry and therefore must benefit from any improvement in world conditions.

CONSOLIDATED GENERAL INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CAL. YEAR.

Table with columns for years 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Earnings of all properties, Total income, General expenses, Net income, Preferred dividends, Common dividends.

CONSOLIDATED SURPLUS ACCOUNT 12 MONTHS ENDED DEC 31.

Table with columns for years 1931, 1930. Rows include Earned surplus beginning of year, Adjustments, Net profit as above, Total, Dividends preferred, Common, Earned surplus end of year.

CONSOLIDATED GENERAL BALANCE SHEET.

Table with columns for years 1931, 1930. Rows include Assets (Property, Investments, Inventories, etc.), Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, etc.), Total.

Western Electric Co., Inc. (Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.)

Table with columns for years 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Sales, Other income, Gross income, Cost of sales, Interest, Net income, Common dividends, Balance, surplus, Shares common stock, Earned per share.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with columns for years 1931, 1930. Rows include Assets (Real estate, Machinery, etc.), Liabilities (Cap. stock, etc.), Total.

American Tobacco Co.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.)

COMPARATIVE INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns for years 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Total net income, Prem. on bonds, Net income, Prof. divs., Com. divs., Balance, surplus, Previous surplus, Profit & loss, Shs. com. outst., Earnings per share.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with columns for years 1931, 1930. Rows include Assets (Real est., mach., fixtures, etc.), Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, etc.), Total.

(The Willys-Overland Co. (and Subsidiaries).

(20th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.)

L. A. Miller, President, says in part: Car and truck sales for the year were 61,782. A loss of \$1,892,260 after depreciation and before special charges incurred during the year.

- In addition to the loss, directors have deemed it advisable to make the following special charges to surplus: 1. Provision for write-off of plant, equipment and all special tools... 2. Provision for inventory write-down, commitments, commitments, contingencies, &c... 3. Investments in and advances to foreign and domestic affiliated companies written off... 4. Extraordinary advertising, in excess of what the 1931 sales volume justified... 5. Provision for miscellaneous notes, accounts, advances, &c...

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns for years 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Net sales, Cost of sales, Gross profits, Inf. earn. & misc. profit, Adjt. prior yr. res. & exp., Federal tax recovery, Book value of com. shs., Total income, Gen. exp. & misc. chgs., Interest, Deprec. & amortiz., Special expense, Federal taxes, Net profit, Previous surplus, Profit and loss credits, Prem. on sale of com. stck., Disc. on pref. stock purchase for retirement.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with columns for years 1931, 1930. Rows include Assets (Real estate, bldgs., machinery, etc.), Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, etc.), Total.

× Land, \$1,905,908; buildings, mach. equip. &c. after depreciation of \$25,103,501, \$29,739,530; total as above \$31,645,439. y Par value \$5. z For reserves for doubtful accounts and notes of \$296,059.—V. 134, p. 1794.

General Corporate and Investment News.

STEAM RAILROADS.

I.-S. C. Commission Authorizes Parcel Post Rise.—The I.-S. C. Commission has approved the application of Postmaster General Brown for a revision of parcel post rates. Although providing for both increases and reductions, the revision is expected to yield \$7,550,000 a year in additional revenues, or slightly less than half the \$15,570,750 deficit from parcel post operations from 1930. N. Y. "Times" March 16, p. 38.

Ask I.-S. C. Commission to Defer Oil Freight Rate Revision.—Southwestern railroads, acting jointly, ask the I.-S. C. Commission to postpone for 90 days the effective date of revised petroleum freight rates in the southwest. "Sun" March 12, p. 29.

Wage Cut on Federal Railroad.—A 10% cut in wages on the Government owned Panama RR. has been ordered by Governor Harry Burgess of the Canal Zone at the instance of the War Department. The reduction effective as of March 1, effects about 100 employees. This action was taken as the result of recent wage reductions made by American railroads. "Wall Street Journal" March 14 p. 9.

Matters Covered in the Chronicle of March 12.—(a) Gross and net earnings of United States railroads for the month of January, p. 1830; (b) valuation of railway properties comprising four-party plan placed at \$9,267,000,000, p. 1835; (c) Loans to railroads by Reconstruction Finance Corp. placed at \$47,075,257—Pennsylvania RR. seeks \$55,000,000 loan—Other roads apply for aid, p. 1893; (d) Loans of Reconstruction Finance Corp. total \$183,800,000—Commitments in first month include loans and credits, p. 1893; (e) Men returned to work by Missouri Pacific Railroad, p. 1894; (f) St. Louis Southwestern Ry. re-employs workers in its shops, p. 1894.

Akron Canton & Youngstown Ry.—Notes.—The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to issue \$200,000 of short-term promissory notes and to renew them from time to time for periods not in excess of two years from the respective dates of original issue for the purpose of providing additional working capital.

The report of the Commission says in part: The applicant has outstanding an aggregate face amount of \$387,500 of its promissory notes issued under authority of our order of March 21 1931. It states that, due to large advances made to its subsidiary, the Northern Ohio Ry., and to the great decrease in its traffic and earnings, it is in need of additional working capital, particularly to enable it to meet interest payments of \$162,000 due April 1 1932 and \$162,000 due Oct. 1 1932. It has submitted a statement giving a forecast of its cash receipts and disbursements from March 1 1932 to March 1 1934, which indicates that to May 31 1932 its disbursements will exceed its receipts by \$162,000.

To provide for the procurement of funds to meet its necessities, the applicant requests our authority to issue and renew from time to time \$200,000 of its promissory notes.

Though no definite arrangements have been made for the disposition of the notes, they will be sold or otherwise disposed of at not less than par to one or more of the banks with which the applicant customarily deals, will bear interest at rates not to exceed 6% per annum, and will be issued and renewed from time to time for periods of not more than two years from the respective dates of the original issue thereof.—V. 134, p. 1755.

Baltimore & Ohio RR.—No Dividend Action Taken.—At a meeting of the directors held on March 16, the company took no action respecting dividends on the 4% non-cum. preferred stock, par \$100. Quarterly distributions of 1% each had been made on this issue since reorganization of the company in 1899 to and including March 1 1932.

Three months ago, it was voted to omit the common dividend which ordinarily would have become payable on the latter date. A quarterly distribution of 1% was made on this issue on Dec. 1 1931 as against 1 1/4% each on June 1 and Sept. 1 1931 and quarterly payments of 1 3/4% from Dec. 2 1929 to and including March 2 1931.—V. 134, p. 1948, 1365.

Boyer City Gaylord & Alpena RR.—\$230,000 for Road.—See New York Central below.—V. 133, p. 116.

Canadian Pacific Ry.—Offers \$12,500,000 Conv. Debs.—An issue of \$12,500,000 6% collateral trust convertible debentures is being offered at par and interest by a syndicate headed by the Bank of Montreal, National City Co. and Dominion Securities Corp.

The issue is redeemable in 10 years. The debentures will be convertible into ordinary stock of Canadian Pacific at \$25 a share within five years.—V. 134, p. 1573.

Chicago & Alton RR.—Deposit Agreement Terminated.—The protective committee representing the 3% refunding 50-year gold bonds of the Chicago & Alton RR. has announced that the deposit agreement dated Nov. 1 1922, under which the certificates of deposit for these bonds were issued, has been terminated and depositors are entitled to receive the bonds represented by their certificates of deposit upon surrender of such certificates to the New York Trust Co., 100 Broadway, N. Y. City. Such delivery will be made without charge. The committee comprising David F. Houston, Darwin P. Kingsley, Thomas I. Parkinson, Edward D. Duffield and George F. Roosevelt, has served without compensation. The committee urges the surrender of the certificates of deposit not later than March 18.

Coupons due April 1 1932 and thereafter should be presented to W. R. Bixler, Assistant Treasurer, the Baltimore & Ohio RR., 33rd floor, 120 Broadway, N. Y. City, for payment. Such payments can no longer be obtained through the depository or the sub-depository.

Stricken from the List.—New York Trust Co. certificates of deposit for 3% refunding 50-year gold bonds due Oct. 1 1949 have been stricken from the N. Y. Stock Exchange list.—V. 133, p. 1923.

Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR.—Abandonment.—The I.-S. C. Commission on Feb. 27 issued a certificate authorizing the company to abandon a line of railroad extending from Fairmont in a northerly direction to a point about 0.75 miles southerly from McCool Junction, a distance of 6.88 miles, all in Fillmore and York counties, Neb.—V. 134, p. 1573.

Chicago Indianapolis & Louisville Ry.—New Director.—Lyman Delano has been elected a director to succeed Henry Walters, deceased.—V. 134, p. 1755.

Cleveland Union Terminals Co.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1931.	1930.
Rent from locomotives	\$157,780	\$78,743
Rent from work equipment	24	1,266
Joint facility rent income	4,832,937	2,358,871
Miscellaneous rent income	43,368	18,390
Income from unfunded securities and accounts	48,426	3,911
Income from sinking and other reserve funds	733	194
Total non-operating income	\$5,083,268	\$2,461,375
Railway tax accruals	793,253	366,925
Gross income	\$4,290,015	\$2,094,450
Rent for work equipment	28	50
Interest on unfunded debt	50	20,337
Miscellaneous rents	26,950	2,034,091
Interest on funded debt	4,180,373	2,034,091
Amortization of discount on funded debt	49,674	25,197
Miscellaneous income charges	13,012	4,934
Net income transferred to profit and loss	\$19,948	\$9,950

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1931.	1930.	Liabilities—	1931.	1930.
Investments	\$3,627,727	\$1,295,284	Capital stock	10,000	10,000
Cash	124,513	3,300	Funded debt	58,953,700	59,297,500
Time deposits	551,434	-----	Non-negotiable debt	-----	-----
Net bal. received from agents	5	-----	to affil. cos.	29,073,532	26,543,050
U. S. Liberty bds.	-----	707,000	Audited accts. and wages payable	157,684	212,203
Special deposits	105,056	54,363	Int. matured unpd	11,190	14,364
Miscell. accts. rec.	2,683,097	2,475,248	Unmat. int. accrd	844,706	736,250
Materials & supp.	192,415	231,303	Deferred liabilities	84,463	527,816
Sink. fund reserves	-----	130,355	Unadjusted credits	1,061,901	445,964
Unadjusted debits	2,704,420	2,885,489			
Deferred assets	208,510	4,825			
Total	\$90,197,176	\$78,787,147	Total	\$90,197,176	\$78,787,147

Chicago Milwaukee St. Paul & Pacific RR.—No Int.—The directors have declared no interest to be due and payable April 1 1932 on the 5% conv. adjust. mtge. gold bonds, Coupon No. 10, maturing April 1 1932, in respect of which no interest has been declared to be payable has no value. Accumulations of cumulative interest on the adjustment mortgage bonds will be paid (but without interest thereon) against future coupons when and as declared by the directors in accordance with the adjustment mortgage.

During 1930 the following interest was paid on this issue: 2 1/2% on April 1 and 1 1/4% on Oct. 1. No payment was made during 1931.—V. 134, p. 1573.

Denver & Rio Grande Western RR.—Gets Time on Dotsero Cutoff.—The I.-S. C. Commission has extended from April 15 to June 15 the time within which the road must begin construction of the Dotsero cutoff and acquire outstanding shares of the Denver & Salt Lake Ry. The company on March 1 asked for an extension of one year in the time within which to meet these conditions in its plan to operate the Moffat road. The carrier stated then that it did not have the money for these steps and would be obliged to borrow money to meet about \$4,000,000 of fixed charges this year.—V. 134, p. 1755.

Erie RR.—Consolidates Operating Districts.—The three operating districts of the Erie RR. have been consolidated into two districts effective March 16.

The headquarters of the Eastern district will be at New York and that of the Western district at Youngstown, Ohio. H. J. Bordwell, formerly General Manager of the New York district, has been made General Manager of the Eastern district, and his jurisdiction extended westward to include the territory Buffalo, Hornell and East. F. W. Rosser, formerly General Manager of what was known as the Eastern district, with headquarters at Hornell, will supervise the Western district. H. R. Adams, Assistant General Manager, will continue at Hornell with the same title and duties.—V. 134, p. 1949.

Fonda Johnstown & Gloversville RR.—Listing, &c.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$5,700,000 of the (amended) 1st consol. general refunding mtge. coupon bonds due Nov. 1 1932, in denominations of \$1,000 each stamped with legend as to amendment affecting interest and maturity, on official notice of the deposit of outstanding 1st consol. general refunding 4 1/2% mtge. coupon bonds, due Nov. 1 1952 (now listed) under the plan of readjustment dated Sept. 25 1931, and amendment and redelivery of the same in accordance therewith. (See plan in V. 133, p. 2262.)—V. 134, p. 1755.

Gulf Colorado & Santa Fe Ry.—Acquisition.—The I.-S. C. Commission has approved the acquisition by the company of control, by lease, of the railroad and property of the Jasper & Eastern Ry. Both roads are controlled by the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. through stock ownership.—V. 134, p. 1949.

Lehigh Valley RR.—Equipment Issue.—The company has asked the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to issue \$2,073,000 5% equipment trust certificates incident to the purchase of 10 Wyoming type locomotives from the American Locomotive Co. and a similar number and type of engines from the Baldwin Locomotive Works.—V. 134, p. 1756.

Louisiana & Arkansas Ry.—Arbitration Board.—President Hoover has issued a proclamation creating a board of three persons to investigate the dispute the company and its employees. The board is to report its findings to the President within 30 days.—V. 133, p. 2761.

Minneapolis St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Ry.—Notes.—The I.-S. C. Commission on March 1 authorized the company to issue a promissory note or notes in the aggregate face amount of not exceeding \$2,990,174, the proceeds to be used in payment of fixed interest obligations. The Commission denied that part of the application which seeks authority to borrow not exceeding \$2,990,174.

The report of the Commission says: Company has duly applied for authority under Section 20a of the Inter-State Commerce Act to issue a promissory note or notes in the aggregate face amount of not exceeding \$2,990,174. Authority is also sought to borrow not exceeding that amount from the Railroad Credit Corporation, the loan to be evidenced by the proposed notes.

The jurisdiction conferred upon us by Section 20a over the issue of securities and the assumption of obligation and liability in respect thereof by carriers subject to the Inter-State Commerce Act does not empower us to authorize carriers to borrow money as proposed. Therefore, so much of the application as seeks authority to borrow not exceeding \$2,990,173 will be dismissed.

The applicant has submitted statements showing that on various dates between March 1 and Sept. 1 1932, interest amounting to \$2,873,854 will mature on its bonds, notes, leased line certificates and railway equipment obligations, and that it may also be obliged to pay, as guarantor, \$116,320 interest on the first & refunding mtge. bonds of the Wisconsin Central Ry. due April 1 1932. It states that it will be unable to meet these fixed interest obligations out of earnings or income and that it has applied to the Railroad Credit Corporation for a loan of not exceeding \$2,990,174. The Wisconsin Central has likewise applied to the Railroad Credit Corporation for a loan. If this latter loan be granted, the applicant will not be called upon to pay under its guaranty, and its borrowings from the Railroad Credit Corporation will be reduced by \$116,320.

To evidence the loan, the applicant proposes to issue its promissory note or notes to the order of the Railroad Credit Corporation, bearing interest at the then current rediscount rate of the Federal Reserve Bank in the New York District, and maturing not more than two years from date. The interest rate will be adjusted quarterly on the first days of Jan., April, July and Oct. in each year to such rediscount rate as then exists.—V. 134, p. 1949.

Missouri Southern RR.—Note Authorized.—The I.-S. C. Commission on Feb. 19 authorized the company to issue a short-term promissory note for \$14,000 in lieu of a note for that amount issued without authorization, and to renew said note or any portion thereof from time to time, the maturity of the last renewal note to be not later than two years after the date of the original note.—V. 132, p. 2959.

New York Central RR.—Orders Fare Rise on April 1—Refuses to Consent to Further Suspension of 40% Higher Commutation Rate.—

The company has refused to consent to a further suspension of the 40% commutation fare rise, for which it filed schedules on Dec. 1 1930, and will put the new rates into effect on April 1, it was announced March 17 by Milo R. Maltbie, Chairman of the Public Service Commission.

The Public Service Commission and the Transit Commission, with which the new rates were filed, are powerless to prevent them from going into effect on that date, Mr. Maltbie explained. When the rates were first filed

they were suspended for 30 days. This was followed by an additional suspension of 120 days and a still further respite of six months, during which time public hearings were being held. The company then consented to an extra suspension of five months, although under no legal obligation to do so. That period ends on April 1.

Announcement of the company's refusal to hold back the application of the new rates any longer was made at the close of a long conference in which Chairman Maltbie and Transit Commissioner Leon G. Godley conferred with counsel for the road and the various legal representatives of the city and Westchester communities and commuters' groups. The present financial stringency, according to company counsel, made it impossible to grant a further suspension.

The new rates will affect about 40,000 commuters and, when filed, were estimated to bring to the railroad's treasury an additional \$1,750,000 a year.

Ordered to Pay \$230,000 for Small Line.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has directed the company to pay \$230,000 for the Boyne City, Gaylord & Alpena RR., provided the owners of the line would accept that sum.

The Alpena is a single-track road operating about 110 miles of track across the upper end of the Michigan peninsula. In authorizing unification of the New York Central lines several years ago, the Commission attached a condition that the Central buy the Alpena. The Central accepted this condition.

There was a dispute as to the value of the road in view of the fact it has had an operating deficit for a number of years. The New York Central claimed it should be required to pay only a nominal sum, \$1 being mentioned. Stockholders of the board authorized their directors to sell for \$1,077,248, and a board of arbitrators was appointed. This board decided the property was worth \$1,393,293. This was disputed by the Central and brought before the Commission, which now decides the commercial value of the property free from all liens and encumbrances except a bond issue of \$800,000, was \$230,000.—V. 134, p. 1949.

New York New Haven & Hartford RR.—President Denies Pennsylvania RR. Dominates New Haven Road.—

Charges in Congress and before the I.-S. C. Commission that the Pennsylvania RR. had attempted, through stock ownership, to dictate the policies of the New Haven and other New England railroads were denied March 16 by J. J. Pelley, President of the New Haven.

Testifying before the House Committee on Inter-State and Foreign Commerce on the Couzens Bill to bring holding companies under Federal control, Mr. Pelley said the Pennsylvania never had tried to sway the action of New England roads. He denied statements made to the committee by Lawrence Wilder of Boston that because of domination by the Pennsylvania the Boston & Maine line was prevented from soliciting business in territory served by the New Haven, while the latter was permitted to invade the territory of the Boston & Maine.

While taking no stand on the bill, Mr. Pelley branded as false statements by other witnesses that New England rail executives were being "gagged" by holding companies, which were hindering development of the New England territory.

The Pennsylvania Railroad and the Pennroad Corp. together control about 22% of the stock of the New Haven but had never attempted to influence its affairs or management, Mr. Pelley told the committee. He said that their stock holdings entitled them to four representatives on the New Haven board of directors they actually had only one elected at the request of the New Haven and with the consent of the I.-S. C. Commission.—V. 134, p. 1020.

Nord Ry. (Compagnie du Chemin de Fer du Nord), France.—Smaller Dividend.—

The company has declared a dividend of 100 francs per share for 1931 against 105 francs for the year 1930.—V. 133, p. 1121.

Northern Ohio Ry.—Bonds Authorized.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Feb. 26 authorized the company to issue not exceeding \$800,000 gen. mtge. 6% gold bonds, series A, to be delivered at par to the Akron Canton & Youngstown Ry. in satisfaction of a like amount of indebtedness for advances made by it for capital purposes.

Authority was granted to the Akron Canton & Youngstown Ry. to assume obligation and liability as guarantor, in respect of the bonds, and to pledge and repledge from time to time all or any part thereof as collateral security for any note or notes which it may issue.—V. 119, p. 325.

Pennroad Corp.—No Action Taken on Dividend.—The directors, it was announced on March 18, have taken no action on a dividend which ordinarily would have become payable about March 15 on the no par value common stock. The company paid dividends of 20c. each on March 16 and Sept. 15 1931 and on Sept. 15 1930.—V. 134, p. 1949.

Pennsylvania RR.—Earned \$1.49 Per Share in 1931.—Net income in 1931 totalled \$19,545,194, according to the annual income statement of the railroad made public March 17. This was equal to 2.97% on the capital stock, or to \$1.49 a share of \$50 par value.

Expenses during the year were reduced nearly \$75,000,000, but, in common with other railroads of the country, the year's gross income fell off, showing a drop of \$122,375,085, or 21.5%, under the previous year.

Expenditures for labor and materials made, as in former years, important contributions to the business activity of the nation. Wages and other operating expenses totalled almost 353 million dollars, and the railroad's tax payments alone exceeded 30 million dollars.

Included in operating expenses were approximately \$27,000,000 for the purchase and installation of new rail, cross ties and other track material, as well as for the maintenance of tracks. The bill for locomotive fuel was about \$18,000,000, and approximately \$60,000,000 was spent for the repair of locomotives and cars. As a result of the company's expenditures last year for labor and materials, nearly 94% of its locomotives and more than 93% of its freight cars were in serviceable condition at the end of the year.

Operation of the Pennsylvania's fleet of freight and passenger trains alone cost nearly 176 million dollars, the largest single item of operating expenses. Wages absorbed by far the greater proportion of this sum.

Dividends totalling \$42,674,591, equal to 6½%, or \$3.25 a share, were paid to the company's 245,000 stockholders—a portion of which had to be provided out of surplus.

The Pennsylvania is the first railroad in the United States to pass the billion dollar mark in aggregate dividend payments to stockholders.

Last year's dividends, including the quarterly payment made in February 1932, brought the total disbursements since the company's incorporation in 1846 to \$1,031,246,238. Pennsylvania RR. stockholders have received a return on their investment in every calendar year since 1847.

After deducting from net income fixed charges and appropriations to sinking and other reserve funds, a surplus of \$14,020,107, before the payment of dividends, was credited to profit and loss. The total surplus in the profit and loss account on Dec. 31 1931, was \$202,870,846.—V. 134, p. 1949.

Piedmont & Northern Ry.—Appeal from Ruling Granted.

The U. S. Supreme Court granted on March 14 the petition of the company seeking a review by the high tribunal of the determination of the I.-S. C. Commission that it is subject to the provisions of the Inter-State Commerce Act and must therefore obtain a certificate from the Commission before constructing and operating extensions of its electric railway line.

The high tribunal will review the decision of the District Court of the United States for the Western District of South Carolina permanently enjoining the railroad company from proceeding with proposed extensions of its line in North and South Carolina until it receives the approval of the Commission.

The precise issue said by the petition to be involved in the case is whether the petitioner railroad is an interurban electric railway, within the meaning Section 1 (22) of the Inter-State Commerce Act, so as to be entitled under that provision to construct and operate in inter-State commerce extensions of its lines without first obtaining the permission of the I.-S. C. Commission. The company is admitted to be engaged in the general transportation of freight and passengers in inter-State commerce.

The proceeding involves the connection of two present lines, one in South Carolina extending from Greenwood and the other in North Carolina,

extending from Gastonia to Charlotte. The company also seeks to extend its northern terminus from Charlotte to Winston-Salem. The construction of these two extensions without the approval of the Commission is also opposed by other carriers, in addition to the Commission.—V. 132, p. 4234.

Pittsburgh Ft. Wayne & Chicago Ry.—Stock Increase.

The stockholders on March 15 approved the \$25,000,000 increase in the authorized common stock, par \$100, to a total of \$125,000,000.—V. 134, p. 673.

Reading Co.—Equipment Trusts Offered.—Drexel & Co. and Evans, Stillman & Co. are offering at prices to yield from 4¼ to 4½%, according to maturity, \$3,435,000 4½% equipment trust certificates as follows: \$1,200,000 series K and \$2,225,000 series L. Issued under the Philadelphia plan.

Bearer certificates issued by trustees of respective series in denomination of \$1,000, registerable as to par value. Semi-annual dividend warrants payable without deduction for normal Federal income taxes up to 2% or for Pennsylvania personal property taxes not exceeding \$4 per \$1,000 certificate per annum.

Issuance.—Sale of these certificates subject to approval by the I.-S. C. Commission.

These certificates have been issued in part payment for standard railway equipment which was new at the time of the original issuance of the respective series. The title to the equipment is vested in the trustee and the equipment is leased to Reading Co. at a rental sufficient to pay these certificates and the dividend warrants and other charges as they come due. Payment of the certificates and dividend warrants is unconditionally guaranteed by Reading Co.

\$1,200,000 Series K.—The Pennsylvania Co. for Insurances on Lives & Granting Annuities, trustee. Dated March 1 1923; original issue, \$8,000,000; now outstanding, \$1,200,000; due \$400,000 each Sept. 1 1932, March 1 1933, and Sept. 1 1933; cost of equipment, \$1,067,532.

The equipment subject to this trust consists of: 40 locomotives, 152 steel passenger cars, 10 steel baggage cars, 1,329 freight cars, 4 steel car floats, 2 steel grain barges, 2 steel ferry boats, and 11 cars (miscellaneous) \$2,225,000 Series L.—Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Co., trustee. Dated Oct. 1 1924; original issue, \$7,500,000; now outstanding, \$2,250,000; due \$375,000 semi-annually each Oct. 1 1932 to April 1 1935. Cost of equipment, \$9,118,126.

The equipment subject to this trust consists of: 30 locomotives, 10 steel passenger cars, 20 steel baggage cars, 3,000 freight cars, and on steel gasoline-electric motor car.

In the purchase of the above equipment Reading Co. originally paid in cash amounts exceeding 20% and 17½%, respectively, of the cost of the equipment.—V. 134, p. 1368.

St. Louis Jerseyville & Springfield Ry.—Acquisition.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Feb. 24 issued a certificate authorizing (1) the company to acquire a line of railroad, as extended by trackage agreement, in Sangamon, Morgan, Macoupin, and Jersey Counties, Ill.; and (2) the Chicago & Illinois Midland RR. to operate, under trackage rights, over parts of lines of railroad in Sangamon, Jersey, and Madison Counties, Illinois.

Authority was granted to the St. Louis, Jerseyville & Springfield Ry. to issue \$50,500 of common stock (par \$50) \$1,000,000 of pref. stock (par \$100), and \$1,700,000 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds, series A, the stock to be sold at par and the bonds at par and int., and the proceeds therefrom to be used to pay for and to rehabilitate the line of railroad and appurtenant facilities and to acquire additional right-of-way.

The acquisition by the Chicago & Illinois Midland Ry. of control of the properties of the St. Louis Jerseyville & Springfield Ry. under lease was also approved and authorized.—V. 133, p. 477.

St. Louis Southwestern Ry.—Commission Will Not Reconsider Decision.—

The I.-S. C. Commission March 14 denied the petition of the Missouri Pacific RR. and the Texas & Pacific Ry. to reconsider its recent order authorizing the Southern Pacific to acquire control of the Cotton Belt.

The applicants had opposed the unification in the original proceedings. The Southern Pacific now is awaiting deposits of Cotton Belt stock, amounting to at least 85% of the issues outstanding, before proceeding with the acquisition.—V. 134, p. 1756.

PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Matters Covered in the Chronicle of March 12.—(a) Production of electricity declined 8.7% during the week ended March 5 1932, as compared with the corresponding period last year, p. 1847.

American Natural Gas Corp.—Reorganization Plan Being Considered.—See Tri-Utilities Corp. below.—V. 134, p. 1757.

American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.—Output.—

The power output of the electric subsidiaries of this company for the month of February totaled 128,730,180 kwh., against 137,301,316 kwh. for the corresponding month of 1931.

For the two months ended Feb. 29 power output totaled 260,302,810 kwh., as against 286,588,838 kwh. for the same period last year.—V. 134, p. 1942.

Associated Gas & Electric Co.—Retirement of Notes.—

The Associated Gas & Electric Securities Co., Inc. announces that the issues listed below, which are to be paid off with the proceeds of the new Associated Gas & Electric Co., guaranteed 8% 8-year gold bonds (partic. conditionally up to 10%) with initial interest at 8½% (see V. 134, p. 1576) will be received at par and accrued interest to date of their deposit, in payment of subscription to such bonds:

- (a) Staten Island Edison Corp., 3% gold notes, due June 15 1932;
- (b) Rochester Gas & Electric Corp., 3% gold notes due July 15 1932;
- (c) Pennsylvania Electric Co., 3½% gold notes due Aug. 1 1932;
- (d) Seaboard National Bank certificates of partic. in promissory notes of Associated Gas & Electric Co., due May 1 1932.—V. 134, p. 1950.

Boston Elevated Ry.—Capital Expenditures.—

There has been expended by the trustees between July 1 1918, and Dec. 31 1931, approximately \$46,655,000 upon road and equipment, either for entirely new property or for replacement of worn-out property. This amount has been expended to provide facilities necessary for the efficient and economic operation of this railway, as follows:

Cars and motor buses	\$22,104,000
Car houses, shops and garages	6,702,000
Power houses and transmission of electricity	7,032,000
Surface lines (track and line betterment)	6,490,000
Elevated structures and appurtenances	2,367,000
Miscellaneous improvements	1,960,000
Total	\$46,655,000

In addition to the above, the unfunded debt has been reduced \$540,900 since the trustees assumed control of the railway, July 1 1918 to Dec. 31 1931, which shows as follows:

Loans and notes payable—July 1 1918	\$3,240,900
Dec. 31 1931	2,700,000
Net reduction in unfunded debt	\$540,900

Total expenditures

Total expenditures	\$47,195,900
The money to provide for the above came from the following sources:	
Part of \$3,000,000 Boston Elev. Ry. pref. stock issued in 1918	\$2,000,000
Proceeds \$3,000,000 Boston Elev. Ry. bonds issued June 1 1923	2,820,000
Proceeds \$1,926,000 Boston Elev. Ry. bonds issued Feb. 1 1927	1,903,000
Proceeds from the sale of the Cambridge Subway to the Commonwealth	7,868,000
Avail. from the deprec. charge, July 1 1918 to Dec. 31 1931	32,697,000
Approx. amount received in settlement of fire losses	1,150,000
Approx. cash proceeds resulting from the sale of real est. props.	2,373,000

Capital provided to Dec. 31 1931

—V. 134, p. 1946.

Avon River Power Co., Ltd.—Merger Denied.—The Provincial Board of Public Utilities of Nova Scotia on Jan. 29 handed down a decision refusing to grant an application of this company and four subsidiaries to merge with the Nova Scotia Light & Power Co., Ltd.—V. 132, p. 4052.

Central Connecticut Power & Light Co.—New Control.—See Connecticut Electric Service Co. below—V. 133, p. 4156.

Central Illinois Electric & Gas Co.—Earnings.—Calendar Years—1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Total gross revenues, Total operating expenses, Interest on funded debt, etc.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1931. Assets—Plant property, Investments, Cash, Notes receivable, etc. Liabilities—Capital stock, Funded debt, Accounts payable, etc.

Central Illinois Light Co.—Earnings.—12 Mos. End. Dec. 31—1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Gross earnings, Oper. exp., incl. taxes and maintenance, Fixed charges, etc.

Comparative figures showing service rendered by the Electric Gas and Heating departments during the past six years are as follows: Calendar Years—1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Electric Sales in Kilowatt Hours, Gas Sales in Cubic Feet, Heating Sales in Pounds.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Assets—Property, plant & equipment, Investments, Debt discount and expenses, etc. Liabilities—7% pt. stk. cum., 6% pref. stock, Common stock, etc.

Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co. of Balto. City. Calendar Years—1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Telephone oper. rev., Telephone oper. exps., Net telep. oper. rev., etc.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Assets—Land and bldgs., Telephone plant & equipment, Miscell. investm't, Cash and deposits, etc. Liabilities—Common stock, Preferred stock, Prem. on cap. stk., etc.

Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co. (District of Columbia).—Earnings for Calendar Years.—1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Telephone oper. rev., Telephone oper. exps., Uncollectible oper. revs., etc.

Operating income, Net non-oper. income, Total gross income, Deduct—Rent & miscell., Interest, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Bal. for corp. surplus.

Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co. (District of Columbia).—Earnings for Calendar Years.—1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Telephone oper. rev., Telephone oper. exps., Uncollectible oper. revs., etc.

Operating income, Net non-oper. income, Total gross income, Deduct—Rent & miscell., Bond and other int., Dividends, Bal. for corp. surplus.

Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co. (District of Columbia).—Earnings for Calendar Years.—1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Telephone oper. rev., Telephone oper. exps., Uncollectible oper. revs., etc.

Operating income, Net non-oper. income, Total gross income, Deduct—Rent & miscell., Bond and other int., Dividends, Bal. for corp. surplus.

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Operating income, Net non-oper. income, Total gross income, Deduct—Rent & miscell., Bond and other int., Dividends, Bal. for corp. surplus.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31. 1931, 1930. Assets—Land and bldgs., Tel. plant & equip., General equipment, Cash and deposits, etc. Liabilities—Common stock, Long-term debt, Accounts payable, etc.

Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co. of Va.—Earnings.—Calendar Years—1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Telep. oper. revenues, Telep. oper. expenses, Uncollectible oper. rev., etc.

Operating income, Net non-oper. income, Total gross income, Rent & misc. deductions, Interest and discount, Dividends, Balance, surplus.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31. 1931, 1930. Assets—Land & buildings, Tel. plant & equip., General equip., Investment secur., etc. Liabilities—Common stock, Bonds, Advs. from system, etc.

Chicago City Railway Co.—Annual Report.—Years Ended Jan. 31—1932, 1931, 1930, 1929. South Side Lines (40%), Joint acc. exp., &c., Net earnings, City's proportion, 55% as per ordinance, etc.

Cos.'s proportion, 45% as per ordinance, South St. Ry. prop., Co.'s proportion, Int. on capital invest., Income from oper'n., Other income (net), Net income, Interest on bonds, Balance, surplus, Shares cap. stock outstanding, Earned per share.

Joint account expenses interest on capital investments of the Chicago City Ry. and Calumet & South Chicago Ry. and Southern Street Ry. shall be paid out of the receipts of the subsequent years or years, as per ordinance.

Balance Sheet as of Jan. 31. 1932, 1931. Assets—Pur. price of prop. in terms of ord., Cash on hand, Accts. receivable, Real estate, Inv. in 1,403 co.'s, 1st mtge. bonds (cost), Deferred assets. Liabilities—1st mtge. gs., Bond interest, Accounts payable, Def. liabilities, Cap. stock auth. & issued, Surplus.

Chicago Motor Coach Co.—Earnings.—(Including Depot Motor Bus Lines, Inc.) Calendar Years—1931, 1930, 1929. Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Taxes, Depreciation, Net operating income, Other income, Total income, Interest and discount, Federal taxes, Net profit.

Chicago North Shore & Milwaukee RR.—Earnings.—[Including Chicago & Milwaukee Electric Ry.] Calendar Years—1931, 1930, 1929. Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net rev. railway oper., Net auxiliary oper. rev., Net rev. from oper., Taxes, Operating income, Non-oper. income, Gross income, Fixed charges, Net income, Dividends, Balance, Profit and loss, Shares of common stock outstanding, Earnings per sh. on com., * Paid on 7% cumulative prior lien stock, y Being 6% on the preferred stock and 7% on the prior lien stock.

Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net rev. railway oper., Net auxiliary oper. rev., Net rev. from oper., Taxes, Operating income, Non-oper. income, Gross income, Fixed charges, Net income, Dividends, Balance, Profit and loss, Shares of common stock outstanding, Earnings per sh. on com., * Paid on 7% cumulative prior lien stock, y Being 6% on the preferred stock and 7% on the prior lien stock.

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Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities for 1931 and 1930. Assets include Road & equip't, Sinking funds, Deposits in lieu of mtgd. prop., etc. Liabilities include Common stock, Pref. 6% non-cum. stock, etc.

V. 134, p. 1951.

Chicago Surface Lines.—Earnings.—

Table showing earnings for Chicago Surface Lines from 1929-28 to 1931-30. Columns for years and rows for Gross earnings, Operating earnings, Residue receipts, etc.

V. 134, p. 1577.

Cities Service Co.—Money Off Note.—

Holders of 6% purchase money note certificates, series B, due on March 28, were recently notified by the trustee that the issue had been called for payment on March 14.

The above certificates, which were outstanding in the amount of \$3,125,000, were not direct obligations of the company, but were issued against the deposit of a \$3,125,000 6% note of Cities Service Co.

Community Telephone Co.—Dividend Deferred.—

The directors have voted to defer the regular quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share due April 1 on the \$2 cum. and partic. stock of no par value.

Connecticut Electric Service Co.—Expansion, &c.—

President J. H. Roraback, March 1, says in substance: The preferred stock of the operating companies, to the amount of 138,208 shares, is held by 5,486 stockholders, of whom 4,336 reside in Connecticut.

Acquisitions.—The company acquired, on Feb. 1 1932, all of the shares of capital stock of the Central Connecticut Power & Light Co. and it is now operated as one of the system companies.

Simplification of Organization.—The policy of the company is to simplify its corporate organization by reducing the number of subsidiary companies.

Additions to Plant and Property.—Expenditures amounting to \$1,407,153 were made during the year 1931 for additions and improvements to plant and equipment.

Included in the operating expenses, as shown on the income statement for the year 1931, is \$702,708 for reserve for retirements of property, as well as \$1,019,497 for maintenance and repairs.

Since 1920 the companies now comprising the system have expended in improvements, additions and betterments, approximately \$60,000,000 which, out of all the companies' facilities are substantially new.

The company has paid in taxes to Federal, State and municipal governments, during the year 1931, the sum of \$1,354,560, which is 8% of the entire gross revenue.

Consolidated Income Statement for Calendar Years.

Table showing consolidated income statement for 1931, 1930, 1929, and 1928. Rows include Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Non-operating income, Gross income, Income deductions, Net income, Preferred dividends, Balance, Min. & former interests, Bal. for com. stock, Aver. no. of shs. com. stock outstanding, Earned per share, Paid per share.

Note.—The above statement reflects the operations of all the properties comprising the system on Dec. 31 1931 and, for comparative purposes, the previous years have been adjusted to include the earnings for the entire period of all the companies which were acquired during that period.

Connecticut Light & Power Co.—Earnings.—

Table showing earnings for Connecticut Light & Power Co. for 1931 and 1930. Rows include Operating revenues, Operating expenses (includes maintenance, replacements and taxes), Operating income, Income from non-operating properties, Gross corporate income, Deductions from gross corporate income, Net income, Dividends on preferred stock, Balance available for common dividends.

V. 133, p. 4156.

Consolidated Gas, Electric Light & Power Co. of Baltimore.—Record Number of Stockholders.—

The company carried a total of 18,785 stockholders on its books as of March 1 1932, a new high record in its history. Of the total, 10,320 were holders of the common stock and 8,465 were holders of the preferred stock.

Table showing common and preferred stockholders for Mar. 1 1932, Jan. 1 1932, Jan. 1 1931, and Jan. 1 1930.

Affiliated Companies Generate 82% of Electric Energy Sold.

Of all the electric energy sold by this company to its customers during January and February, 82% was generated at the hydro-electric plants of its affiliated companies, the Pennsylvania Water & Power Co. and the Safe Harbor Water Power Corp.

This large proportion of hydro-generated current is primarily due to the construction of the Safe Harbor development, the first units of which were placed in operation last December and to favorable water conditions on the Susquehanna River, on which the plant is located.

The hydro-electric plants of the Pennsylvania Water & Power Co. and the Safe Harbor Water Power Corp. are inter-connected with the steam generating plants of the Consolidated company, thus creating a power pool which will shortly total more than 750,000 h.p. and which can be readily increased to over 1,000,000 h.p.—V. 134, p. 1758.

Dakota Central Telephone Co.—Earnings.—

Table showing earnings for Dakota Central Telephone Co. for 1931, 1930, 1929, and 1928. Rows include Calendar Years, Total telephone rev., Operating expenses, Current maintenance, Depreciation, Taxes, Net telephone earns., Sundry net earnings, Total net earnings, Interest, Divs., pref. & common, Balance for surplus.

V. 133, p. 953.

Detroit Edison Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 12 months ended Feb. 29 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 1370.

Duke Price Power Co., Ltd.—To Pay Bonds.—

Company will take care of \$3,500,000 6% gold notes on maturity April 15. The notes were issued in 1927, but never offered to the public. Duke Price is a subsidiary of Aluminum, Ltd.—V. 134, p. 1758.

Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston.—Rights.

President Charles L. Edgar informed stockholders at the annual meeting held on March 15 that it has been decided to issue additional stock this summer. He referred to the fact that the company has \$70,000,000 notes coming due this fall and winter.

The company has outstanding 534,875 shares, so that a 33 1-3% increase would involve 178,292 additional shares. A special stockholders' meeting to vote on the proposition will be held on March 30.

If the stockholders approve the plan, the company will then make application to the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities for authority to issue the stock, and the price will be determined by the directors on the date of the hearing set by the Department.

The balance sheet of Dec. 31 1931 shows coupon notes of \$70,000,000 payable as follows: \$20,000,000 due on Oct. 1 1932; \$20,000,000 due on Nov. 1 1932, and \$30,000,000 due on Jan. 15 1933. Coupon notes at the end of 1930 amounted to \$60,000,000.

In response to a stockholder's question regarding the proposed tax on electricity, President Edgar stated that the company's information is that the tax will be 2 1/4% on the cost of manufacturing kilowatt hours that the company sells for commercial and domestic consumption.

Table showing earnings for Edison Electric Illuminating Co. for 1931, 1930, 1929, and 1928. Rows include Calendar Years, Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Uncollectible oper. rev., Taxes, Net operating income, Non-operating income, Gross income, Interest and rents, Net income, Dividends paid, Balance avail. for depr., Shares capital stock outstanding (par \$100), Earned per share.

V. 133, p. 2265.

Table showing assets and liabilities for Edison Electric Illuminating Co. for 1931, 1930, 1929, and 1928. Assets include Plant investm't, Unfin. construc., Cash, Mat's & suppl's, Notes receivable, Acc'ts receivable, Sundry ledger accounts. Liabilities include Common stock, Prem. on cap. stk., Coupon notes, Notes payable, Accts. payable, Interest accrued, Divs. payable, Deprec. res' ve., Profit and loss.

V. 133, p. 2265.

Electric Bond & Share Co.—Dividend Meeting.—

A meeting of the board of directors has been called for March 22, following the stockholders meeting which will be convened in the forenoon of the same day. If the necessary two-thirds representation is present at the stockholders meeting and acts favorably upon the proposed reduction of capital and decrease in number of common shares, it is expected that the directors will declare the regular dividends on both the preferred and common stocks, payable as to the common stock on April 15 to holders of record March 22, and as to the preferred stocks on May 2 to holders of record April 9.

This schedule contemplates the declaration of a stock dividend on all full shares of the present non-par common stock, payable, however, in the new par value common stock on the one-for-three exchange basis.—V. 134, p. 1758.

Electric Pub. Service Co.—Another Protective Committee.—

Announcement is made of the formation of a committee for the protection of the interests of holders of 10-year 6% sinking fund gold debenture bonds due Dec. 1 1936 and April 1 1937, following the appointment of receivers for the company.

Nelson G. Craig is chairman of the committee which includes J. B. Bell, A. L. Chambers, T. H. Fitchett, Robert W. Rea, and W. W. Turner.

William S. Gallagher, 1528 Walnut St., Philadelphia, is Secretary, and Chapman, Snider, Duke & Radebaugh, counsel.

The deposit agreement now being prepared will provide that no charge shall be made against deposited securities for compensation to members of the committee. Holders are requested to deposit their debentures with the New York Trust Co., 100 Broadway, depository, or Central Republic Bank & Trust Co., Chicago, and Equitable Trust Co., Baltimore, sub-depositaries.

In last week's "Chronicle" we noted the formation of a protective committee for the debentures, headed by J. A. O'Hara, Chairman. See V. 134, p. 1952.

Federal Light & Traction Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Years (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), Gross earnings, Oper. and adm., exp., Established Federal taxes, Total income, Interest and discount, Net income, Sub. cos. pref. divs., Federal Light & Traction, Prof. dividends (\$6), Com. divs., cash, In common stock, Balance, surplus.

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31. (Eliminating Securities and Accounts Between Companies)

Balance Sheet table with 2 columns: 1931, 1930. Assets: Plant, property, franchises, &c., Investment in securities of other companies, Cash, Notes receivable, Accounts receivable, Materials and supplies, Prepayments, Unamortization debt discount and expenses, Undistributed property expenditures, Unadjusted debit items. Liabilities: Preferred stock, Common stock, Central Arkansas Public Service Corp., New Mexico Gas & Electric Co., Springfield Gas & Electric Co., Tucson Rapid Trust Co., Federal Light & Traction Co., Stamped, 1st lien 5s 1942, 1st lien stamped 6s 1942, 30-year debentures series B, 6s 1954, Central Arkansas Public Service Corp.—1st lien and collateral trust gold 5s, New Mexico Power Co.—1st mortgage 5s, Springfield Gas & Electric Co.—1st 6s, Tucson Rapid Trust Co.—1st lien 6s, Notes payable, Accounts payable, Accrued interest and taxes, Customers' deposits, Retirement and sundry reserves, Capital surplus, Earned surplus.

x Represented by 44,374 (no par) shares.—V. 134, p. 1022.

Federal Water Service Corp.—Becomes Independent Company—Now Controlled by Officers and Employees.—Corporation becomes an independent company, free of control by either holding companies or investment banking houses, as a result of contract recently signed, Christopher T. Cheney announced recently.

Under the terms of the contract the large bank loans of the Federal System will be carried by the banks for a period of three years, leaving only some \$300,000 current bank loans in the entire Federal System. Also through this arrangement Federal Water Service Corp. adds to its interest in the junior securities of Southern Natural Gas Corp., so that in any reorganization of Southern Natural Gas Corp. the control of common stock will in all probability rest with the Federal company.

Furthermore, the voting stock of the Federal company has been acquired by the officers and employees of the System through the medium of a company which they formed, called Utility Operators Co., whose stock is owned exclusively by the 1,700 officers and employees of the Federal System.

Bank Loan Extended for Three Years.—The Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. has contracted to extend for three years a \$4,400,000 bank loan. The corporation has acquired by securities exchange \$4,500,000 debentures and notes of Southern Natural Gas Corp. and the Utility Operators Co., a group of Federal employees, has acquired from Central Hanover all Federal B shares except the 200,015 held by Chase National Bank. C. T. Cheney is continued as President of Federal ("Wall Street Journal").—V. 134, p. 1759.

Florida Public Service Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Years (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), Operating revenue, Oper. exp., maint. & taxes, Operating income, Other income, Total income, Int. on funded debt and other deductions, Net income, Prov. for div. on pf. stk., Common dividends, Balance, surplus.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1931.

Balance Sheet table with 2 columns: 1931, 1928. Assets: Fixed capital, Investments, Cash, Special deposit, Notes receivable, Accounts receivable, Materials and supplies, Prepayments, Unamort. debt disc. & exp., Miscell. unadjusted debts. Liabilities: Capital stock & capital surplus, Notes and accounts payable to affiliated company, Funded debt, Notes payable, Accounts payable, Unredeemed ice coupons, Taxes accrued, Interest accrued, Consumers' service and line deposits, Retirement reserves, Other reserves, Deficit.

a Preferred \$7 cum. par value \$100, outstanding, 21,652 shares. Com. no par outstanding 60,000 shares.—V. 134, p. 845.

Fifth Avenue Bus Securities Corp.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Years (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), Net income, Dividends, Balance, surplus.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Assets: Cash, Acc'ts receivable, Investment. Liabilities: Accounts payable, Common stock, Surplus. Total.

Gary Railways Co.—Earnings, &c.—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), Operating revenue, Operating expenses, Operating income, Other income, Total income, Other charges, incl. taxes, Interest on funded debt, Net income, Dividends, Balance, surplus, Shs. common stock outstanding (no par), Earnings per share.

Condensed Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Balance Sheet table with 2 columns: 1931, 1930. Assets: Investment, Deferred charges, Current assets. Liabilities: Capital stock, A funded debt, Adv. from affil. cos, Current liabilities, Retire., &c., res., Surplus. Total.

Total.—\$6,152,765 \$6,498,980

A Includes public improvement assessments.

Robert M. Feustel, William A. Sauer and Charles H. Jones have been elected new members of the board, succeeding Samuel Insull, Samuel Insull Jr., and Britton I. Budd. Mr. Feustel is President and Mr. Sauer is Executive Vice-President of the Midland United Co., and Mr. Jones is General Manager of the Chicago South Shore & South Bend RR.

The following members were re-elected: Charles W. Chase, Frank M. Kemp, Thomas G. Hamilton and Bernard P. Shearon.—V. 134, p. 1577.

Honolulu Rapid Transit Co., Ltd.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), Rev. from transportation, Operating expenses, &c., Net rev. from transp'n, Rev. from other ry. oper., Net rev. from ry. oper., Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, &c., Replacements, Profit and loss, Net income, Dividends (7%), Balance, surplus, Shares of capital stock outstanding (par \$20), Earns. pr sh. on cap. stk.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1931.

Balance Sheet table with 2 columns: 1931, 1930. Assets: Property investments, Other investments, Cash, Special deposits, Miscellaneous accounts rec., Materials and supplies, Deferred assets, Unadjusted debts. Liabilities: Capital stock, Audited acc'ts. & wages payable, Miscellaneous acc'ts. payable, Mat'd int. and divs. unpaid, Deferred liabilities, Accrued depreciation, Earned surplus, Unrealized apprec. of lands.

Total.—\$4,333,843 Total.—\$4,333,842

International Telephone & Telegraph Corp.—Consolidated Balance Sheet December 31.

Table with 3 columns: 1931, 1930, 1929. Assets: Plant and property, Cash in banks and on hand, Marketable securities, Accounts and notes receivable, Merchandise, materials & supplies, Deposits to meet matured int., Dividends, &c., Sundry current assets, Advances to trustees, Patents, licenses, &c., Invest. in and advances to associated & allied co's, Allied companies, Special deposits, Bond discount and expense in process of amortization, Research & development expense, Prep'd acc'ts. & other def. chgs., Miscell. acc'ts. & investments, Total. Liabilities: Preferred stock, Common stock, x Preferred stock of associated companies, Min. stockholders' equity in com. stock & surplus of cos., herein consolidated, Funded debt, 25-yr. 4 1/2% gold deb. bonds, due July 1 1952, 10-yr. conv. 4 1/2% gold deb., due Jan. 1 1939, 25-yr. 5% gold debentures, Associated companies, Subsidiaries' deposits, Note payable to trustee of pension fund, Employees' benefit & pension res., Notes and bills payable, Accounts and wages payable, Notes receivable discounted, Interest and dividends payable, Accrued interest and taxes, Sundry current liabilities, Res. for depre., replacement, &c., Reserve for contingencies, &c., Capital surplus, Paid-in surplus, Earned surplus, Total.

x Represented by 6,400,206 (no par) shares. Our usual comparative income account for year ended Dec. 31 was published in last week's "Chronicle" in V. 134, p. 1940; V. 134, p. 1953.

annual interest charges on the aggregate funded debt outstanding, including this issue.

Property.—Corporation owns 4 stations strategically located, practically at waterfront sites adjacent to the territories served, so as to permit economical handling of both fuel and ashes. The aggregate maximum capacity of the boilers installed in these plants is over 5,075,000 pounds of steam an hour. Corporation's Klips Bay Station, located at 35th St. and the East River, is one of the most highly concentrated and efficient plants in the world. It is designed for an ultimate capacity of 7,000,000 pounds of steam an hour, the present capacity being 2,450,000 pounds of steam an hour. The station in the downtown financial district is of modern design, and has an aggregate capacity of 1,800,000 pounds of steam an hour. By a mutually satisfactory agreement with New York Edison Co., corporation is enabled to purchase substantial quantities of steam for distribution in the uptown district served. This agreement is advantageous to both companies, in that from the standpoint of daily load as well as seasonal load, the maximum requirements of the New York Steam Corp. are at an off-peak period for New York Edison Co. New York Edison Co. capacity available to the New York Steam Corp. for such purposes is equivalent to an aggregate of 2,250,000 pounds of steam an hour. Including this supply, the corporation has available approximately 7,325,000 pounds of steam an hour, a boiler capacity sufficient to operate modern electric generating units of over 750,000 horsepower capacity.

The distribution system consists of more than 362,000 feet of substantially constructed mains and services, a large part of which has been installed within the past few years. Over 97% of the mains have welded steel flanges, special expansion joints, asbestos and mineral wool insulation and are enclosed in well designed conduits of concrete, brick and hollow tile construction. Large sums have been expended for maintenance and replacements, and the properties are in excellent physical and operating condition.

Service.—Corporation now has contracts to supply steam to over 2,500 buildings. A large majority of these buildings have no boiler equipment and many of them have been relying on New York Steam service for upwards of a quarter of a century. Among important buildings, including some recently completed or now under construction, which have been contracted for service and omitted boiler equipment, are the group known as Rockefeller Center, the new Metropolitan Life Building, City Bank Farmers Trust Building, Equitable State Building, Savoy-Plaza Hotel, Port of New York Authority Inland Terminal No. 1, First National Bank Building, Chrysler Building, Sixty Wall Tower, Irving Trust Building, Lincoln Building, Channing Building, Roxy's Theatre, General Motors Building, Bank of Manhattan Building, International Telephone Building, Chase National Bank Building, Tudor City group of apartment buildings, National Broadcasting Building, Bank of New York & Trust Co. Building, National City Bank Building, several government buildings, the Grand Central group of buildings including, among others, the Commodore, Biltmore and Roosevelt Hotels, Grand Central Terminal, Graybar Building, New York Central Building, and the new Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

The cubic contents of the buildings connected with the corporation's mains and those for which contracts have been closed aggregate 2,250,000,000 cubic feet. Of this total, 72% is represented by buildings which contain no steam generating equipment whatsoever and in many instances do not have smokestacks. A comparison of these figures with the 389,000,000 cubic foot contents of all buildings connected to the mains during the heating season of 1921-22 indicates the very substantial growth of the corporation's business.

Present Financing.—Proceeds will be used to reimburse the corporation in part for large capital expenditures. Upon the application of such proceeds, the corporation will not have any floating indebtedness other than that incident to current operations.

Capitalization Upon the Completion of this Financing. Cumul. pref. stock, 100,000 shs. no par (41,930 shares, series A, \$7 dividend, and 58,070 shares, \$6 dividend series), at stated values \$9,762,250 Common stock, 360,000 shares no par, representing the balance of stated capital (but not including surplus and reserves aggregating over \$5,000,000) 13,320,000 First mortgage gold bonds: series A, 6%, due 1947 5,653,500 5% series due 1951 13,459,500 5% series due 1956 (this issue) 8,700,000 —V. 134, p. 1761.

Table: North American Edison Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—Calendar Years—1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Gross earnings, Oper. expenses & taxes, Interest charges, Preferred divs. of subs., Minority interests, Depreciation reserve, Net income, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Balance, surplus, Shs. com. outs. (no par), Earnings per sh. on com.

Table: Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Assets—Prop. & plant, Cash & securities, Stocks & bds. of other cos., sundry invest., Cash, U. S. Govt. securities, Notes & bills rec., Accts. receivable, Material & suppl., Prepaid accts., Discount & exp. on securities. Liabilities—Preferred stock, Common stock, Preferred stocks of subsidiaries, Minority Ints. in cap. & surp. of subsidiaries, Funded debt of subsidiaries, Notes & bills pay, Accts. payable, Sund. curr't liab, Taxes accrued, Interest accrued, Divs. accrued, Sund. acer. liab., Deprec. reserves, Other reserves, Capital surplus, Undivided prof.

Total...599,492,566 582,020,436 a Represented by 367,660 shares of no par value. b Represented by 470,000 shares of no par value.—V. 133, p. 3464.

North Continent Utilities Corp.—No Dividend Action. The directors have decided to omit the quarterly dividend on the class A stock, no par value, and to defer the regular quarterly distributions of 1 3/4% on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, and 1 1/2% on the 6% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, all of which ordinarily are due and payable on April 1. The company on Jan. 2 last made regular quarterly distributions of 37 1/2 cents per share, 1 3/4% and 1 1/2%, respectively, on these issues.—V. 133, p. 3790.

Table: Northwestern Bell Telephone Co.—Earnings.—Calendar Years—1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Gross, Operating income, Other income, Total income, Rent, &c., Other interest, Net income, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Balance, surplus, Shares of common outstanding (par \$100), Earnings per share on com.

Table: Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Assets—Land and bldgs., Telephone plant & equipment, General equip., Other permanent invest., Cash & deposits, Marketable securities, Bills receivable, Accts. receivable, Materials and supplies, Accrued income, Prepayments, Other deferred debts. Liabilities—Common stock, Preferred stock, Net on cap.stk., Adv. fr. syst. corp., Notes, Accts. payable, Subscribers' dep. & service billed in advance, Acfr. liab. not due, Def. credit items, Reserve for accrued deprec'n, Res. for amort. of intang. capital, Corp. surp. appo., Corporate surpl. unappro.

—V. 134, p. 506. Nova Scotia Light & Power Co., Ltd.—Merger of Units Refused.—See Avon River Power Co., Ltd., above.—V. 133, p. 2105.

Table: Omnibus Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—Calendar Years—1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Chicago Motor Coach Co.: net profit for year, Omnibus Corp.: Dividends on investments, Depot Motor Bus Lines profit, Gray Line Motor Tours Co. profit, Interest received, Total income, Corporate expense, Taxes.

Table: Consolidated net profit for year, Previous surplus, Total surplus, Sundry adjustments, Dividends on preferred stock paid & accrued, Surplus, Dec. 31. Includes Depot Motor Bus Lines. y After deducting depreciation for year on increased appraisal value.

Table: Consolidated Income Account Dec. 31. Assets—Cash, Res. & acer., Inventories, Prepayments, Spec. deposits, Prop. & equip't., Investments, Organ. devel. fran., Deferred charges. Liabilities—Accts. payable, Pref. div. payable, Accrued wages, Accrued taxes, Comp. accrued, Interest, Def. payments, Reserves, Preferred stock, Common stock, Capital surplus, Earned surplus.

Total...19,179,875 18,871,061 Total...19,179,875 18,871,061 x Represented by 626,109 shares (no par).—V. 133, p. 121. Patchogue, Electric Light Co.—Merger Refused.—Petitions for a merger of this company, which serves a part of Suffolk County, N. Y., with the New York State Electric & Gas Corp., have been denied by the New York P. S. Commission.—V. 133, p. 4160.

Pennsylvania Electric Co.—Note Retirement.—See Associated Gas & Electric Co. above.—V. 133, p. 798.

Peoples Light & Power Corp.—Offer to Noteholders Abandoned—Protective Committee for Debentures and Notes Organized.—See Tri-Utilities Corp. below.—V. 134, p. 1371.

Table: Postal Telegraph & Cable Corp. (& Assoc. Cos.)—Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—Assets—Plant & prop., Inv. in & adv. to affil. allied companies, Spec. deposits, Bd. dist. & exp., Prep'd accts. & other def. chrs, Miscell. accts. & investments, Cash, Market'le secur., Accts. and notes receivable, Mat'ls & suppl. Liabilities—Common stock, 7% non-cum. pt. stock, Pref. stk. of asso. cos., Min. stkholders' equity in com. stk. & surpl. of assoc. eos., Funded debt, Due to corp. & assoc. eos., Employ. benefits & pension resit., Notes payable, Accts. and wages payable, Dividends pay'le, Accrued taxes & interest, Res. for deprec. replace. & renewals, Paid-in surplus, Capital surplus, defl. 1977,438.

Total...132,912,349 139,607,902 Total...132,912,349 139,607,902 x Represented by 1,017,650 shares at a stated value of \$25. Our usual comparative income account for year ended Dec. 31 was published in V. 134, p. 1940.—V. 134, p. 1955.

Public Service Co. of Indiana.—New Chairman, &c.—Samuel Insull Jr., has been elected Chairman, succeeding Samuel Insull, and Robert M. Feustel has been elected President, succeeding E. Van Arsdell, who has been elected a Vice-President. William A. Sauer has been elected a Vice-President and Henry Bucher, Lucius B. Andrus and Samuel E. Mulholland have been re-elected Vice-Presidents. Edwin J. Booth becomes Assistant to the President. The following officers were re-elected: Louis B. Schiesz, Comptroller; Bernard P. Shearon, Secretary; W. Marshall Dale, Treasurer; Lois Allen, Assistant Secretary; William S. Gorman, G. Orson Ellis and A. E. Irwin, Assistant Treasurers. B. R. Nightingale was elected an Assistant Secretary.—V. 134, p. 1955.

Quebec Power Co.—Changes Dividend Dates.—At a recent meeting of the shareholders indication was given of a change in dividend dates. In amplification of this there has just been issued the following resolution, passed by the directors: "That dividends hereafter shall be payable on the 15th days of February, May, August and November in each year instead of on the 15th days of January, April, July and October."

and that quarterly statements of the company's earnings be hereafter issued from time to time and mailed to all shareholders of record entitled to receive the dividends declared for any such quarterly period."

The last quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share was paid on the common shares on Jan. 15 last, as compared with 62½ cents per share previously each quarter from Oct. 15 1929 to and incl. Oct. 15 1931.—V. 134, p. 1371.

Radio Corp. of America.—Declares Regular Preferred Dividend.—At the meeting of the board of directors held on March 18 the regular quarterly dividend of 1¼% (87½c. per share) was declared on the A preferred stock, payable April 15 1932 to holders of record April 1 1932. The last previous quarterly payment on this issue was made on Jan. 1 1932.

To Decrease Capital.

The Committee on Securities of the New York Stock Exchange has received notice from the corporation of the proposed retirement of 36,100 shares of class B pref. stock and 30,060 shares of common stock and the proposed reduction in capital of the corporation represented by the com. stock from approximately \$4.22 a share to \$2 a share.

President David Sarnoff, March 14, in a letter to the stockholders says:

On Nov. 9 1931, the directors appointed a committee to consider with the executive officers of the company what action should be taken, in the light of present conditions, to reduce book values of certain assets of the company and its subsidiaries and to establish appropriate reserves.

The committee has recommended:

1. That the 36,100 shares of class B preferred stock and the 30,060 shares of common stock of the corporation in its treasury be retired.
2. That the capital represented by the common stock of the corporation be reduced from approximately \$4.22 a share to \$2 a share.
3. That against the capital surplus so created and amounting to approximately \$30,057,400 there be charged a total amount of approximately \$21,733,500 for reduction of book values of certain plants and equipment of subsidiaries and other fixed assets, and reserves for certain investments and contingencies of the company and its subsidiaries; and that the balance of approximately \$8,323,900 of such capital surplus remaining after the foregoing adjustments be not available for dividends but be added to the general reserve making such general reserve approximately \$9,823,900.
4. That against the earned surplus amounting to approximately \$26,528,000 there be charged a total amount of approximately \$15,200,800 representing cost of treasury stock retired, write-downs of inventories, and reserves for certain investments and contingencies of the company and its subsidiaries after which adjustments the earned surplus account will amount to approximately \$11,327,800.

The consolidated balance sheet in the annual report (see under "Financial Reports" on a preceding page) gives effect to the foregoing recommendations. The reduction of capital as proposed requires the consent of the holders of a majority of the total number of outstanding shares of stock of the corporation having voting power.

The following statement was issued by the corporation on March 18:

When the annual report of the corporation for the year 1931 was mailed to all stockholders of the corporation, a letter accompanying the report was sent to stockholders requesting consent in writing to a reduction in the capital of the corporation.

Written consent to such a reduction of the capital having been received from the holders of a majority of the voting shares of the corporation, such reduction was made effective on March 17 1932, by the filing and recording in Delaware of a certificate of reduction of capital.

The consolidated balance sheet and the consolidated statement of surplus at Dec. 31 1931, as contained in the annual report, mailed to stockholders, reflected this proposed reduction of the capital of the corporation.

Direct Radiotelegraph Communication with Mexico Opened.

Direct radiotelegraph communication between the United States and Mexico was inaugurated on March 15 with the opening by R.C.A. Communications, Inc., of a new circuit between New York and Mexico City under the terms of an agreement recently concluded between RCA and the Mexican Government Telegraph Administration. The circuit is the 45th in the RCA system, which places the United States in direct contact with all parts of the world.—V. 134, p. 1955.

Rochester Gas & Electric Corp.—To Retire Notes.

See Associated Gas & Electric Co. above.—V. 134, p. 1956.

Rochester Telephone Corp.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Operating revenue.....	\$5,375,326	\$5,348,709	\$5,203,921	\$4,818,545
Operating expenses.....	4,314,065	4,263,053	4,037,681	3,757,211
Net earns. from oper.....	\$1,061,261	\$1,085,656	\$1,166,240	\$1,061,334
Non-operating revenue.....	2,329	17,629	31,998	63,152
Total income.....	\$1,063,590	\$1,103,283	\$1,198,238	\$1,124,486
Interest deduction.....	364,961	344,639	314,831	360,876
Net income.....	\$698,629	\$758,644	\$883,407	\$763,610
First pref. dividends.....	148,369	148,369	145,690	135,080
Second pref. dividends.....	240,700	240,700	240,700	240,700
Common dividends.....	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Balance, surplus.....	\$304,560	\$364,575	\$492,017	\$382,830
Previous surplus.....	1,660,368	1,345,669	845,299	745,345
Surplus adjustments.....	Dr. 60,645	Dr. 49,876	Cr. 8,353	Dr. 282,876
Surp. at end of year.....	\$1,904,283	\$1,660,368	\$1,345,669	\$845,299
x 2d pref. shares equally with common up to 8%.				

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1931.

Assets—	Liabilities—
Real estate.....	Common stock.....
Telephone plant and equip.....	First pref. stock 6½% cum.....
General equip. & supplies.....	Second pref. stock 5% cum.....
Organization.....	Bonded debt.....
Investment securities.....	Notes payable.....
Cash and deposits.....	Bills payable.....
Bills and accounts receivable.....	Accounts payable.....
Assets in special funds.....	Dividends declared, not due.....
Prepaid expenses.....	Other acc. liabil. not due.....
Miscell. unadjusted debits.....	Insur. & casualty reserves.....
Unamort. debt disc. & exp.....	Miscell. unadjusted credits.....
Other expense to be amort.....	Fixed capital reserves.....
	Surplus unappropriated.....
Total.....	Total.....

—V. 133, p. 2268.

Southern Calif. Edison Co., Ltd.—Bond Application.

The company has applied to the State Railroad Commission of California for authority to issue \$10,000,000 refunding mortgage 5% bonds, due in 1954, of which \$8,000,000 has been authorized as 4½s. Thus, in effect, authorization of only \$2,000,000 additional is asked. The proceeds are desired to retire \$6,700,000 of short term notes and to refund the company's share of \$5,659,000 of first and refunding mortgage bonds of the Pacific Light & Power Corp., a subsidiary.—V. 134, p. 1763.

Southern Counties Gas Co. of Calif.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings.....	\$6,883,647	\$7,604,451	\$7,997,407	\$7,167,087
Oper. expenses & maint.....	3,752,703	4,276,197	4,831,963	3,961,564
Taxes.....	710,281	771,844	650,284	547,199
Net earnings.....	\$2,420,662	\$2,556,410	\$2,515,160	\$2,658,324
Interest.....	567,100	543,140	462,817	452,721
Depreciation.....	913,450	826,588	808,798	779,617
Amortization.....	107,240	107,240	107,273	94,939
Net income.....	\$832,873	\$1,079,442	\$1,136,272	\$1,241,047
Pref. and common divs.....	985,924		Not reported	

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1931.	1930.	Liabilities—	1931.	1930.
Plant properties.....	\$26,295,695	\$25,497,071	Common stock.....	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
Cash.....	486,924	387,614	Pref. stk. 24,857 shs. of \$100 par value	2,499,000	2,485,700
Notes secured.....	27,041		Collec. on install. sales of pref. stk.	730	
Securities.....	20,377	36,500	Funded debt.....	12,000,000	12,000,000
Materials and supplies.....	443,059	629,087	Due to Pacific Lighting Corp.....	622,552	
Accounts receivable.....	954,587	1,067,529	Current liabilities.....	816,457	1,404,935
Gas in storage.....	96,039		Consumers' advan. for construction	1,350,526	1,406,428
Deferred charges.....	1,856,681	1,948,054	Reserves.....	4,523,634	3,745,195
			Surplus.....	3,367,404	3,253,597
Total.....	\$30,180,302	\$29,565,856	Total.....	\$30,180,302	\$29,565,856

—V. 132, p. 1800.

Southern Natural Gas Corp.—Protective Committee.

At the request of the holders of a large amount of the 6% sinking fund gold debentures, the following have consented to act as a protective committee: Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., 70 Broadway, N. Y. City, is depository. Certificates of deposit for the debentures issued and outstanding under the Tri-Utilities plan and agreement of reorganization, dated Sept. 1 1931, may be deposited under the protective agreement. Committee—Wm. S. Gray Jr., Chairman; Christopher T. Chenery, Richard C. Hunt, Edward L. Love, Charles B. Stuart, with Larkin Rathbone & Perry, counsel, and C. E. Sigler, Sec., 70 Broadway, N. Y. City. See also Tri-Utilities Corp. below.—V. 134, p. 1764.

Southwest Gas Utilities Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

Earnings for Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.	
Gas sales.....	\$1,461,701
Miscellaneous operating revenue (net).....	12,772
Gross operating income.....	\$1,474,473
Gas purchased, operating & administrative expense.....	836,473
Net operating profit.....	\$637,999
Gain & discount earned.....	1,222
Interest on bonds purchased & redeemed.....	69,339
Miscellaneous other income.....	8,384
Total income.....	\$716,944
Interest on funded debt of subsidiary companies.....	241,527
Interest expense.....	16,947
Miscellaneous other deductions, bad debts, &c.....	12,876
Minority interest in net profit of subsidiary companies.....	29,112
Interest on 1st lien and secured bonds.....	188,797
Depreciation & depletion.....	243,874
Amortization of bond discount & expense.....	27,007
Ordinary retirements of property.....	5,413
Net loss.....	\$48,610

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1931.

Assets—	Liabilities—
Pipe line systems, &c., leases & wells.....	Funded debt.....
Gas lease rights & gas purchased & sale contracts.....	Deterred liabilities.....
Organization expense & misc.....	Reserve for Federal income taxes prior to 1927.....
Investments.....	Accounts payable.....
Deposits in collateral account & sinking funds.....	Notes payable.....
Cash.....	Acer. int., gen. taxes, &c.....
Accounts receivable.....	Minority stockholders' interest in capital stock and surplus of subsidiary cos.....
Appliance & materials inven.....	Capital stock & surplus.....
Unamortized bond & note discount & expense.....	
Prepaid expenses, &c.....	
Total.....	Total.....

x Represented by 31,244 shares of \$6.50 cum. pref. stock (no par value), and 171,915½ shares common (no par value) stock.—

To Decrease Stock.

The stockholders will vote on March 24 on reducing the capital stock from 150,000 shares of preferred and 1,000,000 shares of common, both no par, to 50,000 preferred and 300,000 common shares, also no par. They will also vote on reducing the number of directors from 10 to 9. There are 31,254 preferred and 171,912 common shares outstanding.—V. 133, p. 3968.

Staten Island Edison Corp.—To Retire Notes.

See Associated Gas & Electric Co. above.—V. 132, p. 4243.

Telephone Bond & Share Co.—Increases Capitalization.

The stockholders on Feb. 25 approved an amendment to the certificate of incorporation of the company, so as to increase the authorized capital stock by authorizing 100,000 shares of a new class of pref. stock to be designated as \$3 1st pref. stock, without par value, to be subject to redemption, and to rank on a parity with the present 1st pref. stock as to dividends and also as to net assets in liquidation; to change the name of the authorized and outstanding 1st pref. stock to 7% 1st pref. stock; to increase the authorized capital stock by providing for 55,000 additional authorized shares of 7% 1st pref. stock; and to empower the holders of the class B common stock to increase or decrease the authorized shares of the 7% 1st pref. stock, the \$3 1st pref. stock and (or) participating pref. stock.

The amendment to the certificate of incorporation was filed in the office of the Secretary of State of Delaware on March 1 1932.

President J. G. Crane in a letter to the stockholders on Feb. 12 stated in part:

The company's public financing for its growth to date has been met largely by the issue of 5% long-term debentures, of which there is now outstanding \$11,721,000 face value. 7% 1st pref. stock of \$100 par per share (of which there is now outstanding 60,000 shares), participating pref. stock (of which there is now outstanding 4,200 shares) and class A common stock (of which there is now outstanding 126,720 shares). The management has not endeavored to materially increase the size of the company during the past year because business conditions were not propitious for expansion; but the management believes that conditions may within a reasonable time make it profitable to the company to enlarge its system. In order to do that the company must of course be in position to do some additional financing.

There are authorized 70,000 of the 7% 1st pref. shares but 60,000 of these shares are now outstanding so that the additional amount of this stock that can be issued is comparatively small. The company could issue additional debentures but the management feels that a substantial percentage of the company's financing should always be done by issuance of shares.

None of the increased authorization of 7% 1st pref. will be issued or offered for sale unless and until it is needed for proper corporate purposes, and of course the management would not undertake new financing at a time when same would have to be done at prices for securities which would entail a sacrifice or make the cost of such financing unreasonable.

The reason for the proposal to create a new class of pref. stock entitled to dividends of \$3 per share a year and callable at \$57.50 per share and entitled to \$50 per share in case of involuntary liquidation, is that this new class of stock bearing this lower dividend rate, which should be sold at about half the price of the \$100 par value 7% pref. stock, creates a corporate structure better adapted to the present requirements of the investing public. This new stock would rank equally with the 7% pref. stock to the extent of the new stock's dividend requirements and the amounts payable therefor on redemption or liquidation.

It is proposed to issue a nominal amount of 5,000 shares of \$3 1st pref. stock to provide additional working capital needed by the company. It will be beneficial to the present stockholders of the company that financing be done if possible by the use of such new stock because that will probably make possible a lower annual fixed charge than if the financing were done with the present 7% preferred stock.

Attention is called to the fact that the company has grown soundly and conservatively; that its capitalization is moderate and that its net earnings notwithstanding a decrease in gross income last year because of general, business conditions, were somewhat higher for the year 1931 than for 1930.

Telephone Investment Corp.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928) and rows for various financial items like Operating expense, Depreciation, Taxes, Interest, Net income, Dividends paid, Net earnings, etc.

Telephone Securities, Inc.—Reduces Par Value, &c.—

At the annual meeting the stockholders approved a reduction in the par value of the common stock to \$1 from \$50 per share.

Trenton-Princeton Traction Co.—8-Cent Fare Upheld.

The New Jersey Public Utility Commission on March 15 declined to force the company to reduce its fare within Trenton from 8c. to 7c.

Tri-Utilities Corp.—Reorganization Plan Abandoned.—

The committee acting under the plan and agreement, dated Sept. 1, 1931, has determined to dissolve and to abandon the plan and also the offer dated Nov. 20, 1931 to holders of certain notes of Peoples Light & Power Corp.

Wisconsin Gas & Electric Co.—Annual Report.—

Underlbe Power & Light Co.—Interest Payment.— Funds have been received from Germany for the payment of the regular April 1 interest on the 6% sinking fund mortgage bonds due 1933, according to A. G. Becker & Co., fiscal agents for the company.—V. 132, p. 1032.

West End Traction Co., Youngstown, Ohio.—Suspension.—

The Ohio P. U. Commission on Dec. 7, 1931 gave the company tentative permission to abandon its line from Youngstown to Leavittsburg, Ohio.

Continued operating losses were cited by the company in its application. R. M. Graham, Manager of the company, said losses for five years averaged \$40,000, exclusive of depreciation costs.—V. 133, p. 3259.

Western Massachusetts Cos.—Smaller Distribution.—

A dividend of 60 cents per share has been declared on the capital stock, payable March 31 to holders of record March 18.

Wisconsin Electric Power Co.—Annual Report.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928) and rows for Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Deprec. (reserve credit), Taxes, Interest charges, Net income, etc.

Condensed Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Table with columns for 1931 and 1930, and rows for Assets (Property & plant, Reserve, Cash, etc.) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, etc.).

Wisconsin Gas & Electric Co.—Annual Report.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928) and rows for Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Taxes, Net oper. revenues, Non-operating revenues, Gross income, Interest charges, Depreciation reserve, Balance, etc.

Condensed Balance Sheet December 31. Table with columns for 1931 and 1930, and rows for Assets (Property & plant, Cash, Sundry investm'ts, etc.) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, etc.).

Wisconsin Power & Light Co.—Annual Report.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928) and rows for Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Uncollectible bills, Taxes, Rent for lease of lines & plants, Gross income, Deduct. from gross inc., Int. on funded debt, Net income, Divs. on pref. stock, Divs. on common stock, Bal. carried to surplus, Shares of common outstanding, Earnings per sh. on com., etc.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Table with columns for 1931 and 1930, and rows for Assets (Fixed capital, Cash, Notes, etc.) and Liabilities (7% cum. pref. stk., 6% cum. pref. stk., Common stock, etc.).

United Light & Power Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for 1931 and 1930, and rows for Gross oper. earnings, Operating expenses, Maintenance, Taxes, Depreciation, Net earnings from oper. of sub. & controlled cos., Total income of subsidiary & controlled cos., etc.

United Rys. & Electric Co.—To Reduce Wages.—

This company, effective April 1, will reduce the wages of about 4,500 employees. About 15 executives will take a 10% cut and all other employees on weekly or hourly basis will receive a 6% cut.

Consolidated Surplus Account for the 18 Months Ended Dec. 31 1931.

	Surplus	Capital	Total
Surplus as at June 30 1930.....	\$3,200,744	\$17,245,281	\$20,446,026
Surplus arising from reduction of stated capital to basis of \$10 per sh. for class A and class B com. stock in hands of public, in terms of resolution adopted by stockholders June 24 1931.....	-----	28,760,760	28,760,760
Consolidated net income for the 18 months ended Dec. 31 1931.....	520,803	-----	520,803
Miscellaneous credits (net).....	-----	55,976	55,976
Total.....	\$3,721,547	\$46,062,018	\$49,783,566
Appropriations to reserves against:			
Property, plant and equipment.....	19,995,672	19,995,672	19,995,672
Patents, processes, rights and purchased good-will.....	12,268,468	12,268,468	12,268,468
Investments in and advances to other companies and projects.....	3,502,470	3,502,470	3,502,470
Payments (as from July 1 1930) during remaining life of certain contracts expiring in year 1932 for electric energy not required in fertilizer plant operation.....	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Contingencies.....	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Adjustment of minority stockholders' interest in subsidiary company.....	268,750	268,750	268,750
Charges applic. to prior periods (net).....	392,138	-----	392,138
Surplus as at Dec. 31 1931.....	\$3,329,409	\$7,026,657	\$10,356,066

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Dec. 31 '31. June 30 '31.		Dec. 31 '31. June 30 '31.	
Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Land, bldgs., &c. x22,713,609	22,713,609	Capital stock.....y24,701,590	24,701,590
Notes & accts. rec. 3,315,276	4,091,302	Preferred stock.....	24,000
Cash.....	3,499,152	Funded debt.....	5,627,900
Marketable secur. 1,952,985	458,372	Min. int. in sub. cos. 1,808,361	1,641,019
Other inv. & adv. 1,423,079	1,191,639	Pur. mon. oblig'ns 208,548	218,073
Inventories.....	8,207,797	Accts. pay., acr. wages and taxes 2,194,869	2,525,895
Stock purchase contract.....	1,024,500	Accr. int. on funded debt.....	82,680
License, pats., &c. 5,000,000	5,000,000	Res. for conting. 2,358,698	3,102,119
Deferred charges.....	624,027	Prov. for Fed. tax.....	4,326
Good-will.....	1	Surplus.....	10,613,620
Total.....	47,347,038	Total.....	47,347,038

x After depreciation and depletion of \$32,966,076. y Represented by 65,943 shares of class A common (no par) and 2,404,216 shares of class B common (no par), including shares reserved for stocks not yet presented for exchange, but excluding 207,883 shares of B stock held by a subsidiary company. z Called for redemption 40 shares.—V. 133, p. 1290.

American Bond & Mortgage Co.—Debts Listed.
A schedule in bankruptcy, filed March 11 in the United States District Court at Chicago listed liabilities of the company at \$7,644,007. Assets were placed at \$14,452,481, of which the schedule showed \$10,466,647 represented by negotiable securities. Of the liabilities, \$2,000,000 was secured by collateral.—V. 134, p. 1765.

American Brake Shoe & Foundry Co.—New Secretary, &c.
Joseph H. Parsons has been elected Secretary, succeeding the late George M. Judd. Miss E. B. Sibbald has been elected Assistant Secretary.—V. 134, p. 1197.

American Cigar Co.—Lease, &c., Approved.
The stockholders on March 15 approved the lease of the company's business to the American Tobacco Co. and the sale to the latter company of all the leaf tobacco, tobacco in process, manufactured tobacco, supplies, accounts receivable, treasury stock of the cigar company and the investment of the cigar company in Porto Rican Leaf Tobacco Co. and certain other assets. See also further details in V. 134, p. 1581.

American Fork & Hoe Co.—Decreases Quarterly Div.
The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 12½ cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable March 15 to holders of record March 12. This compares with quarterly distributions of 37½ cents per share previously made on this stock.—V. 131, p. 1717.

American Ice Co.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Sales.....	\$19,231,535	\$20,595,707	\$20,804,078	\$20,772,413
Inc. from investments, interest, rents, &c.....	200,663	222,393	451,493	573,082
Total.....	\$19,432,198	\$20,818,100	\$21,255,571	\$21,345,495
Cost of mdse., oper expenses, &c.....	14,097,136	15,060,524	15,475,899	15,814,954
Interest on bonds, &c.....	340,869	336,776	330,280	414,846
Res. for Fed., &c., taxes.....	331,126	452,438	413,784	396,370
Depreciation.....	1,831,208	1,708,091	1,604,484	1,466,962
Net gain.....	\$2,831,859	\$3,260,271	\$3,431,124	\$3,252,362
Preferred divs. (6%).....	843,285	863,858	881,088	899,868
Common dividends.....	1,408,557	1,748,551	2,094,248	1,499,617
Rate.....	\$2.50	\$3.00	\$3.50	\$2.50
Balance, surplus.....	\$580,017	\$647,863	\$455,787	\$852,876
Earns. per sh. on 600,000 no par shs. outstanding.....	\$3.55	\$3.93	\$4.22	\$3.92

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

1931.		1930.	
Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Plant, equip., &c. x34,213,976	\$5,601,215	Preferred stock.....	15,000,000
Cash.....	430,831	Common stock.....	15,000,000
Notes & accts. rec. 1,552,236	1,448,588	Bonds and mtge. 6,404,335	6,873,389
Discount on debts.....	142,946	Dividends payable 486,475	674,929
Inventories.....	755,512	Notes payable.....	975,000
Inv. in co.'s sec's y1,828,489	1,425,467	Accounts payable.....	636,357
Other investments 1,050,283	1,124,691	Accrued interest.....	32,064
Insurance fund.....	251,528	Fed. taxes, &c.....	526,479
Good-will, &c.....	6,583,677	Ins. reserve, &c.....	-----
Prep'd rents, taxes, &c.....	124,140	Res. for pay. under Workmens Compens Act.....	500,000
Total.....	46,933,599	Surplus.....	8,347,888

x After depreciation. y Includes 12,047 shares of preferred and 40,800 shares of common. z Represented by 600,000 no par shares, including 253 shares in treasury.—V. 134, p. 1959.

American Maize-Products Co.—Reduces Dividend.
The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on the outstanding 300,000 shares of common stock, no par value, payable March 31 to holders of record March 23. Previously, the company made quarterly distributions of 60 cents per share on this issue.—V. 133, p. 4333.

American Republics Corp.—Receivership.
Joseph S. Cullinan, President, and S. D. Townsend of Wilmington, were appointed receivers March 16 by Chancery Court at Wilmington, Del., for the corporation on the application of John Walsh of Washington, a stockholder.
The bill of complaint sets forth that while the assets of the company far exceed its indebtedness it is unable to meet maturing obligations and that it owes subsidiaries more than \$4,500,000 payable on demand, and also that cash resources are less than \$125,000.
The bill states that on March 12 the Republic Production Co., a subsidiary, made demands for payment on a note for \$500,000 and that the Petroleum Iron Works Co., another subsidiary, made demands for pay-

ment of \$200,000, and that neither of these demands were met. The bill states the company is also indebted to banks for \$850,000, which is now due.—V. 134, p. 1373.

American Solvents & Chemical Corp.—To Go Off List.
The Committee on Stock List of the New York Stock Exchange has recommended to the Governing Committee that the common stock and the \$3 cum. conv. preference stock be stricken from the list March 24 1932.—V. 134, p. 1374.

American Stores Co.—Sales Decline.

Period Ended—	Feb. 27 '32.	Feb. 28 '31.	Decrease.
Four Weeks.....	\$9,154,585	\$11,165,671	\$2,011,086
Two Months.....	19,272,239	23,662,781	4,390,542

—V. 134, p. 1959, 1198.

American Sugar Refining Co.—New Directors, &c.
Francis H. Brownell and Donald G. McLenan have been elected directors to fill vacancies.
L. D. Babst, Chairman of board, stated: "At least until Washington either through the Tariff Commission or otherwise affords the domestic industry some relief against the importation of foreign refined sugar, both cane refiners and beet sugar producers will continue in a bewildering situation. Deliveries for January and February of cane sugar refiners were 15% below the corresponding period last year. Our earnings for January and February reflect this decrease in output."
Mr. Babst further said: "There has been, however, a substantial improvement over the last quarter of 1931. We are in a position to benefit promptly from increased volume such as would result from a correction of the unfair tariff situation and any improvement in economic conditions."—V. 134, p. 508.

American Thermos Bottle Co.—Stated Value of No-Par Shares Decreased—New Directors.
The stockholders on March 15 approved the proposal to reduce the stated value of the common stock (no par value) to \$5 a share from \$10. Through this write-down, amounting to \$544,839, the company will be enabled to increase its capital surplus and make certain adjustments in assets, including a write-down of goodwill and patents account, writedoff of the Huntington, W. Va., glass plant which has been idle, and a restatement of investments in affiliated companies.
G. D. Myers and E. H. Heilman have been elected directors, succeeding G. A. Robertshaw and R. S. Reynolds.
President A. E. Payson stated the company will shortly begin manufacturing its products in England to avoid the payment of the English tariff. Heretofore the company has been buying its materials in Germany and assembling them in England. Foreign sales are being affected by business depression, he said, but the company is preparing for moderate expansion when conditions are favorable.—V. 134, p. 1766.

American Tobacco Co.—To Lease Certain Assets of American Cigar Co.
See American Cigar Co. above.—V. 134, p. 1583.

American Type Founders Co.—Preferred Dividend Deferred.
The directors on March 17 decided to defer the usual quarterly dividend of 1¼% due April 15 on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100. The last quarterly distribution at this rate was made on Jan. 15 1932.—V. 133, p. 4162.

Arnold Brothers, Ltd.—To Vote on Bond Changes.
Holders of the mortgage 6% sinking fund bonds, series A, have been notified by the Montreal Trust Co. as trustee that a meeting of the holders will be held on March 31 at the office of the debtor corporation in Toronto, Ont., for the purpose of voting on "extraordinary resolutions." These include release of the floating charge contained in the mortgage, waiver of sinking fund payments, and release of certain moneys by the trustee.—V. 127, p. 3093.

Asbestos Corp., Ltd.—Time Extended on Plan.
The reorganization committee has extended the time for deposit of securities to March 31. The total of securities already deposited in favor of the plan averages nearly 60% of the aggregate of all the securities outstanding, the committee reports.—V. 134, p. 1027.

Atlantic Sugar Refineries, Ltd.—Plan Dropped.
It was recently announced that the recent scheme of arrangement which was proposed on behalf of certain pref. stockholders has been abandoned for the time being. The arrears of dividends on the pref. stock on July 1 1932 will amount to \$82.25 per share.—V. 134, p. 138.

Atlas Plywood Corp.—Earnings.
For income statement for 6 months ended Dec. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 1959, V. 133, p. 1930, 1456, V. 132, p. 1622.

Atlas Powder Co.—Acquisition.
The company has acquired the entire assets of the Peerless-Union Explosives Corp.—V. 134, p. 1027.

Automobile Insurance Co., Hartford, Conn.—Acquis.
This company recently acquired the Iowa Fire Insurance Co., of Waterloo, Iowa, one of the Insurance Securities Co. group taken over in 1929.—V. 129, p. 3803.

Aviation Corp. (Del.)—To Change Par Value.
The Committee on Securities of the New York Stock Exchange has received a notice from the corporation of a proposed change in the authorized capital stock from 5,000,000 shares of no par value to 5,000,000 shares, par \$5, each present share to be exchanged for one new share.
The executive committee on March 17 elected La Motte T. Cohn as President to succeed Frederic Gallup Coburn, who resigned. The resignation of Mr. Coburn and of D. J. Walsh Jr. of Sanderson & Porter as directors of the company were also accepted.
The management of the company has been under the active supervision of Sanderson & Porter for upward of two years, and Mr. Coburn, one of their partners, was delegated to act as President. The management was assumed under a contract under which Sanderson & Porter agreed, for such time as it was jointly deemed necessary, to devote the attention of that firm to the development, in an orderly manner, of the business of the Aviation Corporation's subsidiaries.
On March 14 1932, Sanderson & Porter informed the Aviation Corp. that in their judgment they had completed their undertaking and that permanent management should now be supplied. Mr. Coburn's resignation was accepted upon the understanding that Sanderson & Porter should continue definitely associated with the company as consultants for a mutually satisfactory period.
Mr. Cohn is a partner in the firm of Myron S. Hall & Co., investment brokers, and is President and a director of Air Investors, Inc.; a director of Air Associates, Inc., and a director of Roosevelt Field, Inc.—V. 134, p. 849.

Baldwin Locomotive Works.—February Books Lower.
The Philadelphia "Financial Journal" states:
Due to almost total absence of buying by the railroads, incoming business of Baldwin Locomotive Works struck a new low mark in February, although shipments showed an increase over the preceding month. Business booked in February, as shown by the consolidated report, amounted to \$675,000, as compared with \$858,000 in January 1932 and with \$3,237,000 in February 1931. For the first two months of 1932 consolidated bookings, adjusted, amounted to \$1,542,000, as compared with \$4,758,000 in corresponding period of 1931, or about one-third.
Consolidated shipments in February amounted to \$1,069,000, as compared with \$876,000 in January 1932 and with \$1,788,000 in February 1931. For the first two months consolidated shipments amounted to \$1,948,000, against \$4,430,000 in the corresponding period of 1931, or less than one-half.
It is expected that shipments in March will also approximate \$1,000,000, which would make \$3,000,000 for the first quarter of the year. Business continues stagnant, with no inquiries for locomotives in the market at the present time.

George N. Moore were named co-receivers, for the purpose of such proceedings, in respect of J. S. Cosden, Inc., of Okla.

An outline of the business in which the respective subsidiaries are engaged is as follows:

Cosden Oil Co. (Ark.) owns oil properties or rights in Arkansas.
Cosden Oil Co. (Ill.) owns and operates filling stations and sells gasoline and petroleum products through these and otherwise.
Cosden Pipe Line Co. (Tex.) owns and operates a pipe line in Texas.

J. S. Cosden, Inc., of Okla. owns petroleum properties, leases and leasehold rights in Oklahoma and sells oil and casinghead gasoline.

For a substantial period prior to 1930, the company had been in very successful operation with large earnings on the relatively small capital employed. By 1930 conditions had materially changed, leading eventually to the receivership.

For some time prior to the receivership J. S. Cosden personally had been making substantial advances to the company. To do this he had made great personal sacrifices. He had been willing to defer repayment to himself as against other creditors. In August 1930 the company needed a considerable amount of further cash immediately. Financing was undertaken at that time for that purpose in connection with which Mr. Cosden obligated himself still further for the benefit of the company, as a result of which he (or his assignee) now holds substantial claims against the company which he is willing to have relinquished or adjusted for the benefit of the general situation. In respect to the older account for advances made by him to the company prior to the August 1930 financing (amounting to about \$446,000, after deductions and adjustments, as now recognized on the books of the receivers), he has heretofore made assignments of certain of his rights, such assignments or reassignments thereof being held in some instances by concerns whose representatives are members of the committee (as individuals) or otherwise connected therewith. This account is not to be relinquished.

Certain substantial creditors and others in interest have felt that a reorganization of the company and the resumption of its business could be undertaken to the best advantage of all concerned, if Mr. Cosden could be persuaded to head the reorganization committee and give his efforts toward putting the company again into satisfactory operation.

Digest of Reorganization Plan Dated March 10.

Claims and Stocks to Be Dealt with in Reorganization as Estimated.

	To Be Adjusted.	Undisputed.
a Secured claims and debts.....	\$1,235,000	\$131,000
Unsecured claims and debts (including recognized debt to J. S. Cosden and assignees of \$446,828).....	1,480,000	-----
Tank car purchase obligations under lease—purchase agreements with respect to acquisition of 794 tank cars—\$26,051 maturing monthly. (Estimated as of Dec. 31 1931).....	-----	746,500
Claim of Carl H. Pforzheimer & Co.....	250,000	-----
Claim of J. S. Cosden (or assignee).....	615,000	-----
Preferred stock (par \$100).....	36,841 shs.	-----
Common stock (no par).....	323,950 shs.	-----

Approximately \$31,000 of this represents a lien of Magnolia Petroleum Co. on the Wilbarger lease and leasehold interests, which it is proposed to leave undisturbed by the plan.

Securities to Be Issued (or Left Outstanding) by Readjusted Company.

First Mortgage 6% Serial Bonds.—Authorize \$1,750,000 secured by a mortgage (with such exceptions as the committee shall determine) on all of the physical and other properties and assets of the readjusted company, and, in the discretion of the committee, of J. S. Cosden, Inc., of Okla., and, in the discretion of the committee, of other subsidiary or subsidiaries of the company, and, in the discretion of the committee, stock of any or all subsidiaries of the company or of the readjusted company. Bonds will mature one-fourth thereof respectively, two years, three years, four years, and five years from the date thereof to be fixed by the committee. Redeemable in whole at any time or in part from time to time upon at least 30 days' notice at par and interest.

Mortgage will contain provisions for the release therefrom of properties subject to the lien thereof upon protection of the security.

General Lien 5-year 6% Bonds.—Authorized \$2,250,000. Secured by a mortgage subordinate to the first mortgage on all of the properties and assets embraced in the mortgage under the first mortgage. Bonds will mature five years from the date thereof to be fixed by the committee. Redeemable in whole at any time or in part from time to time upon at least 30 days' notice at par and interest. Mortgage shall provide that on or before Jan. 31 1933 and each succeeding Jan. 31 company will pay to the trustee as a sinking fund for the redemption of bonds, at not exceeding par and interest, a sum equal to 50% of the net earnings of the readjusted company for the last preceding calendar year, or part thereof, applicable to the payment of dividends on any stocks, common or preferred, after deduction of proper depreciation and depletion charges, in lieu of said sum, in whole or in part, the readjusted company may deposit with trustee a principal amount of bonds equal to the part of the sum not paid in cash.

Mortgage will contain provisions for the release therefrom of properties subject to the lien thereof upon protection of the security. Mortgage will also provide that until the 1st mtge. 6% serial bonds are paid in full, the readjusted company will not purchase, retire or redeem the gen. lien 5-year 6% bonds except for or by means of the sinking fund, which, however, shall not prevent exchange of stock or junior obligations of the readjusted company for gen. lien 5-year 6% bonds under conversion offers or otherwise.

Preferred Stock.—Authorized, \$5,000,000. Dividends non-cumulative for a period of two years from approximate date of initial issuance or inception of the new corporation, if one is utilized, whether or not carried in whole or in part in either year of said period. From time of expiration of such two-year period, dividends shall be cumulative at rate of \$7 per share per annum. Stock shall not be redeemed or repurchased in whole or in part until 1st mtge. 6% serial bonds are paid in full.

Common Stock.—Authorized, not exceeding 600,000 shares (no par).

General Provisions Regarding Claims.—Committee shall have full power and authority to determine the validity, classification, amount of and lien or other security for, all obligations, debts and claims deposited under the plan and the determination of the committee shall be conclusive for all purposes of the plan as to such validity, classification, and amount. Committee shall have full power and authority to determine that any obligation, debt or claim is entitled to a lien or security although the claimed lien or security is not conclusively or entirely proved, or not a matured lien. Delivery of new securities to depositors of obligations, debts and claims will be made on the basis of such determination.

Treatment of Obligations and Stocks to Be Adjusted Under the Plan.—Holders of the obligations, debts and claims and of the stocks of the company, or of certificates of deposit will be entitled, after the consummation of the plan, to receive securities of the readjusted company as stated:

Secured Claims.—Holders of secured obligations, debts of, or claims against, the company, J. S. Cosden, Inc., of Okla., and Cosden Oil Co. (Ark.), shall be entitled to receive under the plan 1st mtge. 6% serial bonds in principal amount equal to the principal amounts of their respective secured obligations, debts or claims plus the amount of interest to Nov. 9 1930 on such obligations. The principal amount of such bonds received by each holder shall be divided as nearly equally as practicable into bonds of the four serial maturities. Fractions of \$100 will be adjusted as the committee shall deem expedient.

Unsecured Claims.—Holders of unsecured obligations, debts of, or claims against, the company, J. S. Cosden, Inc., of Okla., and Cosden Oil Co. (Ark.), shall be entitled to receive under the plan, gen. lien 5-year 6% bonds in principal amount equal to the principal amounts of their respective obligations, debts, or claims plus the amount of interest to Nov. 9 1930, on such obligations. Fractions of \$100 will be adjusted as the committee shall deem expedient.

Preferred Stock.—Holders of shares of preferred stock shall be entitled to receive under the plan, one share of preferred stock of the readjusted company for each share of preferred stock now held.

Common Stock.—Holders of shares of common stock shall be entitled to receive under the plan one share of common stock of the readjusted company for each share of common stock now held.

Cosden-Pforzheimer Adjustment.—Carl H. Pforzheimer & Co. shall be entitled to receive under the plan for their claim upon return to the company of the certificates for 12,500 shares of common stock of the company issued in the name of their nominee in August 1930 and upon compliance with other necessary provisions as required to complete the above proposed company—J. S. Cosden-Pforzheimer adjustment, gen. lien 5-year 6% bonds in principal amount equal to the principal amount of their claim (\$250,000 without interest).

J. S. Cosden Adjustment.—In consideration of an unconditional release by J. S. Cosden's assignee (in which Mr. Cosden shall join as a confirmation,

if requested), of all their rights in the J. S. Cosden claim plus interest (but not the claims for \$446,828) an amount of common stock (approximately 103,800 shares thereof) equal to one-fourth of the common stock of the readjusted company to be outstanding upon the consummation of the plan, shall be issued to or upon the order of Mr. Cosden's assignee (or to the nominee or nominees of such assignee) under appropriate arrangements with the committee.

Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Stocks of the Readjusted Company to Be Outstanding Under the Plan.

The following tabulation shows the approximate amounts of the various bonds and classes of stock of the readjusted company that will be outstanding under the plan in the hands of the holders of the indebtedness, obligations and stock, above specified, to be adjusted under the plan:

	1st Mtge. Bonds.	Gen. Lien Bonds.	Pref. Stock.	Com. Stock.
Secured claims and debts.....	\$1,235,000	-----	-----	-----
Unsecured claims and debts.....	-----	\$1,480,000	-----	-----
Carl H. Pforzheimer & Co.....	-----	250,000	-----	-----
Preferred stockholders.....	-----	-----	36,841	-----
Common stockholders.....	-----	-----	-----	311,450
J. S. Cosden's assignee or nominee thereof.....	-----	-----	-----	103,817

Arrangements may be made in the discretion of the committee to sell or otherwise dispose of, for the purpose of the plan, the balance of the 1st mtge. 6% serial bonds, gen. lien 5-year 6% bonds, and stocks of the readjusted company, the issuance of which is not prescribed above.

Non-Assenting Creditors, Claimants, Obligees and Stockholders.—The plan makes no provision for payment in cash under the terms of any bid at any sale to any holders of obligations, debts, claims or stocks to be, or that may be, adjusted under the plan who do not participate in the plan. Any securities or stocks which would be delivered under the plan to such holders had they participated, may remain unissued or be disposed of by the committee for any of the purposes of the reorganization.

Sale of 1st Mtge. Bonds or Gen. Lien Bonds Underwritings.—Committee may arrange with or may form or cause to be formed one or more groups to underwrite the sale of any of the 1st mtge. 6% serial bonds or the gen. lien 5-year 6% bonds or stock not required or used for the purposes of the plan, at a price or prices to be approved by the committee at the time of offering thereof, and may fix the amount to be received for such stock or bonds and may arrange, in the discretion of the committee, for compensation to such group or groups.

Estimated Pro-Forma Consolidated Balance Sheet.

[Of Readjusted Company and all Subsidiaries.]

Assets—	Liabilities—
Properties & plants.....	Preferred stock.....
Invests. in & advs. to oth. cos.....	Common stock (415,267 shs.).....
Cash.....	Mtge. notes & contracts pay-.....
Notes & accts. receivable.....	Tank car obligations.....
Accounts receivable.....	Due Magnolia Petroleum Co.....
Inventories.....	1st mtge. serial 6s.....
Other notes & accts. receiv.....	General lien 6s.....
Due from Richardson Ref. Co.....	Notes & accts. payable.....
Deferred debit items.....	Accounts payable.....
	Accrued salaries & wages.....
	Accrued State, &c. taxes.....
	Accrued int. payable.....
Total.....	Total.....

a After depreciation, &c., of \$3,269,787. b After reserve of \$472,051.—V. 134, p. 1962.

Crane & Co., Chicago.—Annual Report.

J. B. Berryman, President, says in part: For the first time since the company was incorporated in 1865, we have to report an operating loss. The year 1931 was unsatisfactory in nearly all industries, especially so in the metal trades, and our business was no exception. Notwithstanding a reduction in overhead of \$4,877,000 from that of 1930, the loss for the year was \$7,935,329, made up as follows: Operating loss, \$6,149,329; shrinkage in value of inventories (estimated): \$1,836,000.

In addition, there was an accounting loss of \$1,222,901 on foreign exchange, arising through conversion of current assets and liabilities of foreign subsidiary companies at ratio of exchange prevailing on Dec. 31 1931. This amount has been charged against surplus.

A reserve of \$2,900,235 has been set up to take care of possible, though improbable, declines in the value of inventories, and for possible losses in accounts and other items which cannot be foreseen. The book value of the common stock, after setting up this reserve, is \$29.93 per share.

No large expenditures were authorized during the year, but we carried over from 1930 a considerable amount of building and equipment work which was completed and paid for during 1931, amounting to \$4,780,000, distributed United States \$2,855,000, Canada \$1,194,000, England \$491,000 and France \$240,000.

Our expansion program, in both manufacturing and distributing, has been practically completed and very little will have to be expended in 1932.

Income Account for Calendar Years.

	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Operating income.....	loss \$4,060,919	\$6,078,749	\$15,991,575	\$10,655,974
Depreciation.....	1,467,648	2,978,040	2,699,028	2,559,560
Interest.....	620,762	299,494	128,527	12,696
Federal taxes.....	-----	66,809	1,605,935	929,520
Shrink. in val. of inven.....	1,836,000	-----	-----	-----
Net income.....	loss \$7,985,329	\$2,734,406	\$11,558,085	\$7,154,198
Preferred dividends.....	1,029,352	1,031,180	1,039,365	1,021,409
Common divs. (cash).....	2,054,273	4,162,629	3,999,656	3,521,921

Balance.....def \$11,068,954def \$2459,403 z \$6,519,064 z \$2,610,861

Profit and loss surplus.....\$11,660,811 \$24,016,521 \$27,491,499 \$20,443,276

Share common stock outstanding (par \$25).....2,366,057 2,392,382 2,376,708 2,347,825

Earned per share.....Nil \$0.71 \$4.42 \$2.61

x Before charging an accounting loss of \$1,222,901 on foreign exchange, charged to surplus. z Profit.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1931.	1930.	Liabilities—	1931.	1930.
Real estate, machinery and equipment.....	\$90,358,274	\$58,313,894	Preferred stock.....	14,688,900	14,711,900
Inv. in other cos.....	212,583	1,855,319	Common stock.....	69,151,425	69,809,550
Inventories.....	25,374,461	33,035,810	10-year 5% gold notes.....	12,000,000	12,000,000
Cash.....	3,692,378	6,138,185	Accts. payable.....	2,753,339	4,362,043
Notes and accts. receivable.....	9,285,255	11,214,884	Res. for deprec.....	28,522,805	-----
U. S. Government securities.....	5,343,437	8,936,062	Reserve for Federal taxes, &c.....	1,546,463	1,644,827
Other securities.....	462,193	424,946	Conting. reserve.....	2,900,235	3,035,413
			Min. stockholders' int. in sub. cos.....	1,504,572	288,845
			Surplus.....	11,660,811	24,016,521
Total.....	134,728,581	119,919,100	Total.....	134,728,581	119,919,100

x After deducting \$27,259,992 for depreciation reserve. y Before reserves for depreciation.—V. 134, p. 1378.

Crex Carpet Co.—Sells Division.

The purchase of the Newburgh Carpet Mills, wilton manufacturing division of the Crex Carpet Co., by the Firth Carpet Co., was announced on March 16. The transaction is understood to have been for about \$400,000 cash.

According to George Frankel, Vice-President of the Crex company, manufacturing operations will be continued at the St. Paul, Minn., mill, which will expand its wilton facilities. The plant now manufactures chiefly grass and cotton chenille rugs.

The present board of directors of the Firth company of which H. E. Wadley is President and Fred Booth, Chairman, will take over immediately the management of the Newburgh, N. Y., property, which will be known as the Firth Carpet Co., Firth-Newburgh division. Headquarters will be maintained at 295 Fifth Avenue in enlarged offices and salesrooms.

The purchase is the first step in a major expansion program of Firth Carpet, under the supervision of Mr. Wadley. (New York "Sun.")—V. 133, p. 3973.

is added the distributable funds and accrued interest on the securities, all as of the close of business on the preceding day, plus any stamp or sales tax that may be imposed. Price is adjusted to the next highest even dollar.

Foster Wheeler Corp.—Earnings.—

Incl. Foster Wheeler, Ltd. (Eng.), and Soc. Anon. Foster Wheeler (France). Calendar Years—	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Unfilled orders	\$4,144,089	\$6,122,627	\$9,952,774	\$6,432,928
Profit from manufacturing & trading	loss \$536,822	2,137,483	1,876,660	1,113,720
Other income	186,912	172,339	268,676	169,411
Net earnings	def \$349,910	\$2,309,822	\$2,145,336	\$1,283,131
Depreciation	309,472	307,500	319,355	307,753
Res. for contingencies	76,099	70,000	—	—
Income taxes	18,432	281,046	211,010	130,000
Net profit	def \$753,913	\$1,651,276	\$1,614,971	\$845,378
Preferred dividends	125,209	136,441	216,538	243,950
Common dividend	305,536	472,038	214,728	—
Added to surplus	def \$1,184,659	\$1,042,798	\$1,183,705	\$601,428
Profit on sale of portion of foreign patents	—	—	—	145,650
Surplus Jan. 1	4,545,371	3,502,573	2,318,868	1,571,790
Surplus Dec. 31	\$3,360,713	\$4,545,371	\$3,502,573	\$2,318,868
Shs. com. stk. outstanding (no par)	227,774	239,015	231,055	193,800
Earnings per share	Nil	\$6.34	\$3.12	\$6.34

a After deducting all costs, incl. operation and maintenance of plants, erection and installation of apparatus, selling, general & admin. expenses.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	1,066,937	Accounts payable	319,622
Notes & accts. rec.	1,448,031	Accrued commis., wages & expense	70,188
Marketable secur.	1,209,334	Accrued costs on billed contracts	115,141
Accrued int. on notes & secur.	6,260	Adv. on contracts unshipped	15,597
Inventories	1,558,834	Acct. inc. & franchise taxes	95,462
Investments	560,554	Prof. div. payable Jan. 2	31,181
Bal. rec. on emp. deposit. subscrips.	31,972	Res. for add'l Fed. taxes	202,307
Deposits with insurance cos.	32,075	Res. for contng.	146,099
Fixed assets	5,798,926	Deferred credits	30,161
Deferred charges	70,358	\$7 preferred stock	1,751,800
Patents purchased	153,254	Com. stock & cap. surplus	5,776,295
Good-will & developed patents	1	Earned surplus	3,360,713
Total	11,904,567	Total	11,904,567

x Authorized 300,000 shares (no par value); reserved for conversion of preferred, 44,545 shares; issued and outstanding, 227,774 shares. y After depreciation of \$2,181,137.—V. 133, p. 3636.

Fox Film Corp.—New Vice-President.—
Sidney R. Kent, formerly a Paramount Public executive, has been elected a Vice-President.—V. 134, p. 1381.

Gamewell Co.—Earnings.—
For income statement for three and nine months ended Feb. 29 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 1381.

Garlock Packing Co.—Smaller Common Dividend.—
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 22. In preceding quarters, the company paid regular dividends of 30 cents per share on this issue.—V. 133, p. 964.

General American Tank Car Corp.—Listing.—
The board of directors of the board of trade of the City of Chicago, at a meeting held Mar. 10 1932, approved admission to the list and to trading of 818,833 shares common stock of the above corporation. Trading was authorized to begin on Friday, Mar. 11 1932. The Chicago transfer agent is the Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co., and the Chicago registrar is the First Union Trust & Savings Bank. Transactions in General American Tank Car Corp. common stock on the Board of Trade are subject to no State transfer tax.—V. 134, p. 1965.

General Electric Co.—Employees' Bond Holdings.—
Approximately 34,000 employees of the above company are holders of G. E. Employees Securities Corp. bonds of a face value of \$39,000,000, it was revealed in the ninth annual report of the latter corporation made public on March 17. The corporation, during 1931, was favored by the sustained income of electric light and power companies and the maintained dividends upon their securities, in which the bulk of its funds is invested; also by large reserves accumulated from sales made at a profit in earlier years.

The average holding of bonds by employees is shown by the report to have been \$1,164 during 1931, and the average amount paid bondholders in the form of interest was \$91.94. Bonds of the corporation are also held by the General Electric Additional Pension Trust to a face value of \$4,200,000. The net income of the corporation was more than sufficient to pay all interest charges, and the market value of the securities owned, on the basis of market prices of Dec. 31 1931, exceeded all liabilities by more than \$8,000,000.

The bonds of the corporation bear interest at the rate of 6%, the General Electric Co. adding 2% as long as the bondholders remain employees of the company.—V. 134, p. 1770.

General Realty & Utilities Corp.—Reduces Capital.—
The stockholders on March 16 voted to reduce the authorized pref. stock to 250,000 shares from 600,000 shares and the authorized common stock to 3,500,000 shares from 5,000,000. These reductions do not affect the outstanding shares, and are being effected to accomplish a substantial tax saving. It was also voted to change the date of the annual meeting henceforth to the fourth Thursday in March from the third Wednesday. See also V. 134, p. 1770, 1966.

General Refractories Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1931.	1930.	1929.
Net earnings from operations	\$749,539	\$2,629,174	\$2,937,104
Miscellaneous income	166,131	258,054	236,669
Total income	\$915,670	\$2,887,228	\$3,173,772
Bond discount and expenses	—	—	83,049
Corp. municipal and income tax	82,298	334,661	262,682
Interest on bond and floating debt	294,570	101,684	13,355
Depreciation and depletion reserve from earnings	301,982	314,296	261,581
Net income	\$236,820	\$2,136,588	\$2,553,124
Dividends	900,000	1,425,000	1,200,000
Balance, surplus	def \$663,180	\$711,588	\$1,353,124
Shares capital stock outst'g (no par)	300,000	300,000	300,000
Earned per share	\$0.79	\$7.12	\$8.51

Capital Stock and Surplus Accounts December 31.

	1931.	1930.	1929.
a Capital stock	\$12,951,695	\$12,951,695	\$12,951,695
Paid in surplus	5,052,058	5,052,058	5,175,509
Earned surplus balance Jan. 1	4,361,460	3,649,872	2,851,240
Net profit	236,820	2,136,588	2,553,123
Dividends	900,000	1,425,000	1,200,000
Unamort. bd. dis. expense and premium written off	—	—	554,491
b Depreciation	103,901	—	—
Total capital and surplus	\$21,598,132	\$22,365,213	\$21,777,077

a Capital stock in 1931, 1930 and 1929 represented by 300,000 no par shares authorized and outstanding. b Depreciation and depletion of property values represented by capital surplus.

Condensed Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Assets—		Liabilities—	
Real est., bldgs. & eq	18,366,450	Capital & surplus	21,598,132
Patents at cost	34,873	Notes payable	250,000
Cash	440,105	Bills payable	—
Notes receivable	322,111	Accts. payable	197,661
Bills receivable	—	Accrued accounts	193,237
Notes reciv. from office & emp.	1,034,986	2-yr 5% gold notes	5,000,000
Investments	173,883	Reserv. for Federal income tax	—
Accts. receivable	790,043		
Inventories	3,126,361		
Accrued interest	13,995		
Employees' mtgs.	—		
Misc. investm'ts	2,382,353		
Deferred accounts	553,868		
Total	27,239,030	Total	27,239,030

x Capital stock of no par value; outstanding, 300,000 shares.—V. 134, p. 1768.

Georgian Inc.—Retires Additional Stock.—
As of Mar. 12 1931, 7,413 shares of class A stock were retired and cancelled, leaving the number of shares now outstanding at 45,177 shares. V. 134, p. 1966.

Gillette Safety Razor Co.—Earnings.—

Earnings for Year Ended Dec. 31.

1931.	1930.	
Profit from operations	\$9,653,035	\$11,749,154
Other income	333,351	985,367
Total income	\$9,986,386	\$12,734,521
Loss on sale of securities	185,961	—
Red. of inv. to market	1,546,413	—
Reduction securities to market	344,073	—
Contr. liabilities due subsidiaries to 1931	199,500	—
Reserve for contingency	30,329	—
Cash discount, bad debts, engineering and development expense maintenance of surplus plants, &c	279,684	1,223,115
Depreciation	1,079,173	1,129,896
Exchange variance, &c	459,112	225,322
Interest paid	974,773	667,048
Income taxes	780,641	696,491
Net profit	\$4,106,727	\$8,792,648
Minority interest	84,755	10,149
Net profit Autostrop and subsidiary Jan. 1 to Nov. 18 1930	—	2,094,979
Net income applicable to Gillette	\$4,021,972	\$6,687,520
Surplus Jan. 1	538,415	7,996,971
Capital surplus from Autostrop acquisition	—	4,371,520
Adjustments	130,397	—
Total surplus	\$4,690,786	\$18,156,011
Special charges against surplus	—	7,279,866
Dividends declared	—	10,337,731
Dividend on \$5 pref. stock	1,550,000	—
Bal. of settlement with United Cigar Stores	x1,380,232	—
Surplus, Dec. 31	\$1,760,553	\$538,415
Earns. per share on 1,998,769 shares com. stk. outstanding	\$1.23	\$3.25
x After charging \$519,768 out of current operations.—V. 134, p. 1381.		

Glen Alden Coal Co.—Dividend Omitted.—
The directors on March 17 decided to omit the quarterly dividend usually payable about March 20. Four quarterly distributions of \$1 per share were made during 1931 as against \$2 per share each quarter in 1930. V. 134, p. 1204.

Goldman Sachs Trading Corp.—New Directors, &c.—
At the annual meeting of the stockholders held on March 16 Floyd B. Odium, President of the Atlas Utilities Corp., was elected a director to succeed Ralph Jonas Ernest Loveman, a partner of Goldman, Sachs & Co., was elected to the board to fill a vacancy. Mr. Odium represents the holdings of Atlas Utilities Corp. and affiliated interests in Goldman Sachs Trading Corp. The following directors were re-elected: Harry J. Bauer, Henry E. Bowers, Arthur Sachs, Howard J. Sachs, Walter E. Sachs and Sidney J. Weinberg. The asset value of the Goldman Sachs Trading Corp. stock as of Feb. 29 was \$7.09 a share against \$7.06 on Dec. 31 last. Bank loans which were \$9,500,000 on the latter date have been reduced to \$8,550,000 at the present time, it was further announced.—V. 134, p. 1966.

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Akron, O.—Denied Patent Review.—
The U. S. Supreme Court has denied the company a review of the lower court decision in favor of Overman Cushion Tire Co., Inc., in a dispute over the cushion-tire patent owned by the latter.—V. 134, p. 1771.

Gotham Knitbac Machine Corp.—Merger Approved.—
The stockholders have approved the merger of this company with the Gotham Silk Hosiery Co., Inc.—V. 134, p. 1205.

Gotham Silk Hosiery Co., Inc.—Merger.—
See Gotham Knitbac Machine Corp. above.—V. 134, p. 1204.

Goulds Pumps, Inc.—Preferred Dividend Deferred.—
The directors have decided to defer the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% due April 1 on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100. The last quarterly payment on this issue was made on Jan. 2 1932.—V. 133, p. 3975.

Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Co., Ltd.—Dividend Omitted.—
The directors on March 16 decided to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about May 1 on the outstanding \$45,000,065 capital stock, par \$100. On Feb. 1 last, the company paid a dividend of 12 1/2 cents per share as compared with 25 cents per share on Aug. 1 and Nov. 2 1931, quarterly dividends of 50 cents per share from Nov. 1 1930 to and including May 1 1931, a distribution of 75 cents per share on Aug. 1 1930 and quarterly payments of \$2 per share on Feb. 1 and May 1 1930.—V. 133, p. 4166.

Grand Union Co.—Sales Lower.—
Five Weeks Ended March 5—

	1932.	1931.	Decrease.
Retail sales	\$2,884,180	\$3,309,200	\$425,020

—V. 134, p. 1771.

Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co.—Sales.—
Period Ended Feb. 27—

	1932.	1931.	Decrease.
4 weeks	\$69,860,876	\$82,441,242	\$12,580,366
12 months	1,008,000,876	1,065,806,885	57,806,885

Tonnage sales for February were estimated as 412,767, against 439,545 in the same month of last year, a decrease of 26,778 tons or 6.1%. Average weekly sales in the four weeks' period were \$17,465,219 as compared with \$20,610,311 in the corresponding period of 1931, a decrease of \$3,145,092. Average weekly tonnage sales were 103,192, against 109,886 a decrease of 6,694 tons.—V. 134, p. 1382.

Great Lakes Pulp & Paper Co., Ltd.—Bankrupt.—
This company, which has a large pulp and paper mill at Fort William, Ont., and was originally established by the Backus interests, was adjudged bankrupt by Justice Sedgewick at Toronto March 14. F. O. Clarkson

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
\$	\$	\$	\$
Plant, equipmt. &c.-----	162,482,937	Accts. payable..	9,329,181
Cash & call loans	32,228,080	Acct. liabilities..	2,203,418
Marketable securities	3,549,616	Accept. & notes payable..	81,850
Acceptances and notes receiv.	1,541,924	Res. for annuit's due 1932..	3,481,834
Accts. receivable	8,235,591	10-yr. deb. bds. due 1932..	22,761,000
Inventories	32,354,407	10-yr. deb. bds. due 1937..	20,183,000
Investments	694,149	Deferred credits	337,769
Sinking & other trust funds..	433,170	Capital stock	74,366,125
Deferred charges	792,276	Surplus.....	109,567,972
Total.....	242,312,150	Total.....	242,312,150

x After deducting depreciation, &c., to the amount of \$101,666,531.—V. 134, p. 1383.

Hudson River Navigation Corp.—Bond Deposit Increased.
An increase in the bonds deposited with the protective committee for the 6½% convertible first mortgage bonds through the receipt of the holdings of the Pitcairn Company and associates, Kennedy & Co., the Academy of the New Church and the General Church of the New Jerusalem has been announced.

Edward O. Bostock, Secretary of the Pitcairn Company, has joined the committee and Randolph W. Childs of Philadelphia has become associate counsel. The protective agreement has been modified to limit the compensation and expenses of the committee, its counsel and depositaries and agents to not more than 2½% of the face value of the principal of the deposited bonds.

Committee to Contest Claim.
The bondholders' protective committee announced March 16 that its counsel would contend that all the \$2,050,000 of condemnation moneys of Pier 32, North River, the \$200,000 of interest as well as the \$1,850,000 of principal, belongs to the bondholders. On March 5 Justice Lydon in the New York Supreme Court ordered that \$230,000 be set aside as security for the payment of fees claimed by former attorneys of the corporation and others.—V. 134, p. 1967.

Illinois Pacific Coast Co.—Sale.
See Owens-Illinois Glass Co. below.—V. 134, p. 858.

Imperial Oil, Ltd. (Canada).—Expansion.
The company has acquired service stations of the Domestic Storage & Forwarding Co., comprising 20 stations in Toronto, 11 in Hamilton and one in Montreal.—V. 132, p. 3724.

Imperial Tobacco Co. of Canada, Ltd.—New Officer.
Earle Spafford has been elected a Vice-President.—V. 134, p. 1590.

Interlake Steamship Co.—Decreases Common Dividend.
The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on the common stock, payable April 1 to holders of record March 17. Quarterly dividends of 50 cents per share were paid from April 1 1931 to and incl. Dec. 21 1931, as against \$1 per share previously.—V. 133, p. 3263.

International Combustion Engineering Corp.—Sale of Subsidiary.
See International Combustion Tar & Chemical Corp. below.—V. 134, p. 1967.

International Combustion Tar & Chemical Corp.—Sale.
The corporation, one of the largest coal tar concerns in the world, has been sold to P. C. Reilly, President of the Republic Croosotg Co. of Indianapolis. The International company was a subsidiary of the International Combustion Engineering Corp. and operates plants in Newark, N. J.; Chicago; Granite City, Mo.; Dover, Ohio; Chattanooga, Tenn., and Fairmount, W. Va. It has been in receivership since the spring of 1930, but has continued in active operation. The purchase price was not revealed. The purchase was negotiated by Mr. Reilly alone and the Republic Croosotg Co. has no concern with it.

International Match Corp.—To Omit Dividends—Obituary.
The directors on March 16 omitted the declaration of the quarterly dividends ordinarily payable about April 15 on the common stock, no par value, and on the partic. pref. stock, par \$35. Quarterly dividends of \$1 per share were paid on both issues from Jan. 15 1930 to and incl. Jan. 15 1932, while from July 15 1927 to and incl. Oct. 15 1929 the company made quarterly disbursements of 80c. per share on both classes of stock. This corporation is a subsidiary of the Swedish Match Co.

The preference stock is preferred as to cumulative dividends at the rate of \$2.60 a share per annum and participating at least equally with common stock in any dividends after common has received \$2.60 a share in any year.

President Ivar Kreuger died in Paris, France, on March 12.—V. 133, p. 3637; V. 132, p. 4072, 4049.

Irving Air Chute Co., Inc.—Again Reduces Dividend.
A quarterly dividend of 10 cents per share has been declared on the capital stock, payable April 2 to holders of record March 24. This compares with 12½ cents per share paid on Jan. 2 last, 25 cents each quarter from July 2 1930 to and incl. Oct. 1 1931 and 37½ cents per share previously.—V. 134, p. 1968.

Island Oil & Transport Corp.—Time for Deposits Ext.
The committee, acting under the deposit agreement dated March 31 1922, for the holders of 8% and partic. secured gold notes, dated June 15 1921, of Island Oil and Transport Corp., has extended the time for the depositing of such notes with the committee to April 30 1932. Approximately 94% of the outstanding notes have been deposited with the committee.

Noteholders may deposit their notes with the committee on or before April 30 1932, by sending the notes, together with the June 15 1922, and subsequent coupons appertaining thereto, to Irving Trust Co., depositary, 1 Wall St., New York City.

The committee consists of B. L. Allen, A. D. Converse, William D. Phillips, B. F. Troxell, with William MacAllister Jr., Secretary, and Chadbourne Hunt, Jaekel & Brown, Counsel.—V. 131, p. 1574.

Jenkins Television Corp.—Consolidation Ratified.
See De Forest Radio Co. above.—V. 134, p. 1037.

Jewel Tea Co., Inc.—Acquires Chicago Unit of Loblaw Groceries, Ltd.
The corporation on March 14 announced the acquisition of the Chicago unit of Loblaw Groceries, Inc., a subsidiary of Loblaw Groceries Co., Ltd., comprising 77 self-service stores. At the same time it acquired the entire business of the Middle West Stores Co. operating four stores. These stores, all located in the Chicago area, will be operated under their present names by a subsidiary company known as Jewel Food Stores, Inc.

The operations of Jewel Food Stores, Inc. under its own separate management will in no way alter plans for the continued increase of the wagon route business of Jewel Tea Co., Inc. but will permit development of that company's business in this and other areas of concentrated population which wagon routes cannot reach economically.

Period End.	1932—4 Wks.—1931.	1932—8 Wks.—1931.
Sales.....	\$892,604	\$1,107,352
Avg. no. of sales routes.	1,336	1,286

—V. 134, p. 1206.

Johnson Motor Co., Waukegan, Ill.—Stated Value Reduced.

The reduction of stated capital was approved by the stockholders at its annual meeting on Feb. 10 1932, it is announced. See details in V. 134, p. 1038.

Jordan Marsh Co. of Boston.—Salary Cut.
The company has reduced salaries by 10%, with the exception of those in the lower brackets.—V. 133, p. 967.

Judge Publishing Co., Inc.—Bankrupt.
A voluntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in the Federal Court March 15 by the company, which has been in the hands of the Irving Trust Co., as receiver in equity since early this month. The corporation publishes the humorous weekly "Judge."

The petition was accompanied by a certificate signed by Fred L. Rogan, President, stating that this action was pursuant to a resolution adopted by the board of directors when it was found that the company was unable to pay its debts and that a bankruptcy to wind up its affairs was necessary.

(E.) Kahn's Sons Co., Cincinnati.—Defers Dividend on Participating Stock.

The directors have voted to defer the usual quarterly dividend of 80 cents per share due April 1 on the 8% cum. & partic. preference stock, series if, par \$40, but declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1¼% on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, payable April 1 to holders of record March 18.

The last distributions at the above amounts were made on the respective stocks on Jan. 2 1932.—V. 130, p. 4429.

Kaybee Stores, Inc.—February Sales Lower.

1932—Feb.—1931.	Decrease.	1932—2 Mos.—1931.	Decrease.
\$83,458	\$89,102	\$155,740	\$174,652

—V. 134, p. 1206, 516.

Keith-Albee-Orpheum Corp.—Bal. Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
\$	\$	\$	\$
Land, bldgs., equip. &c.-----	52,442,069	8% pref. stock	6,384,000
Leaseholds & good-will.....	536,062	Orpheum circuit	6,255,100
Cash.....	1,415,686	7% pt. stk. K-A-O.	6,430,400
Notes and accts. receivable.....	733,446	Common stock..	20,071,460
Accrued int., &c.	57,746	Funded debt.....	21,959,700
Inv. in & adv. to affil. & other cos.	3,556,403	Debs. payable.....	400,000
Invest. deposits & other assets.....	2,376,366	Notes & accts. pay.	1,745,171
Deferred charges..	1,225,062	Accrued taxes, int. and expenses..	748,688
Total.....	62,342,843	Rent & other dep.	145,788
		Def. accts. and deb. payments.....	1,836
		Reserves.....	1,804,471
		Surplus.....	3,180,228
		Total.....	62,342,843

x After depreciation and amortization. y Represented by 1,207,212 non-par shares.

Our usual comparative income statement for the year ended Dec. 31 1931 was published in V. 134, p. 1968.

To Reduce Book Values of Properties and Reduce Capital.
Hiram S. Brown, President, in his remarks to stockholders states:

The management deems it advisable in view of present conditions, to make a thorough study of the properties of the corporation and its subs. with a view to considering to what extent the book values of such properties should be revised. A large number of theatres owned by subsidiaries of the corporation are carried on the books at values based on appraisals made in 1926. Since that date there has been a great change in the amusement industry and in the value of property in general. It is accordingly deemed desirable and in the best interests of stockholders that a revaluation should be made. In connection with such revaluation and for the purpose of creating a reserve against which charges incident to the revaluation may be made, it is proposed at the time of such study to reduce the capital of the corporation by taking such legal steps as may be necessary to reduce the capital represented by each share of common stock outstanding, by an amount to be determined at such time by the Board of Directors. Upon the completion of such revaluation and the making of any surplus adjustments may balance remaining in the reserve will be restored to capital surplus.—V. 134, p. 1968.

Kelly-Springfield Tire Co.—New Treasurer.
William H. Lalley, President of the company, has also been elected Treasurer to succeed Herbert B. Delapierre, who formerly held the latter position in addition to that of Secretary.—V. 134, p. 1968.

Kinner Airplane & Motor Corp., Ltd.—Increase in Capital.
The directors have submitted to the stockholders a proposal to increase the number of shares capital stock that may be issued by the corporation to 399,868 shares from 199,934 shares, all without par value.—V. 134 p. 1591.

Kline Brothers Co.—Sales Increase.

1932—Feb.—1931.	Increase.	1932—2 Mos.—1931.	Increase.
\$368,453	\$234,702	\$133,751	\$666,035

—V. 134, p. 1038.

(S. S.) Kresge Co.—February Sales Lower.

1932—Feb.—1931.	Decrease.	1932—2 Mos.—1931.	Decrease.
\$9,080,214	\$9,769,994	\$689,780	\$17,925,608

At the end of February the company had 673 American and 39 Canadian stores in operation, a total of 712 stores.—V. 134, p. 1591, 1038.

(S. H.) Kress & Co.—Sales Rise.

1932—Feb.—1931.	Increase.	1932—2 Mos.—1931.	Increase.
\$4,697,867	\$4,487,051	\$210,816	\$8,971,851

—V. 134, p. 1206.

Kreuger & Toll Co.—Obituary, &c.—Ivar Kreguer committed suicide in Paris, France, on March 12.

The board of governors of the Stockholm Stock Exchange has ordered Kreuger & Toll shares suspended from trading, effective March 21, when the Exchange reopens.

The New York Stock Exchange added 118,975 Kreuger & Toll American certificates to its list on March 15, making the American proportion of the participating debentures represented by such certificates 62.9%. The number of American certificates as of Tuesday night, March 15, was 6,918,081, against 6,799,106 the day before, showing that arrivals of debentures from Europe has not ceased.

An increase of 21% in the number of holders of Kreuger & Toll Co. American certificates during the second six months of 1931 was recently reported. Each month for that period showed an increase over the preceding month as follows:

Date—	No. of Holders.	Date—	No. of Holders.
June 30 1931.....	26,501	Oct. 31 1931.....	29,767
July 31 1931.....	26,604	Nov. 30 1931.....	30,670
Aug. 31 1931.....	26,730	Dec. 31 1931.....	32,242
Sept. 30 1931.....	27,520		

Lee, Higginson & Co., in a letter to holders of securities of Kreuger & Toll Co. and International Match Corp. state that since the death of Ivar Kreuger they have been endeavoring to obtain information as to the present condition of Kreuger & Toll Co. and International Match Corp. and their affiliated companies. Two of the partners of Lee, Higginson & Co. are now in Europe, and the company's London partners are co-operating in an effort to procure complete information.

"We are informed that the Swedish Match Co., which owns all the common stock of the International Match Corp., has not accepted a moratorium," states the letter. Ernst Lyberg, the former Minister of Finance of Sweden, it is reported, has been appointed the representative during the period of the moratorium for those companies which have accepted it.

A dispatch from Stockholm on March 14 stated: "It is learned from reliable sources that the amount of loans in the United States to Swedish Match, International Match and Kreuger & Toll has been greatly exaggerated. The total of all bank loans and acceptances of the above-mentioned companies in the United States is under \$9,000,000, which amount is divided among various banks."

International Match Corp. Takes No Action on Dividends.—See that company above.—V. 134, p. 859, 516.

Kroger Grocery & Baking Co.—February Sales.—
Period Ended Feb. 27—1932—4 Weeks—1931. 1932—8 Weeks—1931.
Sales.....\$16,722,189 \$19,553,785 \$33,389,241 \$38,738,098
The average number of stores in operation for the second period of 1932 was 4,874 as against 5,119 for the corresponding period of 1931, a decline of 5%.
Retail food prices declined 17.7% between Jan. 15 1931 and Jan. 15 1932, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor.—V. 134, p. 1363, 1206.

Laclede Steel Co.—Earnings.—
Calendar Years—
Gross profit.....1931. 1930.
Provision for depreciation and obsolescence.....\$398,139 \$778,021
Federal and State income taxes.....219,116 270,433
30,606 56,009
Net earnings for year.....\$148,417 \$451,577
Surplus Jan. 1.....2,064,318 2,085,951
Total surplus.....\$2,212,734 \$2,537,529
Dividends paid.....257,813 412,500
Cost of good-will of Laclede Tube Co., written off.....60,711
Surplus as at Dec. 31.....\$1,954,922 \$2,064,318
Earnings per share on 206,250 shs. cap. stk. (par \$20).....\$0.71 \$2.19

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.
Assets— 1931. 1930. Liabilities— 1931. 1930.
Rt. est., bldgs., &c \$4,735,769 \$4,908,285 Capital stock.....\$4,125,000 \$4,125,000
Inventories.....1,353,130 1,259,218 Funded debt.....750,000 750,000
Due from cust'ns.....362,480 400,042 Accounts payable.....77,335 136,379
Exp. adv. to empl. 4,966 5,810 Accr. wages, taxes and interest.....43,658 33,198
Inv. & acc. int.....34,965 35,679 Estimated Federal & State inc. taxes.....27,507 54,710
U. S. Treas. certifs 301,690 301,690 Reserves.....90,525 74,509
Cash.....249,632 590,794 Surplus.....1,954,922 2,064,318
Deferred charges.....26,414 38,285
Total.....\$7,068,948 \$7,238,117 Total.....\$7,068,948 \$7,238,117
—V. 134, p. 4775.

Lane Bryant, Inc.—February Sales Decline.—
1932—February—1931. Decrease. 1932—2 Mos.—1931. Decrease.
\$860,085 \$1,221,815 \$361,730 | \$1,809,739 \$2,704,664 \$894,925
—V. 134, p. 859, 1207.

Lawyers Westchester Mortgage & Title Co., White Plains, N. Y.—Smaller Dividend.—
A quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share has been declared, payable April 1 to holders of record March 19. Previously the company paid quarterly dividends of \$2 per share.—V. 131, p. 4062.

Lockheed Aircraft Co.—Off Los Angeles Curb.—
(The common stock has been removed from trading on the Los Angeles Curb Exchange, effective at the close of business March 10 for failure to maintain a registrar in that city.—V. 133, p. 2937.)

Loblaw Groceries Co., Ltd.—American Subsidiary Sells Chicago Division.—
See Jewel Tea Co., Inc., above.—V. 134, p. 1969.

Loose-Wiles Biscuit Co.—Usual Extra Dividend.—
The directors have declared an extra dividend of 10c. per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 65c. per share on the outstanding \$13,707,575 common stock, par \$25, payable May 1 to holders of record April 18. Like amounts were paid in each of the eight preceding quarters. From Aug. 1 1927 to Feb. 1 1929, incl., quarterly dividends of 40c. per share were paid on this issue, while from May 1 1929 to Feb. 1 1930 quarterly distributions of 65c. per share were made.
Sherman Day has been elected a director succeeding C. Lewis, resigned.—V. 134, p. 1775.

MacAndrews & Forbes Co.—Common Dividend Reduced.—
Quarterly dividends of 1½% on the pref. stock and 35 cents per share on the no par value common stock on March 17 were declared payable April 15 1932 to holders of record March 31 1932. The transfer books will not be closed.
The company from April 15 1931 to and incl. Jan. 15 1932 paid regular quarterly dividends of 50 cents per share on the common stock, as against 65 cents per share previously each quarter.
An official statement says: "The dividend of 35 cents per share on the common stock for the quarter ended March 1932 is based on estimated earnings for that quarter and is in line with the policy of the company to pay dividends out of current earnings rather than to maintain a rate of dividend that might necessitate recourse to surplus."—V. 133, p. 3264.

(Alice Foote) MacDougall, Inc. (Del.)—Stock Offered.—
Pringle, Price & Co., Inc., New York, are offering at \$3.25 per share 105,000 shares of common stock (no par value).

Data from Letter of Allan MacDougall, President, March 5.
Business.—Company was organized in Delaware Feb. 20 1932 to acquire from the MacDougall interests and Chain Store Fund, Inc., control of the six operating companies through stock ownership.
The company will place under single management and control the Alice Foote MacDougall coffee shop and food products enterprises. The subsidiary companies are to be as follows (the figures in brackets give the percentages of their common stocks to be owned directly or indirectly by Alice Foote MacDougall, Inc.):
Alice Foote MacDougall & Sons, Inc. (100%).—This company manufactures and markets Alice Foote MacDougall coffee and other food products and owns the exclusive right to use her name on food products.
Mid-Town Coffee Shops (Inc.) (100%).—Operates the Firenze, on West 46th St., New York City, and the Cortile, on West 43rd St., N. Y. City.
Coffee Shops (Inc.) (85.15%).—Operates the Sevilla, on West 57th St., N. Y. City.
Maiden Lane Grand Central Coffee Shops (Inc.) (100%).—Operates the Auberge at 129 Maiden Lane, N. Y. City, and the Little Coffee Shop in Grand Central Station.
Casino Restaurant (Inc.) (100%).—Operates the restaurant at Playland, Rye, N. Y., under a concession from the Westchester County Park Commission.
Marionettes Coffee Shop, Inc. (65%).—Operates the Marionette Coffee Shop, located on East 23rd St., N. Y. City. This company has a 21-year contract with Tony Sarg to design restaurants for it.
Capitalization.—Corporation has an authorized capital of 50,000 shares of 7% preferred stock (\$10 par, none outstanding), and of 500,000 shares of common stock (no par), of which 350,000 shares will be outstanding after the stock now being offered has been sold.
There will also be outstanding \$150,000 10-year 7% notes, which, however, are to be non-interest-bearing until Feb. 15 1934. The indenture securing these notes will provide for a sinking fund out of net earnings to be used for the retirement of the notes by purchase or call. This sinking fund will start Feb. 15 1934 and will be at the rate of 6% for the first year, increasing 1% a year to 13% in the year ending Feb. 15 1942. These notes will bear stock purchase warrants permitting the holders to purchase during the life of the notes all or any part of a total of 30,000 shares of common stock at prices ranging from \$5 to \$10 per share.

Volume of Business.—After conducting a coffee business since 1907, Mrs. MacDougall entered the restaurant business in 1921. In the first year of restaurant operation she did a gross restaurant and coffee business of \$103,886, and in 1931 the total volume of coffee shop and food products business had grown to \$1,684,305.

A statement of the gross receipts for the restaurant and food products business for the years enumerated follows:

Statement of Gross Receipts.
1919. 1924. 1929. 1931. 1932 (Est.)
Coffee shops.....\$568 \$268,806 \$1,386,331 \$1,022,819 \$1,050,000
Food products.....65,533 159,458 731,534 568,183 550,000

Estimated Earnings.—Because of the fact that until recently the operating corporations have been operated as private companies, with practically all improvements and additions charged to earnings instead of to capital account, comparable earnings statements are unavailable. While earnings prior to 1929 were very satisfactory, economic conditions during the depression affected their business adversely, along with many others. The necessary adjustments in rentals, salaries and other expenses have now been made, so that substantial earnings should accrue to the operating companies.

The budget for the year 1932 prepared by the officers discloses estimated net earnings, before taxes, of \$131,000. This budget was based on estimated total gross receipts by the operating companies for 1932 not in excess of gross receipts for 1931 but taking into account certain savings, already in effect, in their overhead expenses. These savings are commensurate with the reduction in gross receipts due to the generally lower price level.

Net earnings of \$131,000 would be equivalent to over 53 cents a share on 245,000 shares to be outstanding before the public offering of 105,000 shares. As part of the net proceeds of the stock now being offered will be used for conservative expansion in a period of low costs, it is estimated that earnings will be at an equal rate per share upon completion of the sale of this issue.

Pro Forma Balance Sheet of New Company.
Assets— Liabilities—
Cash.....\$210,000 Contingent liabilities.....\$50,000
Investments at cost.....693,582 10-year 7% debentures notes 150,000
Common stock (350,000 shs.).....350,000
Surplus.....353,582
Total.....\$903,582 Total.....\$903,582

The cost of the investments owned by the company is the figure fixed by the board of directors as the value of the consideration to be received by the company upon the original issue of 245,000 shares of common stock and \$200,000 of liabilities in exchange for such investments and includes an aggregate amount of \$550,000 for formulae, patents, trade-marks, contracts and leaseholds, as appraised by John Neimeyer, consulting engineer, over and above the book value of such investments as depreciated to Dec. 31 1931.

Purpose.—Net proceeds will be used to provide additional working capital (with expected resultant further expansion in operation), to expand conservatively the coffee shop and Marionette shop business, to introduce other quality foods under the Alice Foote MacDougall name, and for other corporate purposes.

Management.—The active management of the company will be in the hands of Alice Foote MacDougall and Allan MacDougall, who are respectively Chairman and President, under the direction of the following board of directors: William J. Baxter, Vice-President & Secretary; Eduardo Grenas (Pringle, Price & Co., Inc.), Ralph Morgan, Vice-President and Treasurer; James H. Price (Pringle, Price & Co., Inc.), J. Maxwell Pringle (Pringle, Price & Co., Inc.).—V. 134, p. 1969.

McCrory Stores Corp.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928.
Sales.....\$43,295,609 \$43,223,526 \$44,703,965 \$41,105,324
Cost of sales, sol. & exp., salaries, rents, gen'l, &c., less misc. income 40,948,720 39,636,008 41,530,416 37,767,175
Profit from operations.....\$2,346,889 \$3,587,518 \$3,173,549 \$3,338,149
Profits from sales of real estate.....10,496 218,896 52,411 566,486
Procs. of life ins. policy.....46,585 46,052 93,343 -----
Miscellaneous income.....----- 6,052 -----
Total income.....\$2,403,970 \$3,852,466 \$3,319,303 \$3,904,635
Int. charges & amortization 436,195 542,814 699,968 697,418
Provision for Fed. taxes.....233,000 216,000 334,000 -----
Expenses paid in 1929 incurred in 1928.....----- 180,103 -----
Deprec. & amortization.....975,909 908,487 -----
Net income.....\$991,866 \$2,168,174 \$2,223,232 \$2,973,217
Divs. on pref. stock.....300,000 299,999 299,989 299,988
Divs. on common stock (in cash).....915,210 915,064 914,869 913,883
Balance, surplus.....def \$223,344 \$953,111 \$1,008,374 \$1,759,346
Previous surplus.....9,730,607 8,777,496 7,769,120 5,861,996
Prov. for carrying exps. on leaseholds not occupied by stores.....1,304,723 -----
Prov. for future carrying exps. of leaseholds not occupied by stores.....1,600,000 -----
Adjst. of inventories.....875,000 -----
Obsolete equip. & sundry old acc'ts written off.....149,693 -----
Claims for refund of Fed. taxes (net).....----- 147,778
Total.....\$9,507,263 \$9,730,607 \$8,777,495 \$7,769,120
Profit and loss surplus \$5,577,847 \$9,730,607 \$8,777,495 \$7,769,120
Shares com. & cl. B stk. outstanding (no par).....457,605 457,605 457,599 457,262
Earned per share.....\$1.52 \$4.08 \$4.20 \$5.85

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.
Assets— 1931. 1930. Liabilities— 1931. 1930.
Real estate, leasehold, furn., fixtures, &c.....\$22,075,224 23,709,296 Preferred stock.....5,000,000 5,000,000
Inventories.....5,052,340 5,605,917 Com. stk. (new).....1,363,320 1,363,320
Marketable secur.....190,367 180,291 15-yr 5½% g'd deb 4,755,000 5,200,000
Cash.....892,190 1,075,006 mtge. & purchase money oblig.....1,666,332 1,837,015
Accts. receivable.....256,469 238,302 Special reserve.....1,500,000 -----
Due from employ.....122,713 1,075,006 Deferred credits.....15,098 -----
Mtg. notes receiv.....109,019 164,938 Accts. payable, &c. 2,274,586 1,035,597
Deferred charges.....1,464,889 1,481,362 Deposits of employ 4,331 25,417
Federal tax reserve.....----- 6,698 263,154
Good-will.....4,000,000 4,000,000 Surplus.....5,577,847 9,730,607
Total.....\$34,163,212 \$36,455,110 Total.....\$34,163,212 \$36,455,110

a After depreciation of \$5,712,286. b Represented by 376,721 shares of common and 80,884 shares of class B stock, both of no par value. c Including mortgages and purchase money obligations due in 1932 of \$271,466.—V. 134, p. 1969.

McLellan Stores Co.—February Sales Higher.—
1932—February—1931. Increase. 1932—2 Mos.—1931. Increase.
\$1,344,624 \$1,256,145 \$88,479 \$2,621,571 \$2,546,114 \$75,457
At the end of February the company was operating 277 stores, against 276 a year ago.—V. 134, p. 1038, 335.

Earnings for Calendar Years.
1931. 1930. 1929. 1928.
Number of stores.....278 277 259 150
Net sales.....\$21,945,688 \$24,046,535 \$23,781,546 \$13,939,374
Costs, exps., &c. (net).....21,228,522 23,412,138 22,370,099 12,664,358
Operating profit.....\$717,166 \$634,397 \$1,411,447 \$1,275,016
Depreciation.....356,464 376,885 325,806 214,054
Federal taxes.....----- 84,184 121,953 -----
Net profits.....\$360,702 \$257,512 \$1,001,457 \$939,007
Preferred dividends.....251,913 253,998 242,988 210,000
Common dividends.....----- 55,701 71,104 -----
Surplus.....\$108,789 \$3,514 \$702,758 \$657,903
Shares of cl. A and cl. B com. outst'g (no par).....x562,893 x562,893 x562,993 355,524
Earned per share.....\$0.19 \$0.01 \$1.34 \$2.05
x Common stock only.

Balance Sheet Dec. 29 1931.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash in closed banks.....	\$8,826	Partic. cfs., O. G. Nat'l Tr.....	\$1,269,500
Cash in open banks.....	16,323	Partic. cfs., A. P. & O. G. Tr.....	50,000
Mortgage loans.....	4,043,145	5½% bonds, A. P. & O. G. Tr.....	1,605,000
Accts receivable, less reserve.....	56,843	5½% bonds, A. P. Nat'l Bank	
Notes receivable.....	21,431	& Title Trust.....	308,800
Accrued int. receivable.....	90,286	Guaranteed mtgs. sold.....	718,853
5½% bonds—A. P. & O. G.—		Borrowed money.....	184,435
in treasury.....	392,000	Borrw. money (closed banks).....	187,500
Title plant.....	805,000	Mortgages payable.....	79,000
Land & bldgs., Co's office, less		Accrued interest payable.....	53,443
depreciation.....	238,370	Accounts payable.....	30,580
Equipment less depreciation.....	10,523	Escrow deposits.....	5,332
Invest., Monmouth Title Co.....	6,995	Reserve for Federal taxes.....	1,210
Invest. Main St. Co.....	179,458	Capital stock.....	1,200,000
Prepaid expenses.....	42,965	Surplus.....	236,685
Items in suspense.....	4,088		
Other assets.....	9,480		
Total.....	\$5,930,742	Total.....	\$5,930,742

—V. 134, p. 1776.

Montreal Rail & Water Terminals, Ltd.—Reorg. Plan.—

A plan of reorganization which contemplates the liquidation of the property of the present company and the formation of a new operating company with a reduced capitalization, has been made public by W. J. K. Vanston, chairman of the reorganization committee.

Holders of the following funded debt of the present company are entitled to participate in the plan: First mortgage 6½% sinking fund gold bonds, general mortgage 7% sinking fund gold bonds and 30-year 7% gold debentures.

Upon consummation of the plan, and presuming 100% assent thereto and subscribe, the initial capitalization of the new company will be substantially as follows:

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
First mortgage 6% bonds.....	\$500,000	\$300,000
\$3 preferred stock (no par).....	25,000 shs.	21,780 shs.
Common stock (no par).....	50,000 shs.	30,600 shs.

The bonds, which will be secured by a mortgage on all immovable property of the new company, will mature in 15 years. The preferred stock will be cumulative as to dividends from June 1 1935, and subject to redemption at \$9 per share and accumulated dividends. The common stock will have entire voting power.

Summary of the Plan of Reorganization.

The business and finances of the old company are such that it has been unable to meet the payments of interest and sinking fund due on and subsequently to Aug. 1 1931, under its funded debt. The plan contemplates foreclosure in respect of the first mortgage bonds or other liquidation of the property of the old company, and that the property securing such bonds will be purchased at a price considerably less than the aggregate principal amount of the first mortgage bonds and that such property together with portions of unencumbered assets or proceeds thereof obtainable under the plan will be turned over to a new company, which will operate the warehouse with the reduced capitalization provided for by the plan. Such proceedings and the determination as to what property is to be acquired by the new company, the prices or consideration to be paid or given therefor and the manner, terms and provisions upon which the same is to be acquired by or for transfer to the new company, shall be subject to the approval, and in the discretion, of the reorganization committee.

Basis of Participation in the Plan.

First Mortgage Bonds.—Each holder of 1st mtge. bonds assenting to the plan will be entitled in exchange therefor, at the rate of each \$1,000 principal amount thereof:

(1) to receive, upon consummation of the plan, and without further payment, 5 shares of preferred stock and 5 shares of common stock of the new company; and

(2) to subscribe for one unit of securities of the new company, consisting of \$100 principal amount of 1st mtge. 6% bonds of the new company, 2 shares of preferred stock and 5 shares of common stock of the new company, at the price of \$100 per unit in Montreal funds.

General Mortgage Bonds.—Each holder of general mortgage bonds assenting to the plan will be entitled in exchange therefor, at the rate of each \$1,000 principal amount thereof:

(1) to receive, upon consummation of the plan, and without further payment, one share of preferred stock and one share of common stock of the new company; and

(2) to subscribe, at the price of \$100 per unit in Montreal funds, for up to such number of full units as shall be his pro rata share (subject to allocation by the reorganization committee on the basis of \$600,000 of general mortgage bonds outstanding) of the units not subscribed for as aforesaid by the holders of 1st mtge. bonds.

Debentures.—Each holder of debentures assenting to the plan will be entitled in exchange therefor, at the rate of each \$1,000 principal amount thereof:

(1) to receive, upon consummation of the plan, and without further payment, one share of preferred stock of the new company; and

(2) to subscribe, at the price of \$100 per unit in Montreal funds, for up to such number of full units as shall be his pro rata share (subject to allocation by the reorganization committee on the basis of \$180,000 principal amount of debentures outstanding) of the units not subscribed for as aforesaid by the holders of 1st mtge. bonds or general mtge. bonds.

Subscriptions Generally.—To the extent, if any, that units are not subscribed for pursuant to the foregoing provisions, the reorganization committee may allocate such units to subscriptions by any of the holders of such funded debt of the old company, at the price of \$100 per unit, preference being given so far as the reorganization committee deems practicable to such subscriptions in the order of their receipt by the subscription agent. Subscriptions should therefore be made for the maximum number of units which each subscriber may desire to purchase.

Common stock in the discretion of the reorganization committee may be in the form of voting trust certificates.

Subscription Rights.—Subscription books for the exercise of the above-mentioned subscription rights will be opened at the principal office of the subscription agent, Montreal Trust Co., in Montreal, Canada, on a date to be fixed by the reorganization committee.

Capitalization of New Company.—The initial capitalization of the new company, upon consummation of the plan, will be substantially as follows:

	Authorized.	Outstanding.*
First mortgage 6% bonds.....	\$500,000	\$300,000
\$3 preferred stock, no par value.....	25,000 shs.	21,780 shs.
Common stock, no par value.....	50,000 shs.	30,600 shs.

* Estimated upon the basis of 100% assent to the plan and exercise of subscription rights.

Underwriting.—Before the plan is declared operative, the subscription rights must be underwritten to the extent of units including at least \$200,000 of 1st mtge. 6% bonds, at the rate of \$100 per unit in Montreal funds, and without discount or underwriting commission; or underwritten in such other manner and (or) amounts as the reorganization committee in its discretion shall deem adequate to provide approximately \$200,000 in Montreal funds for the purpose of meeting obligations and paying expenses in carrying out the plan and providing new working capital.

Advantages of the Plan.—Operating profit of the old company for the calendar year 1930, before making any provision for depreciation, amortization of organization expenses, tax refunds and interest on funded debt, was \$113,544. Operating profit of the old company, as above, for the calendar year 1931, was \$93,236. The reorganization committee believes that 1931 reflects abnormally low earnings due in part to loss of business on account of defaults existing under the old company's funded debt.

The reorganization committee estimates that future annual earnings of the new company, based on 1930 operations, adjusted to give effect to the capitalization of the new company and other benefits expected to be derived from the consummation of the plan, should be sufficient to meet all annual interest and other charges of the new company, with a steadily increasing equity for the stock of the new company.

It is contemplated that the operations of the new company will be under the direction of a competent manager whose compensation will be based partly upon earnings of the new company.

Reorganization Committee.—W. J. K. Vanston, Chairman (White, Weld & Co.), New York; Frank F. Walker (Blyth & Co., Inc.), New York; Walter G. Mann (Helbert, Wagg & Co., Ltd.), London, England; Joseph W. Burden, New York; W. G. Lasher, Secretary, 40 Wall St., New York. The depositary is Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., 70 Broadway, New York. The depositary and subscription agent under reorganization

agreement and sub-depositary is Montreal Trust Co., 511 Pl. D'Armes, Montreal, Can. Cotton, Franklin, Wright & Gordon, 63 Wall St., New York, and Brown, Montgomery & McMichael, 360 St. James St. West, Montreal, Canada, are counsel.—V. 134, p. 1039.

Moore Corp., Ltd.—Common Dividend Reduced.—

A quarterly dividend of 12½ cents per share has been declared on the common stock, no par value, payable April 1 to holders of record March 15. Previously, the company made quarterly payments of 25 cents per share on this issue.—V. 132, p. 4778.

(Philip) Morris Consolidated, Inc.—To Decrease Capital.

The stockholders will vote April 5: (1) on reducing the authorized amount of class A stock from 136,901½ shares (not 146,500 shares as previously reported), par value \$25 each to 125,000 shares, par \$25 each; and (2) on reducing the authorized amount of common stock from 1,200,000 shares without par value to 600,000 shares of common stock, par \$10 per share.

Each holder of common stock without par value will be asked to surrender the certificates now outstanding in exchange for certificates of new shares, which shall be issued on the basis of one share of \$10 par value common stock for each two shares of common stock, without par value, a non-voting and non-dividend bearing scrip certificate upon such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the directors to be issued for any fractional amount.

The proposed reduction in authorized stock and change in par value will reduce by approximately \$9,000 the annual franchise tax to be paid by this company, and will greatly minimize the stamp taxes payable on transfers of the company's stock. The proposed exchange of common stock certificates will not require a change in the capital of the company. Only stockholders of record at the close of business on March 15 1932 will be entitled to vote at such meeting.

Income Account for Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.

Net income.....	\$385,472
Surplus at Dec. 31 1930.....	2,847,273
Surp. adj. account class A stk. purch. during 1931 for retirem't	83,444
Total surplus.....	\$3,316,189
Divs. on 1¼% each on class A stock.....	43,738
Surplus, Dec. 31 1931.....	\$3,272,450

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1931.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash.....	\$25,054	Cap. stock—class A.....	\$1,250,000
Investments.....	6,062,670	Cap. stock—common.....	1,325,192
Bills receivable.....	132,182	Accounts payable.....	528
Interest receivable.....	135	Reserves.....	350,000
		Div. pay. on class A stock.....	21,871
		Surplus.....	3,272,450
Total.....	\$6,220,042	Total.....	\$6,220,042

—V. 134, p. 1970.

Morris Plan Co. of New York.—New Director, &c.—

Huger W. Jervey, director of the School of International Affairs at Columbia University, and Leon O. Fisher, Vice-President of the Equitable Life Assurance Co. were recently added to the board of directors of the Morris Plan Co. of New York. Walter W. Head was elected Chairman of the Executive Committee and Harry M. DeMott, Frank K. Houston, Henry H. Kohn and George T. Mortimer were elected to the other members of that committee.—V. 133, p. 133.

M. & T. Securities Corp.—Capital Adjustment Effective.—

This corporation an affiliate of the M. & T. Trust Co. of Buffalo, has declared effective a reduction in capital from \$5,000,000 to \$1,000,000 by the issue of one new share for every five now outstanding, the purpose being to allow continuation of dividends which might legally be interfered with should the market value of the company's investments be under the par value of its capital stock. The proportionate interest of each stockholder is not affected by the change. Stockholders have approved the action taken.—V. 134, p. 1040.

(G. C.) Murphy Co.—February Sales Higher.—

1932—Feb.—1931. Increase. | 1932—2 Mos.—1931. Decrease.
 \$1,221,402 | \$1,204,188 | \$1,214 | \$2,332,195 | \$2,425,502 | \$93,307
 The number of stores in operation on March 1 1932 totaled 171 as compared with 166 a year previous.—V. 134, p. 336, 1208.

National Bellas Hess Co., Inc.—Proposed Liquidation—

Mail Order Business Discontinued.—

Plans for the dissolution of this company will be discussed by the stockholders at a special meeting called for April 4. A special committee of the board of directors reached the conclusion recently that "the company cannot continue as a going concern."

The stockholders will be asked to authorize the officers to file a certificate of dissolution in New York State and to approve any action taken to dispose of the properties, assets, rights, privileges, franchises, good-will or trade names of the company and its subsidiaries.

The company states that since Jan. 1 it has settled more than \$2,450,000 of accounts payable, reducing this item to about \$175,000, against which it has inventories remaining of about \$1,000,000 at cost. It says also that liquidation of inventories is approaching a point at which expenses of operation will be out of proportion to results obtainable, and that therefore all efforts are being made to sell the assets in whole or in part.

The letter states that it has become apparent that common stockholders will receive nothing for their stock and the return to preferred stockholders will be problematical.

The letter to stockholders follows in part:

At their first meeting the new board of directors appointed a special committee of its members which was directed to study the entire situation of the company and to formulate plans for reorganization or, if such could not be devised, for liquidation. This committee, while its work has not been completed, has reached the conclusion, with which the board unqualifiedly concurs, that the company cannot continue in business as a going concern, and that it is now necessary for stockholders to consider the sale or other disposition of the balance of the property owned by the company and its subsidiaries, including its mail order division and retail stores.

Liquidation of inventories in the ordinary course of business without addition to stocks eventually reaches a point at which the cost thereof will not justify its continuance. At the time of the issuance of the January sale book, purchases of merchandise for that book had been made only for January and a small part of February. In February, therefore, the stocks of merchandise offered in the January sale book became so depleted that it was not possible to fill a large part of the orders received and it soon became necessary to refund over 75% of all mail order receipts.

When the cost of filling mail orders no longer warranted the further operation of the mail order division (about March 1), it was promptly discontinued altogether. Considerable saving was thus effected by eliminating the New York and Kansas City mail order operating departments and reducing the entire organization to such employees only as were necessary to the orderly handling of incoming mail, customers' adjustments and refunds, and to the continued liquidation through the retail stores. All receipts from mail orders are now being immediately remitted to customers.

Since the middle of January, in order to realize a reasonable return on mail order merchandise not offered in the January sale book, its conversion into cash has been carried on through the retail stores so far as possible. Now, with no new purchases of merchandise being made, the retail store division also is approaching the point where the expense of operation will be disproportionate to the results obtainable.

Every possible effort has been and is being made, therefore, to obtain suitable offers from other interests for either or both of the merchandising divisions. Thus far your management has not received any offer for the company's properties as a whole or for substantially all thereof, but has succeeded in obtaining some tentative proposals to purchase or acquire certain of the company's assets, such as (1) the mail order customer lists or some part thereof; (2) the Kansas City plant, entire customer lists, company name and good-will; and (3) a number of the individual retail stores. Other suggestions have been made to the company proposing the sale on its behalf of substantially the entire retail division, which would require the company first to obtain from the various landlords acceptable adjustments of the present rentals.

In addition to the difficulties arising out of existing general conditions, one of the greatest obstacles to the solution of your company's problems

National Supply Cos.—Earnings.—

Table showing earnings for National Supply Cos. from 1931 to 1932. Includes columns for calendar years, gross income, net income, and various adjustments. Total income for 1932 is \$5,972,026.

Consolidated Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Consolidated Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Compares assets and liabilities for 1931 and 1932. Total assets for 1932 are \$1,913,780.

(J. J.) Newberry Co.—Sales Increase.—

(J. J.) Newberry Co.—Sales Increase.— Table showing sales and earnings for February 1931 and 1932. Sales for 1932 reached \$3,146,802.

Consolidated Surplus Account.—Balance Dec. 31 1930, \$3,837,748; add: Net income for 1931, \$1,085,853; tax refunds and other adjustments...

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Assets and liabilities for 1931 and 1932. Total assets for 1932 are \$23,608,312.

New York Investors, Inc. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

New York Investors, Inc. (& Subs.)—Earnings.— Table showing earnings from 1929 to 1931. Total income for 1931 is \$17,572,623.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Assets and liabilities for 1931 and 1932. Total assets for 1932 are \$75,755,419.

Northwest Bancorporation.—Dividend Decreased.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share, payable April 1 to holders of record March 19.

Combined Statement of Earnings and Expenses for Calendar Years (Corporation and Affiliated Institutions).

Combined Statement of Earnings and Expenses for Calendar Years. Shows earnings and expenses for 1931 and 1932. Operating earnings for 1932 are \$6,774,007.

Net Book Value of Stock.—This is equal to \$29.81 per share—or 60% more than the current market price of Bancorporation stock.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31 (Company Only).

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31 (Company Only). Assets and liabilities for 1931 and 1932. Total assets for 1932 are \$90,587,693.

North American Aviation, Inc.—Listing of \$5 Par Shares—Change in Par Value Approved—Annual Report for 1931.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of certificates for 2,118,959 shares of capital stock (par \$5 per share) upon official notice...

The stockholders March 9 approved a reduction of the capital by reducing the amount of capital represented by shares of capital stock without par value from \$12.50 per share to \$5 per share.

No immediate exchange of stock certificates will be made by reason of the proposed change. For the present, certificates bearing an imprinted legend denoting such change will be made available to stockholders.

New York Air Brake Co.—Decreases Capitalization.—

The stockholders on March 9 decreased the authorized common stock, no par value, to 460,000 shares from 500,000 shares.—V. 134, p. 1777.

Immediate deposit of such a sum much more difficult than at the time of the proposal, J. Harold Dollar, Vice-President, says.

Robert Dollar Co. has deposited with the committee \$750,000 letter of credit of Anglo & London Paris National Bank, and agrees to pay cash-electing bondholders interest upon sums due them at the rate of 6% a year from Feb. 24 to Aug. 24.—V. 134, p. 688.

Pacific Western Oil Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Calendar Years— 1931. 1930. 1929. Gross income \$4,294,097 \$3,943,758 \$7,347,488

Net profit for year—loss \$903,124 \$2,316,544 \$1,816,985

Earned surp. (unappropri.) end of yr. \$2,793,392 \$4,296,344 \$1,979,800

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31. 1931. 1930. Assets— \$ 1931. 1930. Cash 1,064,928 2,128,727

Total—29,084,251 32,319,561

Parkview Hotel Apartments, Memphis.—Bondholders' Committee.—

A bondholders' protective committee has been formed for the holders of the \$615,000 first mortgage bonds and has appointed Bank of Commerce & Trust Co., trustee.

Patino Mines & Enterprises Consolidated, Inc.—

The Anglo-South American Trust Co. has been appointed as sole transfer agent for the company's capital stock, effective as of the close of business Feb. 29 1932.

Off Boston Stock Exchange List.— The capital stock has been dropped from the Boston Stock Exchange list, the Boston transfer and registration agencies having been discontinued.

(J. C.) Penney Co., Inc.—February Gross Sales Higher.—

1932—Feb.—1931 Increase. 1931—2 Mos.—1931 Decrease. \$9,586,397 \$9,526,559 \$59,838

(A. W.) Perry, Inc., Boston, Mass.—Capital Changed.—

The company late in January voted to change the 40,000 \$100 par common shares into 40,000 no par shares and to reduce the value at which the stock is carried on the company's books from \$4,000,000 to \$1,000,000.

Pet Milk Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928. Net sales \$20,997,293 \$24,420,464 \$26,896,786

Operating income \$428,942 \$896,450 \$788,561 \$963,609

Balance, surplus \$51,931 \$27,747 def \$146,099 def \$108,670

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets— 1931. 1930. Real estate, bldgs., mach. & equip. \$7,079,378 7,244,481

Total—13,496,620 16,140,252

Pfaunder Co., Rochester, N. Y.—Div. Again Reduced.—

A quarterly dividend of 62 1/2 c. per share has been declared on the common stock, par \$100, payable April 1 to holders of record March 20.

Pinchin, Johnson & Co., Ltd.—Final Dividend.—

The directors have declared a final dividend for 1931 of 7 1/8%, making 17 1/8% for the year, compared with 22 1/2% for 1930, on the American shares, less taxes and expenses of depositary.

Pitney-Bowes Postage Meter Co.—New Director.—

James H. Orr, of Stone & Webster, Inc., has been elected a director, succeeding J. W. Buzzell of Stone & Webster Engineering Corp.—V. 134, p. 1973.

Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928. Profits— \$6,165,848 \$9,121,841 \$17,143,132 \$13,988,000

Surplus— \$1,587,059 \$420,622 \$5,193,437 def \$492,428

Total profit and loss sur., end of year—\$36,884,381 \$38,347,649 \$37,937,218 \$32,743,781

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets— 1931. 1930. Property accts. \$64,392,829 \$62,860,338

Total—96,538,443 99,605,129

Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Corp.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928. Gross income from all sources \$3,571,538 \$4,609,990 \$5,427,087 \$6,019,144

Net deficit— def \$755,999 \$642,945 \$696,527 \$893,003

Deficit Dec. 31— \$2,108,144 \$1,076,928 \$442,773 sur \$756,114

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets— 1931. 1930. Cash \$49,744 \$9,714

Total—17,280,115 18,241,454

Prairie Oil & Gas Co.—To Exchange Stock.—

The Prairie Oil & Gas Co. and Prairie Pipe Line Co. have sent notices to stockholders that they will on and after March 31 exchange common stock of the Consolidated Oil Corp. for the Prairie shares now outstanding.

The exchange will be on the basis of one share of Consolidated Oil Corp. common for each share of Prairie Oil & Gas stock, and 1.4 shares of Consolidated common for each share of Prairie Pipe Line stock.

Prairie Pipe Line Co.—To Exchange Stock.—

See Prairie Oil & Gas Co. above. Devitt Warren, of New York, a stockholder in Prairie Pipe Line Co., has filed suit in Federal Court at Fort Scott, Kan., seeking an injunction against the merger of the company with Prairie Oil & Gas Co. and Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corp.

Pullman Co.—Loses Fare Fight.—

In a 7 to 4 decision March 16 the I.-S. C. Commission rejected a proposal of the company to establish a charge for second occupants of sleeping-car berths. The charge proposed, while exempting children under 12 years of age, was 20% of the lower berth fare.—V. 133, p. 3473.

Railways Corp.—Initial Dividend.—

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 2%, payable in no par stock April 15 to holders of record March 31.—V. 130, p. 3558.

Raleigh (N. C.) Cotton Mills.—Sale.—

The properties were sold at public auction March 11 to H. T. Hicks and C. B. Barbee for \$30,000. The sale of the property, together with the Gilmer Building, sold several days ago, brought the purchase price of property sold to \$203,636.

Saco Lowell Shops, Boston.—New Director.—Robert Outler has been elected a director, succeeding Charles E. Rogers, deceased.—V. 134, p. 145.

Sally Frocks, Inc.—Sales Decline.—1932—Feb.—1931. Increase. 1932—2 Mos.—1931. Increase. \$221,447 \$303,360 \$81,913 \$491,014 \$683,522 \$192,508

Salt Creek Producers Association, Inc.—Earnings.—Calendar Years—1931. 1930. 1929. 1928.

Consolidated Balance Sheet As of Dec. 31. Assets—1931. 1930. Liabilities—1931. 1930.

Schiff Co.—Sales Fall Off.—1932—Feb.—1931. Decrease. 1932—2 Mos.—1931. Decrease.

Sharon Steel Hoop Co.—New Trustee.—The company has appointed the Union National Bank of Youngstown, Ohio, as trustee of the 1st mtge. 5½% s. f. gold bonds, due Feb. 1 1948.

Sharp & Dohme, Inc.—Earnings.—Calendar Years—1931. 1930. 1929.

Statement of Surplus Year Ended Dec. 31 1931. Balance, Jan. 1 1931. \$927,160 Net income for 1931. 777,492

Balance Sheet December 31. Assets—1931. 1930. Liabilities—1931. 1930.

(W. A.) Sheaffer Pen Co.—Dividend Decreased.—A semi-annual dividend of 50c. per share was recently declared on the common stock, no par value, payable March 15 to holders of record Feb. 20.

Simmons Co.—Sales Decline.—1932—Feb.—1931. Decrease. 1932—2 Mos.—1931. Decrease.

Standard Safe Deposit Co.—Larger Dividend.—The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share, payable March 31 to holders of record March 28.

Stone & Webster, Inc.—Subsidiary Reduces Capital.—Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc., a subsidiary, early in February filed a certificate at Albany, N. Y., decreasing its stated capitalization to \$1,350,000 from \$4,000,000.—V. 134, p. 1212.

(L. S.) Starrett Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—

Assets—1931. 1930. Liabilities—1931. 1930.

Total—\$4,416,891 \$4,769,813 Total—\$4,416,891 \$4,769,813

Studebaker Corp.—Sales Gain.—Total sales of Studebaker, Rockne and Pierce-Arrow cars in February were 6,966 units as compared with 4,882 in February 1931.

Superior Portland Cement, Inc.—Smaller Dividend.—The directors have declared a dividend of 12½ cents per share on the class B stock, payable March 21 to holders of record March 15.

Thompson Products, Inc.—Dividend Omitted.—The directors at their meeting on March 12 took no action on the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about April 1 on the common stock.

Tintic Standard Mining Co., Salt Lake City, Utah.—Dividend Rate Decreased.—The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 5c. per share on the capital stock, par \$1, payable March 31 to holders of record March 17.

Title Guarantee & Trust Co.—Omits Extra Dividend.—The usual quarterly dividend of \$1.20 per share has been declared on the capital stock, payable March 31 to holders of record March 21.

Tobacco & Allied Stocks, Inc.—Net Asset Value.—The net asset value of the corporation as of March 12 1932, was \$39.61 a share, and the corporation's portfolio consisted entirely of cash, prime bankers' acceptances and securities listed on the New York Stock and Curb Exchanges.—V. 134, p. 1599.

Tobacco Products Corp. (Va.)—Stocks Off List.—The no par value class A and common stocks were stricken from the list of the New York Stock Exchange on Mar. 10.—V. 134, p. 1975.

Tonawanda Share Corp.—Dividends Deferred.—The directors recently voted to defer action on the quarterly dividends due March 1 on the \$7 cum. 1st pref. stock, no par value, and on the \$6.50 cum. pref. preference stock, no par value.

Transamerica Corp.—Restrictions Off Stock.—The corporation has been authorized by the governing committee of the New York Stock Exchange to release 300,000 shares of capital stock from restricted registration.

Truscon Steel Co.—Earnings.—Calendar Years—1931. 1930. 1929. 1928.

Operating profit—def \$844,806 \$1,279,048 \$2,623,622 \$2,996,417

Total income—def \$616,631 \$1,553,503 \$3,410,786 \$2,586,551

Net profit—loss \$616,631 \$1,130,125 \$2,751,410 \$1,970,181

Total net profit—def \$616,631 \$1,200,532 \$2,839,076 \$2,054,349

Bal. of sub. earnings—\$70,406 \$87,667 \$84,168 \$84,168

Total net profit—def \$616,631 \$1,200,532 \$2,839,076 \$2,054,349

Surplus—def \$1,677,030 \$160,893 \$1,854,250 \$994,547

Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Assets—1931. 1930. Liabilities—1931. 1930.

Total—\$17,221,556 18,916,678 Total—\$17,221,556 18,916,678

Union Bag & Paper Power Corp.—New Director.—Stanton Griffith has been elected director.—V. 133, p. 1910.

United Founders Corp.—Stated Value Reduced, &c.—The stockholders on March 14 approved the recommendation of the board of directors to reduce the capital of the corporation.

Total—\$17,221,556 18,916,678 Total—\$17,221,556 18,916,678

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UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1931.

Office of United States Steel Corporation,
51 Newark Street, Hoboken, New Jersey,
March 8, 1932.

To the Stockholders:

The Board of Directors submits herewith a combined report of the operations and affairs of the United States Steel Corporation and Subsidiary Companies for the fiscal year which ended December 31, 1931, together with a statement of the condition of the finances and property at the close of that year.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEAR 1931.

The total earnings after deducting all expenses incident to operations, including ordinary repairs and maintenance (approximately \$60,000,000), and taxes (including reserve for Federal Income taxes), but exclusive of inventory price adjustments at December 31st, amounting to \$5,395,996.32, charged against previously established reserves, were	\$46,483,999.93
Less, Charges and allowances for Depreciation, Depreciation and Obsolescence	47,317,894.72
Deficit	\$833,894.79
Interest on outstanding bonds and mortgages:	
Of Subsidiary Companies	\$5,435,405.37
Of U. S. Steel Corporation	34,218.48
	5,469,623.85
Total Deficit	\$6,303,518.64
Special income receipts for the year arising from profits in sales of fixed property, and net adjustments of various accounts	19,341,659.51
Net Income for the year	\$13,038,140.87
Dividends for the year 1931 on U. S. Steel Corporation stocks:	
Preferred, 7 per cent.	\$25,219,677.00
Common, 4 1/4 per cent.	36,983,949.50
	62,203,626.50
Net Deficit in year 1931 (provided from Undivided Surplus)	\$49,165,485.63

SURPLUS OF UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES.

(Since April 1, 1901)

Balance of Undivided Surplus, December 31, 1930, exclusive of Profits earned by subsidiary companies on inter-company sales of products on hand in inventories, per Annual Report for 1930	\$471,782,758.86
Less: Net Deficit in Year 1931 per Income Account	\$49,165,485.63
Premium on bonds of United States Steel Corporation retired during the year	63,750.00
Appropriation for reserve to cover conversion to U. S. Dollar value of December 31, 1931 of net current assets of foreign subsidiary companies	694,564.83
Sundry adjustments	21,766.74
	49,945,567.20
Balance of Earned Undivided Surplus, December 31, 1931, exclusive of Profits earned by subsidiary companies on inter-company sales of products on hand in inventories (see note below)	\$421,837,191.66

Note.—Surplus of Subsidiary Companies amounting to \$26,192,886.55, and representing Profits on sales of materials and products to other subsidiary companies which are on hand in latter's Inventories December 31, 1931, is deducted from the amount of Inventories included under Current Assets in Consolidated General Balance Sheet.

APPROPRIATED SURPLUS INVESTED IN CAPITAL EXPENDITURES.

Amount at December 31, 1931	\$270,000,000.00
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DIVIDEND DECLARATIONS FOR YEAR.

Preferred		
No. 120—1 3/4 per cent. paid May 29, 1931	\$6,304,919.25	
No. 121—1 3/4 per cent. paid August 29, 1931	6,304,919.25	
No. 122—1 3/4 per cent. paid November 28, 1931	6,304,919.25	
No. 123—1 3/4 per cent. payable February 27, 1932	6,304,919.25	
Total Preferred		\$25,219,677.00
Common		
No. 107—1 3/4 per cent. paid June 29, 1931	\$15,226,298.50	
No. 108—1 per cent. paid September 29, 1931	8,702,773.00	
No. 109—1 per cent. paid December 30, 1931	8,703,252.00	
No. 110—1/2 per cent. payable March 30, 1932	4,351,626.00	
Total Common		36,983,949.50
Total Dividends		\$62,203,626.50

OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR.

The iron and steel industry in 1931, in common with other industries, suffered from the extreme recession in general business activities which prevailed in the United States and in general throughout the world. The subsidiary companies of the Corporation operated during the first quarter of the year at 50 per cent. of their capacity, but thereafter there was a steady decline month to month reaching in December the extreme low figure of 24 per cent. The average for the year was 38 per cent. compared with an average of 65.6 per cent. in 1930.

This low volume of operation involving steadily increased cost of production, together with decreasing prices obtained, averaging about eight per cent. less than in 1930 for domestic and four per cent. less in case of export steel sales, together with generally similar decreases in output and prices received for cement, resulted in the very unsatisfactory earnings returns for the year shown by the Income Account.

The reduced volume of operations in 1931 necessarily imposed an increased burden on the industry through the required outlay for overhead charges for maintenance of organization, supervision and taxes. Realizing early in the year the indications were for a much reduced business, systematic and far reaching plans were inaugurated for curtailing overhead expenses in all practical directions. This program was energetically prosecuted resulting in economies running into large totals. These economies however drastic could not secure an amount of savings sufficient to offset the increased costs due to reduction of activities which was reached in 1931 as already indicated and at the same time preserve the efficiency in organization necessary to handle current business offered and anticipated future business. Accordingly, with the continued drop in activities coupled with the reduced index prices for commodities and of cost of living generally, it was felt necessary to adjust salary and wage rates. On August 15th a reduction was made in the compensation paid all salaried employees receiving over \$150.00 per month, and on October 1st reduction was made in the rates paid salaried employees exempted in the August 15th adjustment and also all wage earners, excepting in both instances such employees whose rates were covered by agreements (relatively few) and those whose rates could not be modified because of statutory conditions (railroad employees). The further particulars of these revisions and the amounts of pay roll savings resulting are outlined in the section of this report titled "Employees and Pay Rolls."

The foregoing savings were substantial. However they met but in part the impost on earnings arising from an extremely low output at reduced selling prices. Because of the unsatisfactory earnings results and no early indication of improvement, and since it was evident that a large part of the dividend on Preferred stock for the year would have to be taken from Surplus, and any dividend paid on Common stock wholly so provided, the rate declared on Common was reduced in July from 7 per cent. to 4 per cent. and in January, 1932, to the rate of 2 per cent. per annum. Taking note of these conditions the Board of Directors at time of declaration of dividend in January, 1932, made the following announcement:

"The Directors of the United States Steel Corporation today declared a dividend for the quarter of fifty cents upon the common shares of the Corporation. During the year 1931, as the published figures show, nothing was earned upon the common shares; the total distribution in 1931 (approximately \$37,000,000) of dividends upon such shares having been taken from surplus. It is manifest that continuance of dividends must depend upon an improvement in the Corporation's volume of business and earnings."

PRODUCTION.

Production of the several principal departments for the year 1931 in comparison with results for the preceding year, was as follows:

	1931.	1930.	Decrease.	
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Per Cent.
Iron, Manganese and Zinc Ores	13,600,716	24,295,103	10,694,387	44.0
Limestone, Dolomite, Fluorspar and Cement Rock	7,673,718	14,611,927	6,938,209	47.5
Coal	15,779,298	25,388,265	9,608,967	37.8
Coke	7,040,832	13,113,382	6,072,550	46.3
Pig Iron, Ferro and Scrap	7,021,507	12,758,333	5,736,826	45.0
Steel Ingots (Bessemer and Open Hearth)	10,082,398	16,726,472	6,644,074	39.7
Rolled and Finished Steel Products for Sale	7,196,017	11,609,265	4,413,248	38.0
Portland Cement	15,050,996	24,294,154	9,243,158	38.0

Compared with the year 1929, the production of Rolled and Finished Steel products for sale shows a decrease of 8,106,652 tons, or 53 per cent.; and Cement a decrease of 9,792,061 barrels, or 39 per cent.

On page 21 of this [pamphlet] report will be found a table detailing by classes the production of Finished Steel products during the year, together with that of miscellaneous products not included in above general classifications.

At January 1, 1932, the available rated annual capacity of the subsidiary companies in the following lines of production was:

	Tons.
Blast Furnaces (Pig Iron, Ferro, etc.)	21,846,700
Steel Ingots and Castings	27,841,300
Finished Steel Products for Sale	19,647,000

SHIPMENTS AND BUSINESS.

The shipments of all classes of products in comparison with shipments during the preceding year were as follows:

	1931.	1930.	Decrease.	
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Per Cent.
<i>Domestic Shipments—</i>				
Rolled and Finished Steel Products	7,162,359	10,800,638	3,638,279	33.7
Pig Iron, Ingots, Ferro and Scrap	228,242	314,525	86,283	27.4
Coal, Coke, Iron Ore and Limestone	2,075,196	4,469,396	2,394,200	53.6
Sundry Materials and By-Products	165,919	276,341	110,422	40.0
Total tons all kinds of materials, except Cement	9,631,716	15,860,900	6,229,184	39.3
Portland Cement (Bbls.)	14,343,432	23,084,305	8,740,873	37.9
<i>Export Shipments—</i>				
Rolled and Finished Steel Products	514,385	823,656	309,271	37.5
Pig Iron, Ferro and Scrap	4,284	5,994	1,710	28.5
Sundry Materials and By-Products	97,712	139,147	41,435	29.8
Total tons all kinds of materials, except Cement	616,381	968,797	352,416	36.4
Portland Cement (Bbls.)	208,857	276,595	67,738	24.5
Aggregate tonnage of Rolled and Finished Steel Products shipped to both Domestic and Export Trade	7,676,744	11,624,294	3,947,550	34.0
TOTAL VALUE OF BUSINESS (Covering all of above shipments, including cement, marine equipment delivered and other business not measured by the ton unit):				
Domestic (not including inter-company sales)	\$452,665,506	\$702,488,579	\$249,823,073	35.6
Export	40,207,210	64,634,265	24,427,055	37.8
Total	\$492,872,716	\$767,122,844	\$274,250,128	35.8

The average price received for the total tonnage of rolled and other finished steel products shipped netted on the domestic shipments \$4.60 less per ton than the average received per ton for an equal tonnage of similar products respectively shipped in 1930; and as to export shipments the average price received in 1931 was \$2.84 per ton less than the price secured in the preceding year. The average price received for domestic and export tonnage combined was \$4.48 less per ton than in 1930.

The trend of actual prices received by the subsidiary companies for rolled steel products shipped annually since 1923, inclusive, is shown by the following index results, using a flat average price for all such products and the year 1923 as the base:

Year—	Domestic.	Export.	Year—	Domestic.	Export.	Year—	Domestic.	Export.
1923 (Base)	100.0%	100.0%	1926	94.1%	85.7%	1929	88.6%	82.0%
1924	102.0	97.2	1927	91.2	82.7	1930	83.8	82.5
1925	95.3	90.4	1928	89.0	78.6	1931	78.8	79.5

VOLUME OF BUSINESS.

The total value of business transacted by all companies during the year 1931, as represented by their combined gross sales and earnings, equalled the sum of \$729,377,467 compared with a total of \$1,180,934,971 in the preceding year.

This amount represents the gross value of the commercial transactions conducted by the several subsidiary companies, and includes sales made between the subsidiary companies and the gross receipts of the transportation companies for services rendered both to subsidiary companies and to the public.

The earnings for the year as shown in this report represent the combined profits accruing to the several corporate interests from the above gross business, except that profits arising from inter-company sales are included in reported earnings only when realized in cash or a cash asset by the consolidated organization.

The following is a statement of the gross sales and earnings classified by operating groups. Gross sales of products are stated on basis of f.o.b. mill values. Gross revenue of transportation companies includes earnings and receipts both from inter-subsidiary company business and business with interests outside of the U. S. Steel organization.

	1931.	1930.	Decrease.	
<i>Gross Sales by Manufacturing, Iron Ore, Limestone and Coal and Coke Companies:</i>				
To customers outside of U. S. Steel organization	\$492,872,716	\$767,122,844	\$274,250,128	
Inter-company sales (sales between subsidiary companies)	157,982,521	285,789,280	127,806,759	
Gross Earnings and Receipts of Transportation and Miscellaneous Companies:	\$650,855,237	\$1,052,912,124	\$402,056,887	
Transportation Companies (Rail and Water)	62,825,850	104,200,921	41,375,071	
Miscellaneous Companies	15,696,380	23,821,926	8,125,546	
Total	\$729,377,467	\$1,180,934,971	\$451,557,504	

MAINTENANCE, DEPLETION, DEPRECIATION AND OBSOLESCENCE.

The expenditures made during the year from general maintenance and upkeep of the properties and the further provisional allowances from Earnings and Income for accruing deterioration and obsolescence of improvements, equipment and facilities, and for depletion of natural resources, in comparison with similar expenditures and allowances for the preceding year, were as follows:

	1931.	1930.	Decrease.	
			Amount.	Per Cent.
<i>Expended for—</i>				
Ordinary repairs and maintenance, exclusive of blast furnace and coke oven relinings, etc.	\$57,381,227	\$91,292,777	\$33,911,550	37.1
Blast furnace and coke oven relinings, etc.	1,849,154	4,080,262	2,231,108	54.7
Extraordinary replacements	230,913	774,243	543,330	70.2
Total expended	\$59,461,294	\$96,147,282	\$36,685,988	38.2
In addition there was appropriated from Earnings for exhaustion of natural resources and for deterioration and obsolescence of plants and properties, the net amount of	48,276,008	58,721,809	10,445,801	17.8
Total expended and appropriated from Earnings for maintenance, depletion, depreciation and obsolescence of investment in tangible property	\$107,737,302	\$154,869,091	\$47,131,789	30.4

TAXES.

The total charges and allowances from income for accrued Taxes for the year 1931 compared with similar charges for 1930 were as follows:

	1931.	1930.	Decrease.	
State and all other Taxes, except Federal Income	\$33,162,707	\$36,047,026	\$2,884,319	
Federal Income Tax	80,000	12,004,900	11,924,900	
Total	\$33,242,707	\$48,051,926	\$14,809,219	

INVENTORIES.

The aggregate amount of inventories at the close of the year, valued at the lower of cost or market price applicable under conditions pertaining to the stocks, was \$302,599,748, compared with a valuation for inventories of \$323,052,846 at the close of the preceding year. It will be noticed from table of classified inventories that in only one class of materials is an increase over 1930 shown, namely, Ores. This latter arises principally from the necessary seasonal mining and stocking of Lake Superior ores during the summer months and the unusual reduction in quantities of such ores converted during the last four months of the year because of low operation of mills. As of December 31, 1931, there was written off for shrinkage in inventory values, compared with production or acquirement cost, the sum of \$5,395,996.32, which was covered from previously established reserves available for this purpose.

CONTINGENT AND MISCELLANEOUS RESERVES.

At the close of 1931, the balances in Contingent and miscellaneous reserves totalled as shown by the Balance Sheet \$46,568,133, a reduction from the aggregate at close of preceding year of \$12,082,185. Of this reduction \$5,395,996 represents the inventory value adjustment referred to in preceding paragraph; \$1,570,626, an allowance for write-down in Balance Sheet value of marketable securities owned, and the balance payments of contingent liabilities accrued largely in previous years in excess of allowances in year from operations for account such reserves.

CAPITAL STOCK.

Issues of additional Common stock were made during the year to employees of U. S. Steel Corporation and its subsidiary companies upon full payment by them for such stock subscribed for under the Employees' Stock Subscription Plan, to the number of, shares	15,817	\$1,581,700
Par value of same		868,743,500
Par value of Common stock issued at December 31, 1930		
Making total Common stock issued at December 31, 1931:		8,703,252
Shares		
Par Value		\$870,325,200
There was no change in the Preferred stock during the year.		
At December 31, 1931, the issued Preferred stock was:		3,602,811
Shares		
Par Value		\$360,281,100

The issue of the foregoing shares of Common stock in 1931 was made in accordance with election permitted by the terms of the revised Employees' Stock Subscription Plan as fully described in the annual report for 1930.

BONDED AND MORTGAGE DEBT.

During the year the net reduction in the Bonded and Mortgage Debt equalled	\$572,000.00	\$2,932,816.65
Of the foregoing, the amount of:		
covers bonds of U. S. Steel Corporation and of subsidiary companies, presented for redemption in 1931 and paid from funds deposited in 1929 with trustees to redeem same.		
And there were paid in 1931, on their maturity or through sinking fund operations, subsidiary companies' bonds in the amount of	2,585,000.00	
	\$3,157,000.00	
Less, Real Estate Mortgages and Purchase Money Obligations assumed or issued in connection with acquirement of properties, in excess of payments made of similar obligations during year	224,183.35	
	\$2,932,816.65	
Net Decrease during year		\$98,887,294.44
The total outstanding Bonded and Mortgage Debt of the U. S. Steel Corporation and subsidiary companies at December 31, 1931, was		371,500.00
Of this amount cash funds are on specific deposit with trustees to redeem bonds to amount of		\$98,515,794.44
Balance		

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES.

The gross expenditures made by the Corporation and subsidiary companies during the year for additional property, new plants, extensions and improvements, and additional net lock-up in stripping and development work at mines, totalled	\$59,754,985	
Less, realizations in sales and dismantlement of property creditable the Property Investment Account	6,278,925	
Net of expenditures in year on Property Investment Account		\$54,476,060
During the year there was written off in reduction of Property Investment Account depreciation and depletion reserves provided from income, the sum of \$23,071,086 for the balance of investment cost (in excess of credits to investment arising from sales and salvage) of plants and improvements disposed of by sales, abandonment and (or) dismantlement; also \$1,279,621 was similarly written off for exhaustion of investment cost in natural resources, making a total reduction in Property Investment Account from this source of		24,350,707
Leaving the net increase for the year in Property Investment arising from the additional expenditure stated, less credits from sales and salvage and write-off of investment cost		\$30,125,353
In continuation of the policy which has been observed during the past ten years of concentrating the operations of the subsidiary manufacturing companies at fewer locations, in more nearly or wholly self-contained units as to supply of basic materials, and more advantageous points for distribution of finished products, the following smaller plants of the subsidiary companies were abandoned during the year: Lower Union plant, Youngstown, Ohio, of the Carnegie Steel Co.; Braddock, Pa., Works of American Steel & Wire Co.; Chester, W. Va., Works, Aetna-Standard Works, Bridgeport, Ohio, Pennsylvania Works, New Kensington, Pa., and Leechburg, Pa., Works, all of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Co.; Canton, Ohio, Works, of American Bridge Co. The capacity of output of these abandoned plants had been provided for by installation of additional facilities and improvements at other existing modern and more efficient plants better located to supply demands under present day and prospective distribution requirements.		
The foregoing total of expenditures of \$59,754,985 during the year for additions, extensions, etc., were made on general property groups, as follows:		
Manufacturing properties, exclusive of the by-product coke plants		\$45,570,298
By-product coke plants		5,391,362
Coal properties		764,244
Iron ore properties		1,025,763
Limestone and flux properties		838,273
Railroads		5,533,137
Water transportation properties:		
Great Lakes fleet	\$136,494	
Ocean fleet	14,836	
River transportation service	13,027	
Water, gas and other public service properties		164,357
Land and supply companies		180,201
Net lock-up in stripping and development expenses at mines, viz.:		134,694
Expended during the year	\$3,116,296	
Less, absorbed in year's expenses	2,963,640	
		152,656
Total		\$59,754,985

Some of the more important property units for which the foregoing expenditures were made are as follows:

CARNEGIE STEEL COMPANY.—At Edgar Thomson Works, a new 15-ton ore bridge was installed in furnace stock yard. At Homestead Works, work was completed in improving and modernizing No. 4 O. H. plant. At McDonald, Ohio, Works, the installation of new 10-in. bar mill, No. 17, was completed. At Mingo, Ohio, Works, the rebuilding of stock yard trestles and bins and installation of auxiliary equipment were completed. At Clairton By-Product Coke plant there was installed a new coal cleaning plant to serve five batteries of the ovens.

ILLINOIS STEEL COMPANY.—At Gary, Ind., Works, there were completed and placed in operation an additional 7-furnace O. H. plant, a new 44-in. slabbing and blooming mill; the work of rebuilding and improving blast furnaces Nos. 7 and 8, extending ore yard and trestle at blast furnaces, and installing ladles and rearranging equipment at furnaces. At South Works, there were completed for operation a new 14-furnace O. H. plant, new 44-in. 138 ovens with by-product recovery departments. Also new 10-in. bar mill for rolling alloy steel. There were also completed the installation of 6 gas-slabbings mill and a new 96-in. continuous plate mill, also new 20,000 K. W. steam turbine driven electric generating station, extensive additions driven blowing engines, the rebuilding of blast furnace No. 4, a new 20,000 K. W. steam turbine driven electric generating station, and sundry facilities required by enlarged capacity of the new to the ore stock yard, flue dust recovery plants, improvement to ingot mould foundry, and sundry facilities required by enlarged capacity of the new finishing mills.

UNIVERSAL ATLAS CEMENT COMPANY.—At Buffington, Ind., plant, progress was made in the rebuilding of waste heat boilers and dust collectors.

NATIONAL TUBE COMPANY.—At National Works, McKeesport, Pa., there was completed the modernization of the plant, through installation of Duplex O. H. plant, 32-in. reversing bar mill, 2 seamless tube mills, additions to blooming and slabbing mills and auxiliary facilities, and installation of a normalizing furnace. At Gary, Ind., Works, the installation of new seamless tube mill was completed. At Ellwood, Pa., Works, extensive changes and improvements in the cold drawing department were completed, with accessory facilities.

AMERICAN STEEL & WIRE COMPANY.—At Cuyahoga, Ohio, Works, the installation of additional facilities for manufacturing of cold rolled strips was completed; at Donora, Pa., Works, the construction of new stock bins and improvements at ore yards, and of a new billet and 2 new rod mills was completed.

AMERICAN SHEET & TIN PLATE COMPANY.—At Gary, Ind., Works, improvements were completed to the continuous mill, in installation of a 4-high cold mill for continuous finishing and tinning of cold rolled strips, and of improvements to the Lake Michigan breakwater and water intake line. At National Works, Monessen, Pa., the tin house was reconstructed with addition of double tinning units.

TENNESSEE COAL, IRON & RAILROAD COMPANY.—At Fairfield, Ala., the installation of a new 42-in. universal strip mill was completed; also additions to O. H. Steel works. Substantial progress was made in the enlargement and alteration of the sheet mills.

The expenditures by the remaining subsidiary companies cover an extensive range of additions and betterments and for increased facilities of sundry character. The bulk of the expenditures by the railroads is for 1,050 gondola steel hopper cars.

EMPLOYES AND PAY ROLL.

Because of the continued low volume of operations during the year the plan of alternating employes adopted in 1930 was maintained throughout the year, resulting in distributing such work as was available among as large a number of employes as was practical. The following summary shows the extent to which service under this plan was given employes:

	Number of Employes Working Full-time.	Number Working Part-time.	Total Working.	Per-Cent of Full Normal Working Force.*
First Quarter, 1931.....	76,260	149,784	226,044	93
Second Quarter, 1931.....	61,524	154,445	215,969	89
Third Quarter, 1931.....	41,019	149,512	190,531	78
Fourth Quarter, 1931.....	35,674	146,482	182,156	76
Average for the year.....	53,619	150,055	203,674	84

* Normal working force includes number of employes required to operate all departments at practically full capacity. Under such conditions the employes in service include a considerable number who do not look to the subsidiaries for steady employment. Therefore, the number of individuals to whom full and part-time service was afforded is a somewhat larger percentage of those who depend wholly upon the Corporation and subsidiaries for regular and steady employment than these percentages indicate.

	1931.	1930.	Decrease.	Per Cent.
Total Pay Roll for the year.....	\$266,871,413	\$391,271,366	\$124,399,953	31.79
The average earnings per employe per day were.....	\$5.90	\$5.99	\$0.09	1.50

The division of the total amount paid for wages and salaries between operating and capital account was as follows:

	1931.	1930.	Amount.	Per Cent.
In operations and production.....	\$253,178,649	\$367,945,736	\$114,767,087	31.19
In construction work.....	13,692,764	23,325,630	9,632,866	41.30
Total.....	\$266,871,413	\$391,271,366	\$124,399,953	31.79
Approximate number of employes in the construction service of the manufacturing companies.....	6,927	11,092	4,165	37.55

During the year salary and wage rates were reduced as follows: On August 15th, all salaried employes receiving over \$1,800 per year were reduced from ten to fifteen per cent., depending upon character of service rendered; and on October 1st, all salaried men not affected by the former adjustment were reduced ten per cent., as were all wage earners, excepting in both cases transportation companies' employes whose compensation is subject to statutory control, and also a few others who were employed under service agreements.

Based on the general average rates in effect immediately prior to above reductions becoming effective, the curtailment in pay rolls arising therefrom to the close of December amounted to approximately \$3,991,000.

The rates of pay established by the above adjustments made in 1931, in comparison with wage rates in force at several earlier periods, are broadly shown by the following average earnings per employe per day at the respective dates:

October, 1931.....	\$5.47	October, 1921.....	\$4.60
October, 1923.....	5.89	October, 1913.....	2.93

These average rates are, of course, for all employes in every branch of the service, some of whom were not, as before stated, affected by the adjustments in 1931.

Pensions. Following the extended study and consideration, referred to in last year's annual report, of the Pension Plan first inaugurated in 1911, there was adopted and put into effect on May 1, 1931, an alteration and amendment of the rules and regulations. The essential features of such revision were to make mandatory the retirement of employes who may reach the age of seventy, to provide for an annual detailed survey of employes of ages sixty-five to sixty-nine with the view of anticipating such retirement, and the elimination of minimum and maximum pension allowances. The effect of these revisions is to produce greater flexibility and betterment in employment relations and improved staff organization. Under these revisions the number of retirements on pensions in 1931 averaged considerably higher than in previous years. The results for the year in comparison with 1930 are as follows:

	1931.	1930.
Number of Pensions granted.....	3,165	1,154
Number of Pensions ceasing from death and cancellation.....	684	618
Net Increase in Pensioners.....	2,481	536
Total number of Pensions in force December 31.....	10,437	7,956
Average age of employes retired on pensions.....	64.42 years	63.59 years
Their average length of service.....	34.58 "	34.51 "
Average pension, per month.....	\$64.49	\$55.70
Total amount of pensions paid.....	\$5,830,447	\$4,359,445

Employes' Stock Subscription. The usual offer to employes to subscribe for Common stock of United States Steel Corporation for 1932 was made under date of February 2, 1932, on the basis of \$40 per share. The offer was limited to an aggregate of 200,000 shares, the other terms and conditions of the subscription being substantially the same as in previous years' offers except the special compensation allowance payable to subscribers who fully pay up their subscriptions and continue in the service will be but four instead of five dollars per year for a five year period. The privilege to subscribe does not close until March 10th, and no definite data can be stated at date of writing this report of the number of subscriptions which may be secured, except that it is known the total shares offered will be fully subscribed.

During the year 1931, subscriptions by employes under 1931 and previous years' offers were fully paid up and shares delivered to subscribers for an aggregate of 27,890 shares. Of these, 15,817 shares were supplied by newly issued stock, as authorized under the Employes' Stock Subscription Plan (Revision of 1929), approved by the stockholders April 15, 1929, and 12,073 were delivered from purchased shares, which were acquired at a cost to the Corporation approximately equal to stockholders, holding 101,743 shares of Preferred stock and 799,444 shares of Common stock. Also there were 8,985 additional employes who had in force subscription accounts covering purchase of stocks, but were not yet registered holders of shares.

For the year 1931, no appropriation was made under the Profit Sharing Plan adopted by the stockholders in 1921, the requisite amount of earnings for the year necessary to any such appropriation not having been realized.

Accident Prevention, Relief and Sanitation. The rate of disabling accidents in 1931 per 100 employes was 20 per cent. less than in 1930. Compared with year 1906, when systematic accident prevention plans were inaugurated, the serious and fatal accidents per 100 employes show a decrease of 62.8 per cent., and compared with 1912, the disabling accidents of all kinds show a decrease of 87.7 per cent. These percentages indicate a total reduction in period 1907 to 1931, inclusive, of 69,273 serious and fatal injuries compared with the accident ratio which prevailed in 1906.

	In 1931.	In 1930.	Decrease.
For accident prevention work, including installation of safety devices and appliances, of.....	\$563,648	\$1,164,409	\$300,761
For accident relief, including liability accrued under State compensation laws.....	3,679,651	4,561,425	881,774
For sanitary facilities, maintenance and improvement of healthful working conditions for employes, in directions elaborated in previous annual reports.....	2,360,335	3,378,750	1,018,415

Housing, Welfare and Relief. The following is a summary of operations for 1931 and to close of that year under the Corporation's Home-Owning Plan established in 1920, in assisting employes with loans repayable in installments and secured by contracts and liens on the property, in acquiring homes:

	Year 1931.	Year 1920 to Dec. 31 1931.
Number of contracts entered into.....	61	6,284
Contracts liquidated in full.....	239	2,084
Contracts in force at December 31, 1931.....	---	3,923
Principal amount invested by the subsidiaries in contracts in force December 31, 1931.....	---	\$10,312,216
This latter amount compared with similar investment at close of 1930 shows a decrease of.....	---	2,075,707

At the close of 1931, life insurance amounting to \$7,749,000 was being carried by 3,135 of the employes having Home-home purchase contracts.

As mentioned in previous annual reports the subsidiary companies have continued to extend their assistance to employes in connection with group life insurance carried by them through their own employe welfare organizations, the employes paying the entire premium, the subsidiary companies acting only as the medium through which the premiums are collected by deductions from salaries and wages. The status of this insurance, which is entirely apart from that in connection with the Home-Owning plan, at close of 1931 and 1930 was as follows:

	Dec. 31 1931.	Dec. 31 1930
Number of employes insured.....	182,455	194,627
Amount of insurance.....	\$255,222,972	\$263,443,226
Death and disability claims paid in year.....	2,000	1,788
Amount of such claims.....	\$2,785,602	\$2,494,470

During the past five years the total of claims paid to employes has been 7,588 for \$10,347,761.

During the past year much of the activities of the Welfare departments of the subsidiaries has been directed to assisting in the material welfare of employes arising from decreased operations and reduced employment. During the year expenditures of \$470,689 were made in direct relief and assistance to employes and their families. In addition credits were extended to employes in the amount of \$801,484 for food, fuel, rent, medicinal, and other necessities of life, much of which will be repaid when and as conditions enable the employes to do so. The Employes' Good Fellowship Clubs and their other welfare organizations have been of material assistance in this work. These organizations extended, during the year, \$173,876 in relief to their fellow employes.

Number of Stockholders. The number of stockholders at December 31, 1931, compared with December 31, 1930, was as follows:

	Dec. 31 1931	Dec. 31 1930
Total number of registered stockholders	223,272	189,990
Number holding both Preferred and Common	14,905	14,604
Number of Registered holders of Preferred	58,605	59,028
Number of Registered holders of Common	179,572	145,566

In 1931 the production of raw steel in the United States declined to about 26,000,000 tons, a reduction of 15 millions of tons compared with the preceding year and 30 millions of tons less than were produced in 1929. The production in 1931 was but 46% of the 1929 output. The average annual production during the ten years, 1922 to 1931, inclusive, was 43,000,000 tons, compared with a production of 26,000,000 tons in 1931. It seems reasonable to suppose that on the basis of average demands in the United States for steel products during the past ten years, the requirements of this country for maintenance and current uses alone, exclusive of development and expansion, should call for steel products in considerably greater tonnage than was consumed in 1931. To meet these demands at an economical cost of production and distribution the properties of the organization are admirably equipped, organized and located.

The Board takes pleasure in acknowledging to the officers and employes of the Corporation and the several subsidiary companies its appreciation of the efficient and loyal services rendered by them during the past year under conditions which were unusually exacting and trying.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

J. P. Morgan, *Chairman*

James A. Farrell, *President*

CONSOLIDATED GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1931.

ASSETS.

PROPERTY INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS:		
PROPERTIES OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE SEVERAL COMPANIES:		
Balance of this account as of December 31, 1931, less Depletion, Depreciation and Amortization Reserves per table on page 16 [pamphlet report]		\$1,683,982,093.16
MINING ROYALTIES:		
Mining Royalties on unmined ore, in respect of part of which notes of subsidiary companies are outstanding in amount of \$19,783.721.59, as see contra		67,622,205.26
DEFERRED CHARGES (Applying to future operations of the properties):		
Advanced Mining and other operating expenses and charges	\$2,152,447.86	
Discount on subsidiary companies' bonds sold (net)	300,689.05	2,453,136.91
INVESTMENTS:		
Outside Real Estate and Investments in sundry securities, including Real Estate Mortgages	\$9,487,330.31	
House and Land Sales Installment Contracts and Mortgages under Employes' Home-owning Plan	10,312,216.33	19,799,546.64
GENERAL AND RESERVE FUND ASSETS:		
Cash resources held by Trustees account Bond Sinking Funds	\$416,511.11	
(Trustees also hold \$10,748,000 of redeemed bonds, not included as liabilities in this Balance Sheet.)		
Cash deposits held by Trustees for payment of matured and called bonds unrepresented, and for the outstanding U. S. Steel 50 year non-callable series, 5% Gold Bonds, aggregating for all \$371,500 par value (see contra)	430,741.77	
Securities held as investment for Contingent Reserves, including Common Stock U. S. Steel Corporation held for account Employes' Stock Subscriptions	4,154,239.13	
Insurance and Depreciation Fund Assets	4,331,929.81	
Contract Advances, Cash and Receivables, due from banks and others in process of reorganization or liquidation, less reserve	2,079,601.26	11,413,013.03
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Inventories, less credit for amount of inventory values representing Profits earned by subsidiary companies on Inter-Company sales of products on hand in Inventories December 31, 1931. (See note)	\$302,599,747.98	
Accounts Receivable	34,091,270.90	
Bills Receivable	6,114,324.98	
Agents' Balances	921,134.58	
Sundry Marketable Securities	69,358,308.05	
Time and other special Bank Deposits	6,208,459.22	
Cash (in hand and on deposit with Banks, Bankers and Trust Companies, subject to cheque)	75,239,562.07	494,532,807.78
		<u>\$2,279,802,812.83</u>

LIABILITIES.

CAPITAL STOCKS:		
UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION:		
Common (Authorized 12,500,000 shares; issued 8,703,252 shares)	\$870,325,200.00	
Preferred (Authorized 4,000,000 shares; issued 3,602,811 shares)	360,281,100.00	\$1,230,606,300.00
SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES STOCKS NOT HELD BY UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION (book value of same)		392,231.45
BONDED, MORTGAGE AND DEBENTURE DEBT OUTSTANDING:		
(See page 22 of pamphlet report for detailed statement)		
BONDS FOR PAYMENT OF WHICH CASH IS SPECIALLY HELD BY TRUSTEES:		
Matured and Called Bonds unrepresented for payment	\$75,500.00	
U. S. Steel Corporation 50 Year 5% Gold Bonds, non-callable series	296,000.00	
	\$371,500.00	
ALL OTHER OUTSTANDING ISSUES OF SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES:		
Guaranteed by U. S. Steel Corporation	54,137,000.00	
Not Guaranteed by U. S. Steel Corporation	43,280,600.00	
Real Estate Mortgages and Purchase Money Obligations	1,098,194.44	98,887,294.44
SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES' MINING ROYALTY NOTES— Maturing over a period of 27 years, substituted for previously existing mining royalty obligations—Guaranteed by United States Steel Corporation, \$18,838,721.59, not guaranteed, \$945,000.00; non-interest, bearing, \$19,448,162.95, interest bearing, \$335,558.64		19,783,721.59
INSTALLMENT DEPOSITS UNDER EMPLOYEES STOCK SUBSCRIPTION PLAN		1,441,452.47
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Current Accounts Payable and Pay Rolls	\$26,143,099.91	
Accrued Taxes, not yet due, including reserve for Federal Income Tax	25,302,571.14	
Accrued Interest, Unrepresented Coupons and Unclaimed Dividends	1,778,932.16	
Preferred Stock Dividend No. 123, payable February 27, 1932	6,304,919.25	
Common Stock Dividend No. 110, payable March 30, 1932	4,351,626.00	63,881,148.46
		<u>\$1,414,992,148.41</u>
TOTAL CAPITAL AND CURRENT LIABILITIES		
RESERVES AND SURPLUS:		
CONTINGENT, MISCELLANEOUS OPERATING AND OTHER RESERVES:		
INSURANCE RESERVES	46,568,133.29	
PREMIUMS ON COMMON STOCK	45,155,318.05	
	81,250,021.42	
EARNED SURPLUS:		
Appropriated for and invested in Capital Expenditures	270,000,000.00	
Undivided Surplus of United States Steel Corporation and Subsidiary Companies (See note below)	421,837,191.66	
		<u>\$2,279,802,812.83</u>

NOTE.—That part of the Surplus of Subsidiary Companies representing Profits on sales of materials and products to other subsidiary companies and on hand in latter's Inventories is, in this Balance Sheet, deducted from the amount of Inventories included under Current Assets.

PROPERTY INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS DECEMBER 31, 1931.

Gross Fixed Property Investment Account, December 31, 1930, exclusive of Stripping and Mine Development and Structural Erection Equipment.....		\$2,349,103,740.39
Add, Net of sundry adjustments during 1931.....		482,855.13
Capital Expenditures on Property Account in 1931 (ex. Stripping and Development).....	\$59,602,328.78	
Less, Realizations from Sales and Dismantlement of property creditable Investment Account.....	5,278,924.74	
Net Expenditures for new construction in the year.....		\$54,323,404.04
Less, Amounts written off in year 1931 to Depletion and Depreciation Reserves for investment cost of natural resources exhausted and of improvements, equipment and facilities abandoned and retired.....		24,350,707.49
		<u>29,972,696.55</u>
Gross Fixed Property Investment December 31, 1931.....		\$2,379,559,292.07
Deduct: Balances in Depletion, Depreciation, Amortization and Current Maintenance Reserves, December 31, 1931:		
Depletion and Depreciation Reserves, exclusive of those specifically applied as per succeeding item.....	\$607,613,777.34	
Specifically applied for redemption of bonds through Bond Sinking Funds of Subsidiary Companies.....	42,538,045.14	
Amortization Reserves account excess construction cost arising from war-time conditions.....	54,451,383.59	
Current Maintenance Reserves.....	29,018,142.93	
		<u>733,621,349.00</u>
Net Fixed Property Investment Account, December 31, 1931.....		\$1,645,937,943.07
Investment in Stripping and Development at Mines and Structural Erection Equipment:		
Balance at December 31, 1930.....	\$37,891,494.06	
Expended during the year 1931.....	3,116,296.17	
		<u>\$41,007,790.23</u>
Less, Charged off in 1931 to operating expenses.....		2,963,640.14
Balance December 31, 1931.....		<u>38,044,150.09</u>
Total of Property Investment Account, December 31, 1931, per Consolidated General Balance Sheet.....		<u>\$1,683,982,093.16</u>

UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES CONDENSED GENERAL PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1931.

GROSS RECEIPTS—Gross Sales and Earnings (see page 5 [pamphlet report]).....		\$729,377,467.74
OPERATING CHARGES:		
Manufacturing and Producing Cost and Operating Expenses, including ordinary maintenance and repairs and provisional charges by subsidiary companies for depletion, depreciation and obsolescence.....	\$669,260,379.47	
Administrative, Selling and General Expenses, including appropriations under pension plan, but exclusive of general expenses of transportation companies.....	42,223,243.15	
Taxes (including reserve for Federal income taxes).....	33,242,707.09	
Commercial Discounts and Interest.....	4,159,125.39	
	<u>\$748,885,455.10</u>	
Less, Amount included in above charges for allowances for depletion, depreciation and obsolescence here deducted for purpose of showing same in separate item of charge, as see below.....		47,317,894.72
Balance.....		<u>701,567,560.38</u>
Sundry Net Manufacturing and Operating gains and losses, including royalties received, idle plant expenses, etc.....	Dr. \$1,926,470.57	
Rentals received.....	778,698.79	
		<u>Dr. 1,147,771.78</u>
Total Net Manufacturing, Producing and Operating Income before deducting provisional charges for depletion, depreciation and obsolescence.....		<u>\$26,662,135.58</u>

OTHER INCOME AND CHARGES.

Net Profits of properties owned, but whose operations (gross revenue, cost of product, expenses, etc.) are not classified in this statement.....		
Income from sundry investments and interest on deposits, etc.....	\$124,173.99	
	<u>7,883,120.57</u>	
Balance.....		<u>8,007,294.56</u>
ADD, Net Balance of Subsidiaries' Inter-Company Profits converted into cash assets in 1931 *.....		<u>\$34,669,430.14</u>
Total Earnings for the year before deducting provisional charges for depletion, depreciation and obsolescence.....		<u>11,814,569.70</u>
LESS, Charges and allowances for depletion, depreciation and obsolescence.....		<u>\$46,483,999.93</u>
Deficit in the year 1931.....		<u>47,317,894.72</u>
		<u>\$833,894.79</u>

* These profits were earned by individual subsidiary companies in previous years on inter-company sales made and service rendered to (for) other subsidiaries but being locked up in the inventory value of materials held by the purchasing companies at close of 1930, were not to that date included as part of the reported earnings of the combined organization. Such profits are so embraced only in the year in which they are converted into a cash asset

COMPARATIVE INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1931 AND 1930

TOTAL EARNINGS:	1931.	1930.	+ Increase — Decrease.
First Quarter.....			
Second Quarter.....	\$19,464,835.97	\$49,615,397.18	—\$30,150,561.21
Third Quarter.....	13,817,524.16	47,061,304.63	—33,243,780.47
Fourth Quarter.....	9,181,091.24	37,995,299.50	—28,814,208.26
Total for year.....	4,020,548.56	23,038,230.41	—19,017,681.85
Less, Charges and Allowances for Depletion, Depreciation, Amortization and Obsolescence.....	\$46,483,999.93	\$157,710,231.72	—\$111,226,231.79
Net Income (or Deficit) in the year.....	47,317,894.72	58,550,120.14	—11,232,225.42
Deduct, Interest on bonds and mortgages outstanding:			
Of Subsidiary Companies.....	a\$833,894.79	*\$99,160,111.58	—\$99,994,006.37
Of U. S. Steel Corporation.....	5,435,405.37	5,593,367.37	—157,962.00
Balance (or Total Deficit).....	34,218.48	46,729.05	—12,510.57
Add: Special income receipts including profits arising from sales of fixed property in 1931, interest on Federal Tax Refunds in 1930, and net adjustments of various accounts in both years.....	a\$6,303,518.64	*\$93,520,015.16	—\$99,823,533.80
Total Net Income.....	19,341,659.51	10,901,555.99	+8,440,103.52
Dividends on U. S. Steel Corporation stocks:			
Preferred, 7%.....	\$13,038,140.87	\$104,421,571.15	—\$91,383,430.28
Common, 1931, 4¼%; 1930, 7%.....	25,219,667.00	25,219,677.00	
	36,983,949.50	60,365,796.75	—23,381,847.25
Surplus Net Income (or Net Deficit).....	a\$49,165,485.63	*\$18,836,097.40	—\$68,001,583.03

* Surplus, a Deficit,

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY LTD.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1931.

John B. Miller, Chairman, says in part:

The Company has successfully met the test of 1931, one of the most exacting years in the three and one-half decades of its history, closing the year in a strong and secure position. Confronted with an unusual number of major problems, some of which were independent of the current general business conditions, the Company maintained its excellent earnings record and added substantially to the scope and extent of its service, and further strengthened the foundation for its future growth. Particular problems which had to be met during the year included the severe contraction in industrial and commercial activities of large customers, subnormal water conditions, lower rate schedules voluntarily adopted by the Company, and surplus personnel in the Company's employ resulting from the completion of its large and extended construction program.

The contraction in industrial and commercial activities severely affected a normal development of the new business program, and temporarily deferred full realization of a large volume of industrial and commercial load already connected to the lines. This connected business nevertheless forms a solid foundation for future growth as improvement in general business conditions takes place.

The winter of 1930-1931 was one of extremely low water storage conditions throughout the State. Consequently, the operation of hydro-electric plants was seriously curtailed, and the greater part of the load was carried by steam plants, entailing unusually large expense for fuel.

In line with the Company's policy of making voluntary rate reductions, another reduction in rates was made during the year, benefiting particularly certain industrial and agricultural consumers. This was the tenth voluntary reduction made by the Company in its electric rates during the past eight years. A further adverse influence on earnings for the year was the reflection in 1931 operations of the full effect of rate reductions made in 1930.

The completion of the large construction program, which has been in progress for the past several years, presented a perplexing problem of surplus personnel, which was greatly intensified by the existing general unemployment situation. In order to furnish employment to the largest number possible of those on the payroll, the five-day working week was adopted for the entire organization and every other adjustment was made which would mitigate the hardship upon those whose particular job had been completed.

Gross revenues for the year amounting to \$40,715,934 indicate a satisfactory earning condition. Notwithstanding the foregoing unfavorable operating conditions, net earnings of \$26,999,819 were equivalent to 3.9 times annual interest requirements. After setting aside depreciation and the payment of regular cash dividends on all classes of Preferred stocks, the balance available for Common stock was equal to \$2.53 per share on the average number of shares (3,099,574) outstanding during the year. Regular dividends of \$2.00 per share were paid on the Common stock.

INCOME ACCOUNT

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY LTD. (COMPANY ONLY)—YEAR 1931 COMPARED WITH 1930.

	1931.	1930.
Gross Earnings.....	\$40,715,933.63	\$41,128,734.55
Operating Expenses and Maintenance.....	\$9,612,758.66	\$8,896,398.47
Taxes.....	4,103,356.45	4,149,928.76
Total Operating Expenses and Taxes.....	\$13,716,115.11	\$13,046,327.23
Net Earnings.....	\$26,999,818.52	\$28,082,407.32
Interest and Amortization of Debt Discount.....	6,927,978.15	6,988,636.52
Balance.....	\$20,071,840.37	\$21,093,770.80
Provision for Depreciation.....	5,048,000.00	5,014,460.23
Balance.....	\$15,023,840.37	\$16,079,310.57
Dividends on Preferred Stocks.....	7,180,621.95	6,942,380.05
Balance for Common Dividends.....	\$7,843,218.42	\$9,136,930.52
Dividends on Common Stock.....	6,351,162.99	5,750,967.69
Remainder after Dividends.....	\$1,492,055.43	\$3,385,962.83
Average Number of Common Shares Outstanding.....	3,099,574	2,807,819
Earned per Share on Average Number of Common Shares Outstanding.....	\$2.53	\$3.25

Financing operations in 1931 included the retirement of the balance of the outstanding Pacific Light and Power Corporation 1st & Ref. Mtge. 5% S. F. Gold Bonds, due September 1, 1931, amounting to \$5,659,000, called for redemption on March 1, 1931; and the entire issue of \$10,000,000 Southern California Edison Company Gen. & Ref. Mtge. 25-year 5% Gold Bonds, Series 1919, due February 1, 1944, called for redemption on August 1, 1931. Sinking Fund operations and maturities retired an additional \$193,000 of underlying bonds, making a total of \$15,852,000 retired during the year. These retirements were effected in part by temporary financing in the form of short term notes, which it is expected will be taken up in 1932 through the sale of bonds. During the year there were sold over-the-counter \$3,747,000 of Refunding Mortgage Gold Bonds, Series of 5s, due 1954, and Series of 4½s, due 1955, proceeds of which were used for capital expenditures. At December 31, 1931, total outstanding funded debt amounted to \$128,-

671,000, of which \$109,900,000 represents bonds issued under the Refunding Mortgage and \$18,771,000 underlying bonds. Total assets increased \$8,225,610 over the preceding year, and at the close of 1931 the book value of all of the Company's properties, including working capital, was approximately two and three-fourths times the outstanding bonds.

Early in the year an offering of Common stock was made to Original Preferred and Common stockholders in the ratio of one new share of Common at par for each ten shares held. Subscriptions were received aggregating \$7,702,050, or 98.96% of the offering. In addition, 101,126 shares of Series "C" 5½% Preferred stock were sold through the Company's Investment Department, principally to consumers. The total number of stockholders at December 31, 1931 was 123,797, an increase of 1,752 during the year. The average number of shares per stockholder was 64.8 shares, compared with 62.4 shares at the close of 1930.

Capital expenditures during the year amounted to \$9,261,747.40. In addition to this, the Company expended \$3,060,000 as its portion of cost of a natural gas fuel line from Kettleman Hills to the Long Beach steam generating works, built by Southern Fuel Company, an affiliated corporation in which the Company holds joint interest with local gas companies. This pipe line was completed and placed in operation in November, 1931. For the year 1932 the Company has a construction budget of \$11,398,559.

The output of generating plants during the year totaled 3,061,836,977 kw. hrs., as compared with 3,168,973,397 kw. hrs. in 1930. Due to subnormal water conditions materially reducing the proportion of the total load carried by

water power plants, in excess of 53% of the total output for the year was generated at steam plants. The winter of 1931-1932 is recording especially heavy precipitation, which will assure a supply of water in 1932 sufficient to fill the Company's storage reservoirs to capacity, permitting more extensive operation of hydro-electric plants during 1932 than has been possible in recent years. The load to be carried by steam plants will be correspondingly reduced with a substantial economy in fuel expense. At the close of the year 1931 there were 481,824 meters on the Company's system as compared with 467,098 in 1930, while the connected load was 2,520,226 horsepower as compared with 2,448,074.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY LTD., AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1931.

ASSETS.	LIABILITIES.
Capital Assets:	Capital Stock of Southern California Edison Company Ltd.: (Authorized 10,000,000 shares; Par Value \$25.00 each):
Plant, Property, Rights, Franchises, &c. \$348,179,775.94	Preferred (Cumulative)—
Miscellaneous Investments 5,272,741.78	Issued and Outstanding—
\$353,452,517.72	Original Preferred (5% Participating), 160,000 Shares 4,000,000.00
Sinking Funds and Other Cash Deposits with Trustees 136,497.34	Series A 7%, 1,028,065 shares 25,701,625.00
Unamortized Discount, Premium and Expense:	Series B 6%, 1,956,178 shares 48,904,450.00
Debt Discount and Expense in Process of Amortization 10,625,387.24	Series C 5½%, 1,427,882 shares 35,697,050.00
Stock Discount and Premium (net) 1,380,649.00	Common 3,090,989 shares 77,274,725.00
12,006,036.24	Subscribed but Unissued:
Prepaid Accounts and Deferred Charges:	Preferred 129,426 shares 3,235,650.00
Prepaid Insurance, Rents, &c. 175,374.68	Common 165,117 shares 4,127,925.00
Undistributed Clearing Accounts 314,162.20	\$198,941,425.00
Preliminary Construction Charges 279,515.08	Capital Stock of Subsidiaries in Hands of Public 11,000.00
Miscellaneous Unadjusted Items 455,279.81	Funded Debt:
1,224,331.77	Southern California Edison Company Ltd.:
Due on Subscriptions to Capital Stock:	Refunding Mortgage Gold Bonds—
Officials and Employees 4,584,293.32	Series of 5s, due July 1, 1951 55,000,000.00
Public 181,410.36	Series of 5s due Sept. 1, 1952 32,000,000.00
4,765,703.68	Series of 5s due June 1, 1954 19,300,000.00
Current Assets:	Series of 4½s due Nov. 1, 1955 3,600,000.00
Cash in Banks and on Hand 3,715,761.98	General Mortgage 5% Thirty-Year Gold Bonds due Nov. 1, 1939 13,360,000.00
Working Funds 269,970.00	Underlying Bonds 4,836,000.00
Accounts and Notes Receivable:	128,096,000.00
Light and Power Consumers 3,013,655.31	Deferred Liabilities:
Other Notes and Accounts 1,599,172.78	Consumers' Advances for Construction 821,571.56
\$4,612,828.09	Consumers' Deposits 407,224.34
Less—Reserve for Uncollectible Receivables 153,147.55	Miscellaneous Deferred Credits 151,879.69
\$4,459,680.54	1,380,675.59
Material and Supplies 4,406,595.57	Current Liabilities:
12,852,008.09	Notes Payable 8,200,000.00
\$384,437,094.84	Accounts Payable 2,728,904.38
	Accrued Interest 691,494.30
	Accrued Taxes (Federal Income Taxes are Subject to Review by Treasury Department) 3,502,900.18
	Dividends Payable 2,219,831.78
	17,343,130.64
	Reserves:
	Depreciation 23,766,120.09
	Miscellaneous 1,365,006.73
	25,131,126.82
	Surplus 13,533,736.79
	\$384,437,094.84

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT AND SUMMARY OF CONSOLIDATED SURPLUS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1931.

INCOME ACCOUNT

Gross Earnings:	
Operating Revenues—	
Light 15,478,879.01	
Power 24,611,041.93	
Miscellaneous 109,724.54	
\$40,199,645.48	
Other Income (net) 551,043.63	
Total Gross Earnings 40,750,689.11	
Operating Expenses and Taxes:	
Operation 8,616,703.61	
Maintenance 1,153,232.43	
Taxes 4,105,806.22	
13,875,742.26	
Net Earnings before Depreciation 26,874,946.85	
Interest Deductions:	
Interest on Funded Debt 6,687,950.06	
General Interest 156,723.82	
Amortization of Debt Discount and Expense 567,884.85	
\$7,412,558.73	
Less—Interest Charged to Construction 526,761.63	
6,885,797.10	
Surplus Net Income before Depreciation 19,989,149.75	
Provision for Depreciation (as determined by the Company) 5,067,398.92	
Surplus Net Income 14,921,750.83	

SUMMARY OF SURPLUS ACCOUNT

Surplus Balance—January 1, 1931 13,897,547.28	
Add:	
Surplus Net Income year ended Dec. 31, 1931, as above 14,921,750.83	
\$28,819,298.11	
Deduct:	
Premium and Discount on Retirement Funded Debt 1,180,309.34	
Other Direct Surplus Items (net) 597,711.89	
\$1,778,021.23	
Dividends—	
On Preferred Stock 7,166,320.60	
On Common Stock 6,341,219.49	
\$13,507,540.09	
15,285,561.32	
Surplus Balance, Dec. 31, 1931 13,533,736.79	

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE.

To Southern California Edison Company Ltd.:

We have examined the accounts of Southern California Edison Company Ltd. (a California corporation), and subsidiary companies, for the year ended December 31, 1931, and certify that, in our opinion, the accompanying consolidated balance sheet and consolidated income and surplus accounts fairly presents the financial position of the companies at December 31, 1931, and the results of their operations for the year ended that date.

Los Angeles, California, February 6, 1932.

ARTHUR ANDERSEN & CO.

THE BORDEN COMPANY
 Established 1857
AND ALL SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1931

DIRECTORS

Howard Bayne	Edward B. Lewis
Hugh Blair-Smith	John W. McConnell
Lewis M. Borden	Albert G. Milbank
L. Manuel Hendler	Arthur W. Milburn
Albert T. Johnston	Beverley R. Robinson
Robeliff V. Jones	Stanley M. Ross
John Le Feber	Wallace D. Strack

Robert Struthers

OFFICERS

Albert G. Milbank, *Chairman Board of Directors*
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 Everett L. Noetzel, *General Controller & Assistant Secretary*
 Walter H. Rebman, *Assistant Secretary*
 George Bittner, *Assistant Treasurer*
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 Frederick W. Schwarz, *Assistant Treasurer*
 Theodore D. Waibel, *Assistant Secretary*

This list reveals some changes in the official personnel as the result of new offices created. This is purely an organization matter initiated by the writer of this Report in the interest of better operating control and a speeding up of activities in general and co-ordination in particular.

EXECUTIVE OFFICES

The Borden Company
 350 Madison Avenue, New York City
(Subsidiary and Territorial Offices not included)

REGISTERED OFFICE

15 Exchange Place, Jersey City, N. J.

Transfer and Dividend Disbursing Agent
 The Chase National Bank of the City of New York
 11 Broad Street, New York City

Registrar

Bankers Trust Company, 16 Wall Street, New York City

Counsel

Milbank, Tweed, Hope & Webb, 15 Broad Street N.Y. City

CORPORATE ORGANIZATION AND SCOPE

The business of the Company falls into four general divisions. In conformity with this there were created during the year 1929 four major sub-holding companies to conduct and co-ordinate the operations of these four general divisions. For similar reasons and because of the extent of operations throughout all of Canada, which operations embrace the activities of all four general divisions, Borden's Ltd., a Dominion Corporation, was organized in 1930.

The Borden Company owns 100% of the stock of these major sub-holding companies, and of Borden's Ltd., each of which companies, in turn, owns 100% of the stock of the operating companies coming under its control.

The four major sub-holding companies are as follows:—

Borden's Food Products Company, Inc.

Food Products Group—manufacture and sale since 1857 of Eagle Brand as well as other brands of condensed milk; also evaporated, malted and dry milk; casein products, caramels, mince meat, dried fruit juices, etc.

Business of the above nature is conducted throughout the United States, Canada and in Export Markets.

Borden's Dairy Products Company, Inc.

Fluid Milk Group—purchase and distribution by a system of wagon deliveries of milk, cream, butter, eggs, etc.

Business of the above nature is conducted in the States of:

Arizona	Indiana	New Jersey	Pennsylvania
California	Massachusetts	New York	Texas
Connecticut	Michigan	Ohio	Wisconsin
Illinois	Missouri		

and in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec in Canada.

Borden's Ice Cream & Milk Company, Inc.

Ice Cream Group—manufacture and sale of ice cream and allied products.

Business of the above nature is conducted in the States of:

California	Iowa	Missouri	Pennsylvania
Connecticut	Kentucky	New Jersey	Texas
Delaware	Maryland	New York	West Virginia
Illinois	Massachusetts	Ohio	Wisconsin
Indiana	Michigan		

and in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec in Canada.

Borden's Cheese & Produce Company, Inc.

Produce Group—purchase, production and sale of farm produce (butter, eggs, etc.) as a source of supply for our own wagon distribution and at wholesale; also manufacture and sale of loaf, soft and fancy cheeses.

Business of the above nature is conducted throughout the United States, Canada and in certain Export Markets.

To the Stockholders of the Borden Company:

This report is written in the seventy-fifth year of the Company's history, during a little over half of which period it has been the writer's privilege to be a member of the Borden Service.

While the accompanying pages reveal the financial results of the Company's operations in 1931, and its condition at the close, these pages cannot be made to reveal the ideals, the spirit and the intelligent effort of the 34,000 men and women constituting Borden's Service in 1931. Nor do these pages reveal the like qualities of those of the Service who, in the earlier years, adopted standards, inaugurated policies, and altogether carried on in a manner to make possible The Borden Company of to-day with its record of seventy-five years of service.

Although these 1931 financial results are gratifying under the conditions, we might, with industry generally, wish that the year compared more favorably with those of more recent and more normal years. To so wish, without giving thought to the future value of experiences had and valuable lessons learned during the past year, would be to ignore the fact that business trials and adversities such as those now experienced, calling for necessarily harder work and more intensive thinking and planning, have great constructive values that are bound to be reflected in a bigger and better business future.

To the credit of these trying times, which, happily, are bound to come to a close, new, and at the same time, wiser and sounder standards are bound to evolve.

The year 1931 can be more happily measured in terms of its future value than by use of the usual yardstick applied to the year's performance.

Seventy-Fifth Anniversary

"Borden's—Seventy-Five Years of Service"

It is becoming more and more recognized that real service is an increasingly important and necessary component of a growing and lasting business. Hope of a promising long future is not warranted if this most important of elements is lacking.

This business was founded in 1857, seventy-five years ago, and the actuating motive of Gail Borden, its founder, was service to humanity, the need for which was impressed upon him by his studious observation of the suffering of children deprived of the health giving qualities of carefully produced and scientifically prepared and handled milk products.

For seventy-five years, since 1857, the Borden organization has striven to justify the faith of its founder in the practicability of an idea and the attainment of an ideal of service. This has resulted in uninterrupted progress and "Borden's—Seventy-five Years of Service."

Sales

Sales for the year amounted to \$284,586,876.71 compared with \$345,422,778.69 for 1930, a sales value decrease of 17.6 per cent and a sales tonnage decrease of 8 per cent.

The drop in tonnage does not call for special comment being attributable, of course, to the greatly reduced purchasing power of the consuming public. The greater recession in sales value than in sales tonnage reflects the further liquidation of dairy products values, which, under the conditions prevailing, was to be expected.

The adjustment of Canadian and Export sales to their United States dollar value further reduced the sales value figure.

This reduction does not reflect, as unfortunately has been publicly stated, any warring other than that of relentless economic forces upon a cost, and therefore a price structure, not attuned to the play of such forces in their most violent mood.

Current costs of raw milk on the farms, which in turn are reflected in current selling prices, are now both such as to justify the hope that most of these necessarily downward revisions have taken place in the great majority of markets and that the effect will be the bringing about of a more normal relation of supply and demand and consequently more normal market conditions.

Current selling prices reflect, in addition to lower raw milk and other supply costs, much of savings resulting from improved operating efficiency and further co-ordination of activities.

Net Income and Earnings per Share.

Net income for the year amounting to \$16,812,268.56 is 5.91 per cent. of Sales and \$3.82 per share, before provision

for profit sharing, on all of the Capital Stock outstanding December 31, 1931.

After profit sharing distribution under the plan approved by Stockholders and administered by a Committee of non-participating members of the Board of Directors, amounting to \$723,439.68, or 16c. per share of Stock outstanding December 31, 1931, the net earnings per share figure is \$3.66, which compares with \$4.84 per share after profit sharing distribution for 1930.

Although the net earnings per share of \$3.82 before profit sharing distribution represents the earning power of the business for the year, and such profit sharing as may be determined by the Directors under the plan is a distribution therefrom to hundreds of eligible officers and employees, it is, nevertheless, deemed best to report the earnings and profit sharing distribution therefrom in this form rather than separately as heretofore.

The shares outstanding at the close of the year included all stock issued up to that date in payment for businesses acquired during the year, which were few, irrespective of the date when such stock was issued. The Borden Income, however, only reflects the results of such businesses subsequent to the dates when they were respectively acquired.

In view of the many abnormalities of 1931 with their effect on operations and, further, because of the large Reserve Appropriations made, it seems fitting, under such conditions and at such a time, to give assurance that in Net Income herein reported there is not reflected any net benefit thereto either by deviation from previously established accounting practice or by taking advantage of any hitherto existing or newly created Reserves.

Net Working Capital.

Net Working Capital as of December 31, 1931 is adversely affected by a write-down of the following items:

Marketable Securities to their December 31, 1931 market value, involving a reduction of.....	\$1,625,000.00
Cash and Other Net Current Assets of foreign subsidiaries remaining in foreign countries to their United States dollar value on December 31, 1931, involving a reduction of,---	854,262.83
Total.....	\$2,479,262.83

After the above reductions Net Working Capital amounted on December 31, 1931 to \$43,646,852.24 as compared with \$42,231,939.98 on December 31, 1930.

The ratio of Current Assets to Current Liabilities on December 31, 1931 after the above reductions, was \$3.91 to \$1.00, which compares with a ratio of \$2.82 to \$1.00 on December 31, 1930. Cash alone was sufficient to meet all current liabilities.

Cash on hand, domestic and foreign, adjusted to United States dollar value, amounted on December 31, 1931 to \$15,027,552.55, which compares with \$9,820,421.50 on hand December 31, 1930.

There were no bank loans on December 31, 1931 as compared with Notes Payable of \$4,800,000.00 on December 31, 1930.

Marketable Securities at their December 31, 1931 United States market value amounted to \$10,157,503.00, which compares with \$12,435,435.78 on December 31, 1930.

Inventories on hand December 31, 1931 of \$17,161,726.40 compare with \$25,363,285.24 on hand at the close of 1930. The physical volume of these inventories is very low and about the minimum necessary to operations. All Inventories were valued at the lower of cost or market conservatively established.

While collections under the conditions prevailing were satisfactory, they of course were not up to our usual very high standard. However, Credit losses have been adequately provided for through Reserves created by charges to Operations, and Receivables are in good condition.

Mortgages and Purchase-Money Notes Assumed

All of these obligations were assumed in connection with businesses acquired.

The amount of \$114,000.00 of these remaining on December 31, 1931 is after the payment of all amounts due and anticipation of payments to the extent permitted by holders of these obligations.

Property, Plant and Equipment.

The net depreciated and adjusted value of this item on December 31, 1931, is \$100,186,701.81 as compared with \$114,355,389.39 on December 31, 1930.

During the year the plant and equipment expenditures planned to provide for extension, improved operating facilities and replacements were generally carried out. Although additional and better property values were thus created, the total net book value of Property, Plant and Equipment at the close of 1931 shows a considerable reduction over that of the previous year as shown above. This reduction in book value is the result of an adjustment of these values, which matter is treated in more detail on page 9 of the pamphlet report, under "Appropriations to Reserves."

The Company at all times maintains its properties in excellent physical condition and constantly studies their needs, both as to capacity and efficiency.

All property expenditures, whether repairs, replacements or betterments, are controlled by a conservative policy of accounting.

Capital expenditures to provide additional capacity, to further develop consolidation and efficiency of productive

and distributive operations, and altogether to further carry out plans for the greater co-ordination, welding and general improvement of facilities will be made during 1932.

The Budget of Capital Expenditures for 1932, embracing the foregoing and amounting to approximately the same aggregate as in 1931, has been approved by the Board of Directors.

Appropriations to Reserves

- (a)—Property, Plant and equipment.
- (b)—Marketable Securities.
- (c)—Foreign Exchange—Net Current Assets of Foreign Subsidiaries.

Profit or loss resulting from disposal or adjustment of the book value of Property, Plant and Equipment and (or) Marketable Securities has always been treated by this Company, and we believe properly and justly so, as a Surplus or Reserve charge or credit as the case might be.

Adjustments, whenever and however made, have been soundly based.

The treatment herein reflected of further adjustment of book values conforms to, and is consistent with, this long established policy.

(a)—Normal growth and progress, scientific research and development, improved technique and operating efficiency call for constant study and survey of the physical assets employed in the processes of production and distribution. Such studies never cease to indicate the wisdom of changes, additions, substitutions and consolidations, which in turn bring about a measure of obsolescence and idleness and, therefore, scrapping or other disposition of plants and equipment affected. The foregoing is true at all times and under ordinary conditions, but to a much greater degree following such a program of expansion and diversification as this Company has engaged in during the past four years, during which time we have acquired many fine businesses in the United States and Canada, with their physical assets and methods geared to their particular individual requirements.

Co-ordination of activities and standardization of practice takes on a new and added importance under such conditions and at such a time if the potential benefits and advantages of such a policy are to be realized. We have done much and accomplished much along these lines. We have definitely planned and are engaged in the doing of much more, all aimed at greater efficiency and co-ordination of operations, with utmost protection of quality.

As a consequence of all of the foregoing the adjustments of book values of Property, Plant and Equipment, as set forth on page 15 of the pamphlet Report, and aggregating \$9,750,000.00, have been made.

These adjustments comprehend the effect on book values to date of the carrying out of such a plan and, as well, the estimated similar effect on values that now seems likely of experience in the near future. They have the further effect, when taken together with property sales so far effected, of relieving operations of depreciation charges as affecting this class of properties, but without lowering of the depreciation rates used.

(b)—The special provision of \$1,625,000.00 made and shown on page 15 of the pamphlet Report for the write-down of Marketable Securities owned to their market value on December 31, 1931, conforms to, and is consistent with, our long established practice of treating the adjustment of such Assets as a Surplus item.

The profits realized on the sale of Marketable Securities during very recent years, which profits were credited directly to Surplus, have considerably exceeded the provision for their December 31, 1931 adjustment now charged to Surplus.

These securities are of high investment rating, a large proportion being United States Government securities.

There is little likelihood of need for their immediate conversion into cash. There is likelihood of their market value being restored to at least their previously carried book value, which last reported value was below the then market value. In such an event, the appreciation enjoyed will, of course, not be reflected in then current income, but treated, as now and heretofore, as an adjustment of Assets and, therefore, a credit to Surplus.

(c)—Such exchange losses as have anywhere been currently experienced, together with estimated exchange losses on forward contracts made in terms of foreign exchange at par, (although such contracts will not be finally consummated before March 31, 1932) have been charged to 1931 operations. Further similar losses, if any, will, of course, be charged currently.

The earnings of foreign subsidiaries are currently depreciated to United States dollar value, thus becoming a charge to current operations, irrespective of whether such earnings are transferred to the United States or allowed to remain in foreign jurisdictions.

It is thus seen that 1931 operations have absorbed, and future operations will absorb, all exchange losses of a current nature.

Over and above, and apart from these current charges, currently taken, special provision for Balance Sheet purposes was made to the amount of \$854,262.83, as shown on page 15 of the pamphlet Report, for the adjustment to their United States dollar value on December 31, 1931 of the aggregate net current assets of foreign subsidiaries then remaining in and operating solely within foreign countries (almost all of which are in Canada).

These assets are solely employed and converted into finished products, and the sales thereof almost wholly confined to the country in which the assets are located.

In the event of exchange being restored to par or stabilized on a basis higher than rates employed in their depreciation on December 31, 1931, the resulting appreciation of book values of these net current assets then remaining would become a direct return to Surplus, without any effect on the then operating income.

Other Reserves

The total of all Reserves shown on the Liability side of the Balance Sheet on December 31, 1931, after all adjustments and appropriations herein referred to, is \$8,319,864.75 as compared with \$12,330,450.71 on December 31, 1930. Of this difference of \$4,010,585.96 there was returned to Surplus \$1,443,757.08 as shown under "Net Appropriations to Reserves" on page 15 [pamphlet report], and the remainder has been reclassified, practically all of which has been added to "Reserves for Depreciation" under "Property, Plans and Equipment."

It will be noted that except for Contingency Reserve of \$2,664,009.48, against which there were no charges made during the year, all other Reserves remaining, and amounting to \$5,655,855.27, are Operating Reserves created by charges to operations.

Capital Stock

Of the Authorized Capital Stock of 8,000,000 shares of \$25.00 par value each and an aggregate par value of \$200,000,000.00, there was outstanding on December 31, 1931, \$109,882,025.00, represented by 4,395,281 shares, as compared with \$105,834,875.00 represented by 4,233,395 shares on December 31, 1930.

Of the increase in outstanding Capital Stock of the Company for the year amounting to \$4,047,150.00 and 161,886 shares, 127,001 shares were issued in payment of the 3% stock dividend of January 15, 1931 and 34,885 shares were

issued in payment for businesses acquired. The Stockholders were previously advised of these acquisitions.

No further stock dividends have been declared.

As in 1929 and 1930, no additional stock was offered to Stockholders for subscription during the year 1931.

The capital structure continues without any outstanding securities senior to the Common Stock of The Borden Company.

The stock outstanding December 31, 1931, was held by 32,383 Stockholders with an average holding of 136 shares as compared with 24,383 Stockholders with an average holding of 174 shares on December 31, 1930. Employees held on December 31, 1931, an aggregate of 821,704 shares. The number of employees holding stock increased considerably during the year.

The number of Stockholders as of December 31st for each of the past five years follows:

1927	5,664	1930	24,383
1928	9,482	1931	32,383
1929	17,167		

Seventy-five years ago when the Company began its operations there were two Stockholders—Gail Borden and Jeremiah Milbank, each of whom owned one-half of the then Company. These two men were the forebears of the present Lewis M. Borden, Director, and Albert G. Milbank, Chairman of the Board of Directors.

The Directors and Official Staff feel most grateful for the accomplishments of such a subnormal and trying year and, as well, the condition and preparedness of the Company at its close. In all of this we recognize and give full credit to the large and vitally necessary contribution of the many who, with us, serve and together constitute the organization and are the present day representatives of—"Borden's—Seventy-five Years of Service."

Respectfully submitted,

AUTHUR W. MILBURN,

Chief Executive and Chairman Executive Committee.

THE BORDEN COMPANY AND ALL SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES.

Consolidated Balance Sheet, December 31, 1931

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Property, Plant and Equipment: Including Madison Avenue and Hudson Street Office Building Properties (Values are based on cost or on field surveys by Company's engineers, supplemented where necessary by independent appraisals, with sub- sequent additions at cost).....	\$173,247,217.77	Mortgages and Purchase-Money Notes Assumed.....	\$114,000.00
Less: Reserves for Depreciation.....	73,060,515.96	Mortgage—Madison Ave. Office Building Property.....	2,700,000.00
Net Property, Plant and Equipment.....	\$100,186,701.81	Current Liabilities: Accounts Payable.....	\$9,431,091.22
Current Assets: Cash.....	\$15,027,552.55	Accrued Accounts: Income Taxes (Estimated).....	1,918,956.60
Marketable Securities (at Market or Less).....	10,157,503.00	Other Items.....	3,669,186.58
Receivables—Less Reserve for Doubtful Accounts.....	16,319,304.69	Deferred Credits.....	877,064.43
Finished Goods (at the Lower of Cost or Market).....	11,879,788.40	Total.....	\$18,710,298.83
Raw Materials and Supplies (at the Lower of Cost or Market).....	5,281,938.00	Capital Stock—The Borden Company: Common, \$25 par (Authorized 8,000,000 shares): Issued.....	4,414,058 shares
Prepaid Items and Miscellaneous Assets.....	58,666,086.64	Less Treasury Stock.....	18,777 "
Trade-Marks, Patents and Good-Will.....	1,081,316.66	Outstanding.....	4,395,281 " \$109,882,025.00
	7,000,000.00	Reserves: Contingency Reserve.....	2,664,009.48
Total.....	\$166,934,105.11	Insurance and Other Operating Reserves.....	5,655,855.27
		Earned Surplus.....	30,021,916.53
		Total Capital Stock, Reserves and Surplus.....	148,223,806.28
		Total.....	\$166,934,105.11

THE BORDEN COMPANY AND ALL SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

Statement of Consolidated Income and Surplus for the Year Ended December 31, 1931

Sales (this figure, as in previous years, is after deducting returned goods and intercompany sales).....	\$284,586,876.71
Cost of Sales and Expenses (including provision for depreciation in the amount of \$9,126,307.86, insurance, property taxes and all manufacturing, selling, delivery, administrative and general expenses, after deducting miscellaneous operating income).....	266,628,391.92
Net Operating Profit.....	\$17,958,484.79
Other Income (Less charges for interest).....	726,163.01
Gross Income.....	\$18,684,647.80
Deduct—Income Taxes (Estimated).....	1,872,379.24
Net Income from Ordinary Operations Before Provision for Profit Sharing.....	\$16,812,268.56
Provision for Profit Sharing for 1931: (Being a distribution to officers and employees not chargeable to operating costs. Distribution is made by Board of Directors action, as provided in the Profit Sharing Plan, only out of the above income in excess of regular cash dividend requirements, plus a margin of safety, and cannot in the aggregate exceed 50c. a share.).....	723,439.68
Net Income After Above Provision.....	\$16,088,828.88
Surplus January 1, 1931.....	\$43,077,873.77
Less Stock Dividend Paid January 15, 1931, out of net profits for the year 1930, as per resolution of Board of Directors, December 2, 1930.....	3,175,025.00
Net Income as brought forward.....	\$39,902,848.77
Gross Surplus.....	\$55,991,677.65
Surplus Charges: Dividends Paid in Cash during the year 1931.....	\$13,143,117.75
Loss on Disposal of Property.....	2,041,137.62
Appropriations to Reserves: To provide for estimated future loss on disposal of idle, surplus, obsolete and excessively cost-valued Property, Plant and Equipment, and the writing down of appreciation due to past independent appraisal of properties. (This amount has been credited to the "Reserves for Depreciation.") See comment (a) above.....	\$9,750,000.00
To provide for the adjustment in value of Securities to at least the market value thereof at December 31, 1931. (This amount has been deducted from "Marketable Securities" and therefore from Current Assets). See comment (b) above.....	1,625,000.00
To provide for the writing down to the United States dollar basis of the net current assets of foreign subsidiaries, remaining in foreign countries. Current Assets and Current Liabilities have been adjusted downward by this amount. (Exchange losses on current transactions have been absorbed in 1931 operating results). See comment (c) above.....	854,262.83
Total Appropriations to Reserves.....	\$12,229,262.83
Less amount returned to Surplus from Reserves no longer used for purposes for which established.....	1,443,757.08
Net Appropriations to Reserves.....	10,785,505.75
Earned Surplus December 31, 1931.....	\$25,969,761.12
	\$30,021,916.53

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**THE BORDEN COMPANY AND ALL SUBSIDIARY
COMPANIES****CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT**

The Borden Company:

We have audited your accounts and those of your subsidiary companies for the year ended December 31, 1931, or, as to companies whose businesses were completely acquired during the year, for the periods from the effective dates of acquisition to December 31, 1931.

We have verified the accounts representing cash and securities either by examination of such assets or by obtaining certifications of depositaries.

The charges to property accounts have been controlled by a conservative policy. In our opinion, adequate reserves have been provided for depreciation of property and for possible losses, and full provision has been made for all known liabilities.

The inventories of finished goods and raw materials and supplies represent balances shown by inventory records which are adjusted from time to time to agree with physical inventories. The inventory records were examined by us and appear to be correct. All inventory valuations are based upon cost or market, whichever was lower.

We hereby certify that in our opinion the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheet and Statement of Consolidated Income and Surplus correctly set forth, respectively, the financial condition of the companies at December 31, 1931, and the results of their operations for the year (or lesser periods) ended that date.

HASKINS & SELLS.

New York, February 26, 1932.

WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC & MANUFACTURING COMPANY**FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1931.**

To the Stockholders of

Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company:

The results of the operations of the Company for the year 1931 reflect the rate of business which was current throughout the country. Sales billed by the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company and its manufacturing subsidiaries for 1931 were \$115,393,082, compared with \$180,283,579 for 1930 and \$216,364,588 for 1929.

Orders received by the Company and its manufacturing subsidiaries during the year totaled \$128,014,820, a decrease of \$42,295,447, or 24% from 1930, and a decrease of 46% from 1929. Because of certain orders for large equipment, notably electric locomotives for the Pennsylvania Railroad electrification, the value of unfilled orders on hand at December 31, 1931, was \$40,024,390, approximately the same level as at the close of 1930.

OPERATIONS.

Operations of the Company for the year ended December 31, 1931, resulted in a loss of \$3,655,659. This compares with a net income for the year 1930 of \$11,881,705.

This loss was incurred largely in the first and last quarters of the year; in the first quarter, because the reduction of expenses inaugurated had not had time to make its full impression; and in the last quarter, principally because of a sharp contraction in volume of incoming business. The loss is after provision for taxes, depreciation and all other charges, and includes operating losses of the wholly owned companies, not consolidated.

Provisions for depreciation and obsolescence of buildings and equipment aggregated \$5,173,914 for the year. This amount has been charged into cost of operation and provides fully for the wear and tear on plants and equipment incident to the current volume of business.

SURPLUS CHARGES.

Direct charges against surplus were made during the year 1931 amounting to \$5,671,379. This includes provision for the depreciation of marketable securities to the market value as of December 31, 1931; adjustment of patent litigation affecting prior years' operations; adjustment of certain of the assets of wholly owned companies that were brought into the consolidation, and revaluation of the investments in the wholly owned companies not consolidated; and sundry other adjustments which are not applicable to the 1931 income account.

DIVIDENDS.

During the year cash dividends of 7¾% were paid on the par value of the preferred and common stocks outstanding, amounting to \$10,328,233. The quarterly dividend of \$3,331,685 paid January 31, 1931, was declared in December, 1930, and charged against the surplus of 1930. The balance of the dividends paid in 1931 aggregating \$6,996,548 was charged against surplus. The dividend ordinarily declared in December, 1931, to be payable in January, was not declared until January 6, 1932, payable January 30—the same time as in other years.

SURPLUS.

As a result of all these charges, surplus, which stood at \$95,373,912 as of December 31, 1930, was reduced to \$79,050,324 at December 31, 1931.

Every actual loss or probable loss of which the management has knowledge has been provided for by deductions from income and surplus. It is hoped that some of these losses will not become actualities.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

Statement of consolidated income and surplus and consolidated balance sheet are presented on pages 11 and 12-13 of pamphlet report. The companies included in these consolidated statements are the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company, Westinghouse Lamp Company, Westinghouse Electric Elevator Company, The Bryant Electric Company, Westinghouse X-Ray Company, Inc., and the Westinghouse Electric International Company, including its owned companies.

Attention is called to the fact that certain subsidiaries are not consolidated in the accounts of the Company. A list of the companies, which are not consolidated, is displayed on page 15 of pamphlet report.

BALANCE SHEET.

Cash resources and notes and accounts receivable have been valued in accordance with accepted conservative accounting practices and full provision has been made for possible losses. Inventories of finished products and raw materials on hand at the close of the year 1931 have been valued on the basis of cost or less, with adequate provision for obsolete and slow moving stocks.

During the year collections have been normal. There have been decreases in notes and accounts receivable, shipping stocks and manufacturing stocks, proportionate to the reduced volume of business.

The balance sheet at December 31, 1931, shows: Cash and United States and other marketable securities totaling \$32,148,727, compared with \$32,622,734 at December 31, 1930. Current assets amounted to \$100,522,486 and current liabilities to \$7,368,011, indicating a net working capital of \$93,154,475 and a ratio of 13.6 to 1. This compares with December 31, 1930, as follows: Current assets, \$115,104,125; current liabilities, \$15,186,858; working capital, \$99,917,267; and a ratio of 7.5 to 1.

INVESTMENTS IN WHOLLY OWNED COMPANIES.

Reduction in investments in wholly owned companies, aggregating \$12,890,697, is principally due to the consolidation in 1931 of the assets and liabilities of the Westinghouse X-Ray Company, Inc., which completed its first full year as a manufacturing subsidiary, and of the manufacturing and selling branches of the Westinghouse Electric International Company, both of which activities were carried in 1930 as investments. This reduction also reflects writing down of the Company's investment in the Westinghouse Electric Supply Company, by provision for all actual and probable losses at December 31, 1931.

The Westinghouse Electric Supply Company, established 1922, is an essential link in the distribution of that class of

the Company's products which pass through distributors to the users. The Supply Company in 1929 did a business of \$54,292,079; in 1930 a business of \$46,687,985; and \$37,356,496 in 1931. Its operations resulted in a substantial profit until 1930 and 1931. The margin of profit is very close in this line and notwithstanding a large reduction in operating expenses, it has not been possible thus far to offset the effects of the large decline in volume. Merchandise inventories were written down to very conservative valuations and ample reserves have been set up against doubtful receivables. Loss for the year has been deducted from the consolidated income and surplus statement of the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company and applied to reduce the valuation at which the Supply Company is carried on the books. Consolidated balance sheet of the Westinghouse Electric Supply Company and its owned jobbing houses is presented on page 15 of pamphlet report.

Against this current loss in operations of the Supply Company there should be credited a substantial gain to the manufacturing companies because of the added production furnished by the Supply Company sales.

INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATED COMPANIES.

No substantial changes were made during the year in investments in associated companies. There was mentioned in last year's Annual Report the suit filed by the Federal Government against the Radio Corporation of America, the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company, and others. That suit is still pending.

FIXED ASSETS.

The increase in gross property valuations and corresponding reserves thereon, shown on the consolidated balance sheet, reflects inclusion this year of fixed assets of Westinghouse X-Ray Company, Inc., and the wholly owned subsidiaries of the Westinghouse Electric International Company; completion of projects under way at the beginning of the year, such as the Engineering Laboratories; additional manufacturing equipment for refrigeration; and certain facilities employed in the production of electric locomotives for the Pennsylvania Railroad. No important extensions to existing property and plant were started in 1931.

Small plants at South Bend, Indiana and Brooklyn, New York were sold and operations consolidated at other plants. Plant and equipment have been maintained in first class operating condition throughout the year.

COMMERCIAL AND ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENTS.

The engineers have accomplished outstanding progress in lines of standard apparatus and have made developments which will add new items of manufacture and distribution. The latter applies especially to the lines of household devices. The sales of Westinghouse electric refrigerators during 1931 were gratifying, and there is every indication of increased business for the year 1932.

The entry of the Company into the x-ray field, through the Westinghouse X-Ray Company, Inc., provides an outlet for the advanced development in x-ray tubes manufactured by the Westinghouse Lamp Company.

From the record of technical achievement in 1931 no one would suspect the existence of industrial depression. Stockholders may well be proud of the part Westinghouse has played in the research and engineering progress of the electrical industry during the past year. To list even the major accomplishments of 1931 is not properly a part of this Annual Report. A most interesting and enlightening booklet has been published by the Company covering this phase of Westinghouse. This booklet will, upon request, be mailed to stockholders.

IN THE EXPORT FIELD.

The world-wide disturbance to business and the disorganization of monetary exchanges during the year were reflected in reduced export operations by the Westinghouse Electric International Company.

The establishment of cooperative relations with overseas electrical concerns has continued. During the year new connections have been made which will increase the income received by reason of royalty and service payments. All royalty and service payments, with a single exception, are payable in dollars, so that the matter of exchange will not in any important degree affect the income received from this source. These cooperative relations are based upon reciprocal patent licenses, hence there is placed at the disposal of the Company the use within the United States and elsewhere of

the patents and processes of the companies with which such relations are maintained.

EMPLOYMENT.

Because of the drastic curtailment during 1931 in the amount of work available, it became imperative to reduce both the number of employes and the amount of compensation of the entire operating organization. Notwithstanding this, throughout the difficult period of wage readjustment complete harmony has been maintained between the management and the employes.

In keeping with the retrenchment program of the Company, it became necessary to furlough employes for whom there was no work and to release employes whose jobs had entirely disappeared. By rotating and by part time furloughing there are on the Westinghouse payroll 5,600 people, who are gainfully employed, who otherwise would probably be unemployed.

In addition to these immediate remedies applied, the various plans which have been maintained by the Company over a period of years for the present and future welfare of its employes, namely: free group and contributory insurance, relief plan, savings fund, home financing—have proved of great value during the present emergency. A booklet "Industrial Relations Program", describing these plans, was mailed to stockholders. This welfare program was awarded a special prize in the Forbes Magazine contest for industrial organizations operating welfare programs.

During the present depression, Westinghouse has taken its part in the support of community aid. Westinghouse employes likewise have responded in sharing with those who were less fortunate. Voluntarily, employes suggested that they contribute 1% of their monthly pay for six months to be applied toward assisting unemployed Westinghouse people. The amount thus raised has been matched dollar for dollar by the Company.

Every effort has been made to see that no Westinghouse employe is in distress.

Beginning with March, 1931, the operating time of the office organizations of the Company was reduced by the amount of Saturday forenoon hours, with appropriate arrangements for rotation of duties, and a corresponding 10% reduction in salary payments became effective. A further reduction of salary expenditures was made, effective June 1, 1931, to those on the salary roll through assignment of one month's vacation, or in special class two weeks vacation, without pay—vacation deductions being spread equally over the six months period, June to November, inclusive—thus effecting salary reductions aggregating 25% during these six months.

The incentive plan inaugurated in 1930 as outlined in the last Annual Report, was continued in effect in 1931. The plan provides that the officers of the Company participate in net profits, but as no profits were realized in 1931 no such payments were made.

1932 SALARY BASIS.

In addition to other measures for greater economy and efficiency of operation during 1932, all salaries will be paid on the following basis:

For salaries over \$200 per-month there will be a minimum reduction of 10% and a maximum of 30%, such reductions to be graduated with the earnings of the Company. The ratio of earnings to salary reductions is on the basis of \$40,000 earnings to 1% reduction in salary. Accordingly, should earnings average \$40,000 for three preceding months, salary reductions will be 29% instead of the maximum of 30%; if \$80,000, 28%, etc. Salaries under \$200 per month are reduced seven-tenths as much. The rate of reduction shall not, in any event, be less than 10%. Hourly wages were reduced 10% effective January 1, 1932.

IN MEMORIAM.

With deep sorrow there is recorded the death of the following officers and directors during the year:

Truman P. Gaylord, Vice President, on July 5, 1931.

Harry P. Davis, Vice President and Director, on September 10, 1931.

Harrison Nesbit, Director, on October 21, 1931.

The memory of these men will long be cherished by their former business associates and their friends.

CHANGES IN EXECUTIVES.

During the year under review the following changes in official staff occurred: J. S. Tritle was elected Vice President and General Manager, assuming direction of manufacturing, sales and engineering operations; S. M. Kintner was elected Vice President in charge of the Engineering Department;

H. D. Shute resigned as Vice President; Charles A. Terry was elected Honorary Vice President; and Roscoe Seybold was elected Comptroller.

STOCKHOLDERS.

The annual meeting of the stockholders will be held at the main office of the Company at East Pittsburgh, Pa., at 10 a. m. on April 13, 1932.

There were 53,079 registered holders of preferred and common stock at the close of the year, compared with 48,454 on December 31, 1930, and 44,088 at December 31, 1929.

It is a fundamental policy of the management to furnish stockholders, employes and others interested in Westinghouse with as complete information as is possible regarding the Company and its financial and corporate affairs. With the dividend checks to stockholders is enclosed a statement of the financial results for the preceding three months. Besides these purely financial statements, the management issues special messages several times a year in which stockholders are told the more important things done, and why, so that they as partners in this enterprise may have a better understanding of the viewpoint of the management and its objectives. It is believed that this policy of frankness is contributing much to the goodwill of Westinghouse with its employes, dealers, stockholders and the public generally. Should any stockholder wish additional information not included in this Annual Report, it will be supplied if a request is made to the Company.

IN APPRECIATION.

The full force of the economic depression struck the Westinghouse Company during 1931. The struggle to live within the income was waged from month to month with varying success. For five months the Company was successful and earned a profit, but the other seven months resulted in losses. Sales efforts were intensified. At the same time expenses were reduced drastically. All salaried employes contributed their vacations and 10% of their salaries. These reductions in salaries amounted to 25%. No one who has not experienced a reduction of 25%, or 30% as at present, knows or understands the retrenchment every employe had to make in his personal affairs to live within his reduced income. Notwithstanding these personal hardships, the great Westinghouse family rallied to the loyal support of the Company in this time of stress. But for their intelligent and hearty support the results would have been much less satisfactory. It is a pleasure to commend these men and women of Westinghouse to the stockholders. They have accepted the responsibility incident to their employment in a manner to excite admiration. They may be counted on to carry on with fidelity.

This occasion is taken to thank stockholders for their continued confidence and support.

By order of the Board of Directors.

A. W. ROBERTSON, *Chairman.*
F. A. MERRICK, *President.*

East Pittsburgh, Pa., March 14, 1932.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME AND SURPLUS—YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1931.

Net Sales.....	\$115,393,082.44	Net Loss after deducting provision for foreign exchange losses.....	\$3,655,659.87
Cost of Sales:		Surplus, January 1, 1931.....	95,373,912.36
Manufacturing cost and all distribution, administration and general expenses—including provision for taxes, service annuities, operating reserves, and depreciation of buildings and equipment.....	119,931,062.54	Surplus, before adjustments.....	\$91,718,252.49
Loss from Sales.....	\$4,537,980.10	Adjustments:	
Other Charges:		Revaluation of investments in companies not previously consolidated, and other miscellaneous items.....	\$3,617,373.99
Current operating loss of subsidiary companies not included in consolidation.....	1,645,381.23	Provision for decline in value of securities.....	2,054,005.45
Gross Loss.....	\$6,183,361.33		5,671,379.44
Less Income Credits:		Surplus, before dividends.....	\$86,046,873.05
Interest, discount and miscellaneous income, net.....	\$1,715,841.52	Dividends:	
Dividends and interest on investments.....	1,434,310.70	On preferred stock.....	\$209,934.35
	3,150,152.22	On common stock.....	6,786,614.64
Net Loss from ordinary operations for 1931.....	\$3,033,209.11		6,996,548.99
Provision for decline during the year in valuation of net current assets in foreign countries.....	622,450.76	Surplus, Dec. 31, 1931—including \$16,293,860.00 capital surplus representing premium on sale of additional common capital stock in 1929.....	\$79,050,324.06

Note.—Provision for plant and equipment depreciation for the year 1931 for all companies included in the above statement amounted to \$5,173,914.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1931 AND 1930.

(Wholly owned companies, not consolidated, are listed on Page 15 of Pamphlet Report.)

ASSETS.			LIABILITIES.		
	Dec. 31, 1931.	Dec. 31, 1930.		Dec. 31, 1931.	Dec. 31, 1930.
<i>Current Assets—</i>			<i>Current Liabilities:</i>		
Cash.....	\$20,585,563.75	\$24,081,334.36	Accounts payable.....	4,277,266.17	6,216,938.48
U. S. Government securities, at market.....	1,828,583.75	3,450,275.00	Accrued interest, taxes, royalties, etc.....	1,105,174.81	3,912,719.62
Other marketable securities, at market.....	9,734,579.98	5,091,124.72	Dividend on preferred stock.....	—	99,967.60
Cash on deposit for redemption of matured bonds and for interest and dividends. See contra.....	—	37,861.50	Dividend on common stock.....	—	3,231,755.00
Notes and accounts receivable, less reserves.....	28,754,287.78	37,206,125.08	Advance billing on contracts.....	1,873,650.08	931,772.78
Inventories, at cost or less.....	39,619,471.52	45,237,404.78	Subscriptions to securities.....	111,920.00	755,843.75
Total.....	100,522,486.78	115,104,125.44	Matured bonds, interest and dividends. See contra.....	—	37,861.50
<i>Investments:</i>			Total.....	7,368,011.06	15,186,858.63
Wholly owned companies, not consolidated.....	10,816,467.48	23,707,165.27	<i>Other Liabilities:</i>		
Associated companies.....	31,863,701.80	31,926,390.02	Miscellaneous.....	1,000,192.88	—
Miscellaneous.....	4,565,157.12	2,048,847.76	<i>Deferred Credits to Income:</i>		
Total.....	47,245,326.40	57,682,403.05	Miscellaneous.....	493,200.84	—
<i>Fixed Assets:</i>			<i>Reserves:</i>		
Factories, service shops, warehouses, offices, etc.—land, buildings and equipment—based on appraisal May 31, 1911 and subsequent additions at cost.....	124,066,029.65	119,489,351.84	Miscellaneous.....	1,600,299.10	2,276,326.11
Less reserves.....	50,526,093.48	47,217,223.40	<i>Capital Stocks:</i>		
Patents, charters and franchises.....	73,539,936.17	72,272,128.44	Preferred, 7% cumulative participating—Authorized, 80,000 shares; par value \$50; Issued 79,974 shares.....	3,998,700.00	3,998,700.00
Total.....	73,539,943.17	72,272,133.44	Common—Authorized 3,920,000 shares; par value \$50; Issued 2,586,341 shares.....	\$129,317,050.00	—
<i>Deferred Charges:</i>			Less held in Treasury 160 shares.....	8,000.00	—
Miscellaneous.....	1,512,021.59	1,094,185.17	Total.....	129,309,050.00	129,317,050.00
Total Assets.....	222,819,777.94	246,152,847.10	Surplus, including \$16,293,860.00 capital surplus representing premium on sale of additional common stock in 1929.....	79,050,324.06	95,373,912.36
			Total Liabilities.....	222,819,777.94	246,152,847.10

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February 19, 1932.

To the Board of Directors, Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company, New York.

We have audited for the year ended December 31, 1931, the books and accounts of the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company and all its Subsidiaries.

We have verified the securities owned and the cash and notes receivable by count or by certificates from depositaries, and have examined the detailed records of the accounts receivable. The reserves created for notes and accounts receivable are considered by us to be sufficient to cover any probable losses therein.

The inventories of raw materials and supplies, work in progress, finished parts, and completed apparatus were taken under our general supervision, and are valued at cost or less.

We Hereby Certify that in our opinion the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets at December 31, 1931, and statement of Consolidated Income and Surplus for the year ended that date, are correct.

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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, Mar. 18 1932.

COFFEE.—On the 12th inst. Rio futures here opened 3 points higher and closed 3 points lower to 1 point higher; sales 2,000 bags. Santos futures opened 1 to 7 points lower and closed 5 points net lower to 1 point higher; sales 4,000 bags. Maracaibo, Trujillo, 9¼ to 10¼c.; Cucuta, fair to good, 11 to 11½c.; prime to choice, 11¾ to 12¾c.; washed, 11 to 11½c.; Ocana, 10½ to 11c.; Bucaramanga, natural, 11½ 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.; Mandheling, 27 to 32; Genuine Java, 23 to 24c.; Robusta washed, 8¼ to 8½c.; Mocha, 13 to 14c.; Harrar, 12 to 12½c.; Abyssinian, 9¼ to 9½c.; Salvador washed, 11¼ to 12¾c.; Guatemala, Bourbon, 10 to 10½c. On the 14th cost and freight demand small and some prices 5 to 10 points lower. Prompt Santos Bourbon 2s were here at 9.55c.; 2-3s at 9.20 to 9.45c.; 3s at 8.85 to 9.50c.; 3-4s at 8.80 to 9.10c.; 3-5s at 8.65 to 8.90c.; 4-5s at 8.70 to 8.80c.; 5s at 8.60 to 8.85c.; 5-6s at 8.40 to 8.65c.; 6s at 8.20 to 8.45c.; 7s at 8.20c.; Peaberry 2-3s at 9.10c.; 3s at 8.85c.; 4s at 8.80 to 8.85c.; 5s at 9c.; Rio 7s at 6.80c.; 7-8s at 6.70c., and Victoria 7-8s at 7.60 to 7.75c. Bourbon 3-4s for shipment from Angra dos Reis were offered at 8.70c., while prompt 4s, not Santos coffee, were offered for prompt shipment either from Angra dos Reis or Rio at 8.30c. On the 14th it was stated that a further decrease in the amount of coffee destroyed by the National Coffee Council in Brazil last week, amounting to only 85,000 bags, is said by local coffee man to reflect dullness of demand for the actual inasmuch as funds for burning the coffee are obtained through the export tax.

On the 15th cost and freight prices: Prompt Santos Bourbon 2-3s were here at 9.45 to 9.55c.; 3s at 8.80 to 9.45c.; 3-4s at 9.10 to 9.25c.; 3-5s at 8.65 to 9.00c.; 4-5s at 8.70 to 8.80c.; 5s at 8.55c.; 5-6s at 8.65c.; 6s at 8.15 to 8.70c.; 7s at 8.20c.; Peaberry 3s at 8.80 to 9.35c. On the 16th cost and freight market was quiet but firm. For prompt shipment, Santos Bourbon 2-3s were here at 9.20 to 9.55c.; 3s at 8.80 to 9.45c.; 3-4s at 8.80 to 9.25c.; 3-5s at 8.65 to 9.00c.; 4-5s at 8.70 to 8.80c.; 5s at 8.55c.; 5-6s at 8.75c.; 6s at 8.15 to 8.60c. On the 17th cost and freight offerings included prompt shipment Santos Bourbon 2-3s at 9.20 to 9.55c.; 3s at 8.80 to 9.45c.; 3-4s at 8.80 to 9.25c.; 3-5s at 8.65 to 9.00c.; 4-5s at 8.70 to 8.80c.; 5s at 8.15 to 8.55c.; 6s at 8.40 to 8.60c. A contract has been placed with the Navy Department by a local firm to supply 7,000 bags of Santos 4s, strictly soft, at 49 net cash. According to a Comtelburo cable from Rio de Janeiro, the National Coffee Council up to March 12 paid for 11,028,000 bags of coffee valued at 647,000 contos. The last previous report showed that up to March 5, 10,740,000 bags had been purchased valued at 631,000 contos. Futures on the 14th inst. closed 2 points lower to 3 higher on moderate trading.

On the 15th inst. Rio futures here closed 2 to 14 points net lower with sales of 11,000 bags. European selling broke prices. Santos futures closed 16 to 19 points lower with sales of 13,000 bags. On the 16th inst. Rio futures here were unchanged to 8 points higher with sales of 3,000 bags. Santos advanced 5 to 7 points with sales of 11,000 bags. Brazilian buying caused the advance. There was a report that most of the coffee accepted on Rio contracts this month will be exported to Europe. The quantity is said to be about 40,000 bags. Futures on the 17th inst. closed 8 points lower to 2 higher. The near months were the firmest. The sales were 6,000 bags of Rio and 16,500 of Santos. Brazilian interests bought the near months. To-day futures were irregular. March was in some demand. It goes out next Thursday. The ending here was unchanged to 3 higher on Rio futures with sales of 10,000 bags and unchanged to 2 off on Santos with sales of 12,000 bags. Final prices show a decline for the week of 5 to 12 points on Rio and 12 to 22 points on Santos.

Rio coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial	7½ @	July	6.10 @
March	6.20 @ bid	September	6.04 @ nom
May	6.23 @	December	6.03 @ nom

Santos coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial	9 1-16 @ 9	July	8.18 @ nom
March	8.16 @ nom	September	8.17 @ nom
May	8.18 @ nom	December	8.18 @ nom

COCOA.—On the 16th a New York Cocoa Exchange membership sold at \$1,750, an advance of \$150. Liverpool futures at 1.30 p.m. were 3d. lower to 1½d. higher. Liverpool spot opened unchanged. London spot opened 3d. higher. Local licensed warehouse stocks on March 15, 303,822 bags against 295,395 on March 14 and 187,665 last year. Arrivals of cocoa in New York since March 1 totalled 226,150 bags, compared with 48,196 last year. The Exchange will be closed on Good Friday, March 25. To-day ended unchanged to 2 points lower with sales of 178 lots. March ended at 4.30c.; May at 4.38c.; July, 4.58c.; Sept., 4.73c., and Dec., 4.88c. Final prices are 13 to 15 points lower than a week ago.

SUGAR.—On the 12th inst. futures opened 1 to 2 points up but closed unchanged to 1 point lower; sales estimated 28,450 tons. London was higher. But Wall Street and Cuba sold later and turned the scales against the price. On the 12th London closed firm and unchanged to 1½d. up. Liverpool was also firm, closing at 1 to ½d. higher. Receipts at United States Atlantic ports for the week were 99,586 tons against 54,903 in the previous week and 77,074 in the same week last year; meltings 43,989 tons against 44,152 in previous week and 50,901 in same week last year; importers stocks 122,410 tons against 110,910 in previous week and 144,608 in same week last year; refiners' stocks 129,747 tons against 85,600 in previous week and 132,767 in same week last year; total stocks 252,157 tons against 196,560 in previous week and 277,375 in same week last year. Futures on the 14th inst. closed unchanged to 2 points lower with sales of 29,360 tons. The International Conference was closed for a day. Cuban selling was a noticeable factor. Refined was down to 4c. the lowest in 18 years. Raws were nominally 2.76c.; 3,000 tons of Cuba sold at that on the 12th inst. On the 14th inst. sales included 2,000 tons of Philippines for March arrival at 2.77c. and rumored 10,000 bags of Porto Ricos at 2.78c.

On the 14th there was a reduction of the price of fine granulated 4s. London cabled: "Terminal market quiet but steady; sellers 5s. 4½d. Expect very little doing until Paris decision." London opened irregular at ½d. advance to ¼d. decline. Liverpool opened quiet and unchanged. On the 14th inst. Sugar Institute, Inc., stated the total melt and total deliveries of 14 United States refiners up to and including the week ended March 5 1932 and same period for 1931: *Melt*—1932, Jan. 1 to March 5, 575,000 long tons; 1931, Jan. 1 to March 7, 655,000 long tons. *Deliveries*—1932, Jan. 1 to March 5, 510,000 long tons; 1931, Jan. 1 to March 7, 590,000 long tons. On the 15th inst. futures opened unchanged to 2 points lower and closed unchanged to 2 points higher; sales estimated at 26,800 tons. Cuba sold early for hedge account. Later offerings fell off. Beet sowings outside of Russia were estimated to be 15% smaller; 1,000 tons of Philippines due March 28 sold at 2.76c. United Press advices from Paris on the 15th inst. said: "The International Sugar Council has convened here to consider a further 15% cut in sugar production throughout the world except in Russia. Delegates were present from European countries, Peru, Cuba and Java. Japanese producers notified their delegates here several days ago that they would not make any change in their projected export program for 1932. The depression has reduced the world's sugar consumption from 15% to 20%. So Cuban planters started a movement for a general 15% production cut. The Chadbourne plan of fixing production quotas provided no machinery for such a general cut but most delegates believed it would be arranged. The council hoped Cuba would accept the recommendation that her 1932 crop be limited to 2,350,000 tons."

On the 15th London opened at ¾ to 2d. decline. Liverpool opened quiet and ½d. off. On the 15th private cables stated that European beet sowings this year in all Europe except Russia will be 15% less than last year. This is said to be an estimate regardless of the outcomes of negotiations at Paris. A New York statistician said: "Of the 26,406,000 long tons, raw sugar value, estimated to be produced throughout the world during 1931-32, approximately 17,572,000 tons (66.6%) will be manufactured from sugar cane, while 8,834,000 tons (33.4%) will be derived from sugar beets. During 1930-31, 17,263,000 tons (59.6%) were produced from sugar cane while beets accounted for 11,685,000 tons (40.4%)." On the 16th inst. futures closed unchanged to 2 points lower though early in the day they were 2 to 3 higher. The total transactions were estimated at 25,600 tons. Big Cuban interests sold freely. On the 16th inst. 22,000 bags of Cubas afloat sold at 75c. c. & f. On the 16th Paris cabled: "Cuba willing to fix crop at latest next Friday."

Expectation around 2,500,000. Sentiment very favorable." Another private cable indicated Cuba's willingness not to make a crop of more than 2,500,000 if Java would restrict her exports to 1,400,000. Java was said to be in a receptive mood. On the 16th London opened 1/2d. off to 1/2d. up. Liverpool opened 1/2d. up. Paris cabled: "Conference willing reduce quota but Java asking first Cuba name production."

Futures on the 17th inst. opened unchanged to 2 points lower closing 1 point lower to 1 point higher with sales of only 9,050 tons in the absence of developments at Paris. Some 20,000 bags of prompt Porto Rico sold at 2.75c. equal to the all time low record. Refined was quiet at 4c. To-day futures fell to new low ground largely because of persistent selling by Cuban producing interests, selling by the trade here and general liquidation. All months went below 1c. Some 3,000 tons of Philippines prompt and a cargo of Cuba due on Monday sold at .72c. c.&f. and 4,150 tons of Porto Rico at 2.72c. Futures closed 3 to 5 points lower for the day with sales of 25,950 tons. Final prices are 3 to 7 points lower than a week ago. Later 4,500 tons of Philippines prompt sold at 2.72c. To-day London sugar market opened irregular with the spot month 4d. higher, but later deliveries 1 1/4 to 1/2d. lower. Liverpool opened quiet and unchanged to 1/2d. lower. At 3:15 p.m. prices, 1/2 to 4d. lower than the opening of terminal. A dispatch from Havana to Dow, Jones & Co. to-day said: "Cuban Sugar Institute has cabled the delegate to the International Sugar Conference in Paris that it will not continue a party to the International agreement due to Java's attitude. This was brought about following a meeting of the Cuban Institute to discuss the latest cables from Paris which reiterated Java's refusal to accept Cuba's proposals that the Dutch cut their 1932 crop. The Javanese also asked for official figures of the 1932 Cuban crop. Apparently the Cuban delegate went to Paris with instructions to announce Cuba's dropping out of the agreement if Java still refused to change her position for he was cabled to comply with his instructions along these lines." Stocks of raw sugar in licensed warehouses in New York now amount to 584,625 bags, against 396,208 a month ago and 957,063 last year. One private cable received in the trade said that Java had made three proposals which had been unacceptable to Cuba. London cabled: "Terminal market weak, influenced varying rumors Paris. Sellers 5s. 1 1/2d., no trade." Closing quotations follow:

Table with 4 columns: Month, Price, Month, Price. Rows: Spot unofficial, March, May, July.

LARD.—Futures on the 12th inst. closed 2 to 3 points higher though hogs were 10c. lower. On the 14th inst. futures declined 2 to 12 points with grain lower. In Chicago hogs fell 10 to 15c. Western receipts of hogs were 127,300 against 145,700 last year. Liverpool lard was unchanged to 3d. lower. Exports of lard from New York were 4,821,000 lbs. Cash markets were only barely steady. Prime Western, 5.25 to 5.35c.; refined Continent, 5 1/2 to 5 3/4c.; South America, 5 3/4c.; Brazil, 6 3/4c. On the 15th inst. futures closed 2 points off to 3 up. Stocks of contract lard at Chicago in the first half of March increased 6,523,217 lbs. against 947,084 lbs. in the same time last year. Total contract stocks of lard at Chicago, March 14, were 25,748,000 lbs.; other kinds at 13,926,000 lbs.; contract compared with 21,464,000 lbs. and other kinds 4,249,000 at this time last year. Futures on the 16th inst. declined 2 to 5 points. Hogs were weak. In Liverpool lard was 3d. lower to 3d. higher. Exports from New York were 478,000 lbs. of lard to Hull, Hamburg and Naples. Prime Western 5.20 to 5.30c.; refined Continent, 5 1/2c.; South America, 5 3/4c.; Brazil, 6 1/2c. On the 17th inst. futures advanced 1 to 3 points with hogs up 10 to 15c. and total receipts at the West 63,100 against 88,200 last year. The exports of lard were 800,000 lbs. To-day futures declined 2 to 3 points. For the week the drop is 8 to 12 points.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with 5 columns: Month, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Rows: March, May, July.

Table with 2 columns: Season's High and When Made, Season's Low and When Made. Rows: March, May, July.

PORK firmer; mess, \$18; family, \$19; fat backs, \$14 to \$17.50. Ribs, Chicago, cash, 5.50c. Beef dull; mess nominal; packer, nominal; family, \$13.62 1/2 to \$14.12 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 quiet and steady; pickled hams, 14 to 16 lbs., 10c.; 10 to 12 lbs., 11c.; pickled bellies, 8 to 12 lbs., 8 3/4c.; 6 to 8 lbs., 8 3/4c.; bellies clear, dry salted, boxed, 18 to 20 lbs., 7 3/4c.; 14 to 16 lbs., 7 3/4c. Butter, lower grades to higher than extra 21 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 all sorts, 10 to 12 1/4c. Eggs, medium to special packs, 11 to 16 1/2c.

OILS.—Linseed prices remained at 6.6c. carlot basis, but this price was reported to have been cut materially. In other words, the market was weak with prices for wood oil, crude cottonseed lower and seed lower. An advance of 3/4c. in the Northwestern market on the 17th inst. had no effect. Coconut, Manila coast tanks, 3 3/8c.; tanks, New York, 3 3/8 to 4c. Corn, crude tanks f.o.b. Western mills,

3 3/8c. Olive denatured spot, 68c.; shipment, 63c. China-wood, N. Y. drums, earlots, spot, 6 3/4 to 6 7/8c.; tanks, 5 7/8c.; Pacific tanks, 3 1/2 to 3 5/8c. Soya bean, tank cars, f.o.b. Western mills, 3c.; carlot, delivered N. Y., 4 1/2c.; L.c.l., 5 to 5 1/2c. Edible, olive, \$1.65 to \$2.15. Lard, prime, 9 3/4c.; extra strained winter, N. Y., 7c. Cod, Newfoundland, 21 to 26c. Turpentine, 45 to 50c. Rosin, \$3.25 to \$6.45. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, including switches, 16 contracts. Crude S. E., 3 to 3 1/2c. Prices closed as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Month, Price, Month, Price. Rows: Spot, March, May, July.

PETROLEUM.—Buckeye crude oil was advanced 5c. early in the week by the South Penn Oil Co. The new price is \$1.35 a barrel. The Standard Oil Co. of New York advanced gasoline in New York and Brooklyn a fifth of a cent a gallon. The new tank wagon price will be 10 1/2c. and the service station price will be 12 1/2c., excluding the State tax. Motor gasoline was higher. Below 65 Octane was advanced to 5 3/4c. Local sentiment has noticeably improved. The Gulf market for bulk gasoline was stronger. The Midcontinent market was firmer. There was a better demand. Jobbers in the Middle West were more inclined to contract ahead. Kerosene was rather more active and steady. For 41-43 water white in tank cars at refineries 5 1/4c. to 5 1/2c. was quoted. There was a better export inquiry. Fuel oils were in better demand, especially for nearby delivery. Grade C bunker fuel oil was steady at 60c. at nearby refineries. Diesel oil was fairly active at \$1.30, same basis. Pennsylvania lubricating oils were in fair demand.

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 12th inst. prices closed 3 to 7 points lower with London down 1-16 to 1/8d. in a dull market despite a gain in consumption in Feb. the total being 30,011 tons an increase of 7.3% for a short month when the consumption usually drops 3 1/2%. Owing to smaller imports than either Jan. or Feb. a year ago stocks on hand fell off for the first time since May 1931 amounting to 322,117 tons against 322,860 tons at the end of Jan. The worst factor was an increase in rubber afloat from the revised figure of 42,234 tons at the end of Jan. to 51,728 tons at the close of Feb. The Jan. tire report showed a gain of 17% over Dec., but a decline of 13.1% below Jan. 1931, according to the Association. The Jan. tire production increased 31% while the inventories at factories increased only 1.8%. No. 1 standard contract Mar. ended at 3.64 to 3.65c.; May, 3.62c.; July, 3.77 to 3.82c.; Sept., 3.93c.; Dec., 4.09 to 4.10c.; new "A" Mar., 3.61c.; April, 3.59c.; May, 3.59c. Outside prices: spot, Mar. and April, 3 1/2 to 3 5/8c.; April-June, 3 11-16c.; July-Sept., 3 15-16c.; spot, first latex thick and thin pale latex, 4 5/8c.; clean thin brown No. 2, 3 7-16c.; rolled brown crepe 3 1/4c.; No. 2 amber, 3 1/4c.; No. 3, 3 7-16c.; No. 4, 3 9-16c. On the 12th London closed 1-16d. to 1/8d. off; Mar. and April, 2 3/8d.; May, 2 7-16d. Singapore closed quiet, and unchanged to 1-16d. up; Mar., 2d; April-June, 2 1/8d.

On the 14th inst. prices declined 18 to 21 points with London off 1/8 to 3-16d. The sales here were 890 tons of No. 1 standard with none of new A. The British Government was said to be opposed to restriction. The financier Sir Eric Geddes, Chairman of the Dunlop Robber Co. is against it. No. 1 standard March closed at 3.41 to 3.48c.; May, 3.44c.; July, 3.58 to 3.60c.; Sept., 3.73 to 3.76c.; Oct., 3.78c.; Dec., 3.88 to 3.90c.; Jan., 3.97 to 4c.; New A March, 3.41c.; April, 3.41c.; May, 3.41c. Outside prices: Spot and March 3 3/8 to 3 1/2c.; spot first latex thick 4 5/8c.; thin pale latex 4 5/8c. On the 14th London opened quiet, unchanged to 1-16d. off at 2:36 p.m. was quiet, unchanged to 1/8d. off; March-April and May, 2 5-16d. London closed quiet, 1/8 to 3-16d. off; March and April, 2 3-16d.; May, 2 1/4d.; June, 2 5-16d.; July-Sept., 2 5-16d. Singapore closed steady and unchanged; March 2d. Liverpool's rubber stock on March 12th was 60,776 tons, an increase of 488 tons over the previous week and compared with 47,105 tons on hand last year. London's stock decreased 333 tons for the week to 65,121 tons against 83,001 tons last year. On the 15th inst. prices closed 2 to 7 points lower with sales of 460 tons of No. 1 standard. March closed at 3.42c., May at 3.40c., July at 3.50 to 3.52c., Sept. at 3.66c., Dec. at 3.83 to 3.85c.; New A March, 3.39c.; April and May, 3.37c.; spot, March and April 3 5-16 to 3 7-16c. On the 15th London opened quiet and unchanged at 2:37 p.m. was quiet, unchanged to 1-16d. advance; March, 2 3-16d.; April, 2 1/4d.; May, 2 1/4d. London closed dull and unchanged to 1-16d. lower, net, and 1-16d. to 1/8d. below the early highs. Singapore closed 1/8d. to 3-16d. off; March, 1 1/4d.; April-June, 1 15-16d.

On the 16th inst. prices ended unchanged to 8 points lower. New low records were reached here and in London. March No. 1 standard closed at 3.39c.; May at 3.36c.; July, 3.50c.; Sept., 3.60c.; Dec., 3.75c.; new "A" March, 3.30c.; sold; 3.36c. nominal; April, 3.53c.; sales 10 tons. Outside prices: Spot, March and April, 3 1/4 to 3 5/8c.; April-June, 3 7-16c.; July-Sept., 3 3/8c.; Oct.-Dec., 3 13-16c.; spot, first latex thick, 4 1/2 to 4 5/8c.; thin pale latex, 4 1/2 to 4 5/8c.; clean thin brown No. 2, 3 3-16c. The Rubber Association of America put the consumption in Feb. at 30,012 tons, against 27,621

in Jan., and 28,797 in Feb. 1931; arrivals 30,546 tons, against 31,298 in Jan. and 36,645 in Feb. 1931; stocks on hand 322,117, against 322,837 tons in Jan. and 212,833 in Feb. 1931; stocks afloat 68,970 tons against 77,244 in Jan. and 63,680 in Feb. last year. Consumption of crude rubber by manufacturers in Feb. amounted to 30,011 long tons, against 27,962 in Jan. and 28,797 in Feb. 1931, according to Rubber Manufacturers Association. Feb. imports were 30,546 long tons a decrease of 2 4-10% from previous month and 16 6-10% below Feb. a year ago. Domestic stocks on hand Feb. 29 at 322,117 long tons against 322,860 on Jan. 31. Compared with the same last year stocks show an increase of 51 3-10%. On the 16th inst. London opened unchanged to 1-16d. up; at 2:38 p. m. was quiet, unchanged; March, 2½d. The London rubber market closed steady and generally unchanged. March, April and May, 2 3-16d.; June, 2½d. Singapore closed quiet, and unchanged; March 1½d.

On the 17th inst. prices dropped to a new low level with a rally before the close. The net decline was 2 to 11 points. At one time earlier October was off 20 points. Spot prices were also down to new lows. The selling here was heavy, said to be against large March deliveries. Of No. 1 standard the sales were 1,500 tons and of new "A" 10 tons. Reports of another meeting of Dutch and British officials to discuss restriction had a somewhat steadying effect. No. 1 standard contract closed with March, 3.35c.; May, 3.34 to 3.36c.; July, 3.30 to 3.44c.; Sept., 3.49c.; October, 3.55c.; Dec., 3.67c. New "A" March, 3.32c.; April, 3.31c.; May (3.27c. sold), 3.31c. Outside prices: Spot, March and April, 3 3-16 to 3 5-16c.; April-June, 3¾c.; July-Sept., 3½c.; Oct.-Dec., 3¾c.; spot, first latex, thick, 4½ to 4¾c.; thin, pale latex, 4½ to 4¾c.; clean, thin, brown No. 2, 3½c.; rolled, brown crepe, 2 15-16c. On the 17th, Singapore closed quiet and unchanged to 1-16d. decline; March, 1½d.; April-June, 1 15-16d.; July-Sept., 2 1-16d. London opened quiet, unchanged to 1-16d. decline and at 2:37 p. m. was quiet. March, April and May, 2½d. In London rubber shares were weak in sympathy with the decline in the commodity. On the 17th London closed steady, unchanged to 1-16d. decline; March and April, 2½d.; May, 2 3-16d.; June, 2½d.; July-Sept., 2 5-16d.; Oct.-Dec., 2 7-16d. and Jan.-March, 2 9-16d. The Rubber Exchange here will be closed on Good Friday, March 25 and Saturday, March 26. To-day futures were slightly lower awaiting news as to the attitude of the Dutch on restriction. Futures closed 2 to 6 points lower with sales of 34 lots. Final prices show a decline for the week of 41 to 49 points. To-day London opened quiet, unchanged to 1-16d. decline and at 2:39 p. m. was quiet, unchanged; March, April and May, 2½d.; June, July and Sept., 2½d. London closed quiet and unchanged to 1-16d. decline; June 2 3-16d.; July-Sept., 2½d.; Oct.-Dec., 2¾d. and Jan.-March, 2½d. Singapore closed steady; March, 1½d.; April-June, 1 15-16d.; July-Sept., 2 1-16d. Unofficial estimate of rubber stocks in Great Britain for the week ended March 19: London 100 tons decrease and Liverpool 170 tons increase. Estimated Malayan rubber shipments for the first half of March are 20,000 tons and 42,000 tons for the full month. Actual clearances in February were 42,008 tons and in March last year, shipments were 48,589 tons.

HIDES.—On the 12th inst. prices closed unchanged to 4 points lower; sales 1,520,000 lbs., closing with June, 6.51 to 6.55c.; Sept., 7.30 to 7.35c., and Dec., 7.95c. On the 12th inst. 2,500 Mar. branded cows sold at 5½c. On the 14th inst. futures were unchanged to 35 points lower with sales of 720,000 lbs. Spot hides were active with sales of packer hides of 5,000 heavy native cows, Jan.-Feb. at 5½c.; 2,500 branded cows, Feb.-Mar. at 5½c.; 700 heavy native cows, Feb. at 5½c.; 1,000 ex-light Texas steers, Feb.-Mar. at 5½c.; 7,000 heavy native steers, Dec.-Jan. at 6½c. Futures on the 14th inst. closed with June, 6.25 to 6.35c.; Sept., 7 to 7.15c.; Dec., 7.60 to 7.75c. On the 15th inst. prices closed unchanged to 15 points higher; sales 1,360,000 lbs. The ending was with Mar., 5c.; May, 5.85c.; June, 6.35 to 6.40c.; July, 6.60c.; Sept., 7.11 to 7.20c. and Dec., 7.75 to 7.80c. On the 15th inst. spot sales included 3,000 light native cows, Feb.-Mar. at 6c.; 2,000 heavy native steers, Dec.-Jan. at 6½c.; 1,000 extra light Texas steers, Feb.-Mar. at 5½c.; 700 heavy native cows, Feb. at 5½c.

On the 16th inst. prices ended unchanged to 15 points lower after sales of 1,000,000 lbs., also 2,000 Feb.-March frigorifico steers sold at 7 7-16c. Closing prices were as follows: March, 5c.; May, 5.80c.; June, 6.20 to 6.29c.; Sept., 6.99 to 7.05c.; Dec., 7.60 to 7.65c. Outside prices: Common dry, Cucuta, 10c.; Orinoco, 8½c.; Central America, 7c.; Maracaibo, La Guayra, Ecuador and Savanillas, 7½c.; Santa Marta, 8½c. New York City calfskins, 9-12s, \$1.30 to \$1.40; 7-9s, .70 to .80c.; 5-7s, .50 to .60c. On the 17th inst. prices closed unchanged to 5 points higher with sales up to 2,200,000 lbs. There was a rally from the low of the day of 10 to 13 points. At one time prices were unchanged to 9 points lower. The rally followed on new long buying and covering. March closed at 5c.; June at 6.25 to 6.30c.; Sept. at 7 to 7.10c.; Dec., 7.60 to 7.65c. To-day futures closed 13 to 20 points lower with sales of 27 lots. April ended at 5.25c.; May at 5.60c.; June at 6.08c.; July, 6.35c.; Aug., 6.60c., and Sept., 6.87 to 6.90c. Final prices show an advance of 35 points on July for the week.

OCEAN FREIGHTS.—At times there was a good business in oils and trips.

CHARTERS.—Grain berthed included a few loads to Antwerp at 7c. Grain Booked.—15 loads Antwerp late on March 10, 6½c. and some to Manchester at 1s. 9d. Grain Fixed.—35,000 qrs. 10, Gulf, April 1-10, Hamburg Bremen, 11½c. and 12c. Grain Booked.—8 loads London, 1s. 7½d. Charters included tankers, part cargo, lubricating, May, Gulf to Ghent, 14s. 6d.; clean, Constanza 4 voyages Alexandria, March-April, 6s. 3d.; clean and (or) gas, 4 voyages Constanza Stockholm option, 8s. 9d.; two ports 9s. Sugar.—Cuba, April 10-25, one or two ports, United Kingdom-Continent, 15s. 3d.; Cuba prompt, March Hong Kong, \$4.25; Cuba prompt United Kingdom, 15s.; early April 15s. United Kingdom, Continent. Trips.—Prompt, Gulf, redelivery United Kingdom-Continent, 31; Gulf trip down to Plate, 65c.; West Indies round, prompt, 70c.; prompt round, continuation, 85c.; West Indies round, 70c.; West Indies round \$1.10; trip down, 65c.

COAL.—Prices have remained unchanged with the cold weather of course better for business. Run of mine prices current for some leading bituminous products are as follows: Southern Illinois 2.15, Central Illinois \$1.70, Danville \$1.90, Belleville \$1.20 to \$1.70, Pocahontas, Sewell and Beckley \$1.50 to \$1.75, fourth vein Indiana \$1.50 to \$2.; fifth vein Indiana \$1.10 to \$1.75, Brazil \$1.90 to \$2.; Western Kentucky 80c. to \$1.15. The recent cold weather favored the retail anthracite trade. Later on anthracite was active at tidewater.

TOBACCO.—There has been only a light routine business here in domestic leaf. Some sales are being made of shade grown but nothing striking. In Havana after weeks of activity there is now some natural lull. Low grades have been cleaned up and scraps have advanced. Manufacturers in the United States can get good Havana at very reasonable prices as stocks piled up during the strike in Havana factories. "It's an ill wind that blows nobody good." It has been blowing the manufacturers of this country good. There is a big selection of excellent Havana tobacco obtainable at attractive prices. Amsterdam cables are not enthusiastic, to put it mildly, about the quality of the new Sumatra crop judging by the samples now seen. Not enough fancy light stuff seems to be available. But it is too early to jump to conclusions. Later on it may turn out, judging by experience, that early samples have given a deceptive idea as to the crop as a whole. Members of the American trade are in Amsterdam now and their later cables will shed more light on this very interesting question of quality. Mayfield, Ky., to the "U. S. Tobacco Journal": Offerings in the Western district continue light, and while averages are slightly higher at all points due to improvement in conditions of the offerings, the markets as a whole are about firm. Sales for the week in the Southern markets are as follows: Mayfield, 532,165 lbs. at an average of \$3.08, or 40c. higher than preceding week. Paducah, 296,010 lbs., average \$3.34, or 69c. higher than preceding week. Murray, 103,785 lbs., average \$3.44, or 18c. higher. Hopkinsville, 1,197,015 lbs. dark tobacco, average \$5.00 and 263,850 lbs. of Burley, average, \$4.62; dark, 72c. and Burley, 69c. higher. Burley market closed for the season. Clarksville, 1,811,530 lbs., average \$5.51, or 2c. higher. Springfield, 1,199,440 lbs., average \$7.49, or 93c. higher.

Owensboro, 1,256,030 lbs. dark, average \$3.14 and 307,570 lbs. Burley, average of \$3.68. Dark, 39c. higher and Burley, 6c. lower. One Sucker markets have closed for the season with the crop six to seven million pounds under early estimates. Lynchburg: 233,311 lbs., average of \$7.29 or 56c. higher. Blackstone: 241,140 lbs., average \$8.15 or 11c. higher. Oxford, N. C.: Plants have appeared in some of the early planted beds, and the farmers are busy getting their land ready for the Spring planting. It now looks as though there might be an early crop planted. Raleigh, N. C. wired March 16 that North Carolina farmers received \$41,348,656 for 466,689,122 lbs. of tobacco in the 1931-32 season, says the State Crop Reporting Service. The average price a hundred was \$8.86, compared with \$12.84 in the previous season. During the 1930-31 season growers received \$72,331,187 for 563,327,005 lbs.

TIN on the 17th inst. was higher at 21¾c. for spot Straits after being quoted early on that day at 21.65c. Demand was small. At the first London session on the 17th inst. prices fell £1 5s., while at the second session standard tin gained 7s. 6d. with sales for the day of 610 tons. On the 17th inst. futures closed 15 lower to 5 points higher with sales of 20 tons. The closing was with March at 21.50c.; May, 21.70c.; July, 22c.; Sept., 22.40c., and December, 23c. To-day March ended at 21.50c.; April, 21.60c.; May, 21.70c.; June, 21.85c., and July at 22c. The Exchange will be closed on March 25 and 26.

COPPER for export sold on the 17th inst. at two quotations, i. e. 6c. and 6½c. with the sales evenly divided at each price. Domestic demand was quiet and the price was unchanged at 6c. With sales for export reported at that level there was some doubt about the domestic quotation. Some thought that on a firm bid business could be done at under that level. Spot standard in London on the 17th inst. dropped 10s. to £32 17s. 6d.; futures off 7s. 6d. to £32 to 17s. 6d. on sales of 250 tons of spot and 450 of futures. Electrolytic was unchanged at £36 10s. bid and £37 10s. asked. At the second session in London on the 17th inst. standard advanced 5s. on sales of 25 tons of spot and 175 tons of futures. On the 17th inst. futures closed 10 points lower to 10 points higher with sales of 400 tons. March ended at 4.75c.; May at 4.89 to 4.95c.; July, 5.05c.; Sept., 5.20 to 5.40c.; Dec., 5.50c. To-day futures ended unchanged to 5 points lower with sales of 50 tons. March closed at 4.70c.; April at 4.75c.; May at 4.85c.; July at 4.95c.,

and July at 5.50c. The Exchange will be closed on Good Friday and the Saturday following.

SILVER.—On the 12th inst. futures closed 35 to 62 points higher with sales of 575,000 ounces, ending with April, 30.45c.; May, 30.73 to 30.84c.; July, 31.17 to 31.45c. On the 14th inst. prices closed 12 points lower to 3 higher; sales 2,025,000 ounces ending with April, 30.45c.; May, 30.75c.; July, 31.05c.; Sept., 31.55c. and Oct., 31.75c. On the 15th inst. prices closed 23 to 36 points lower with sales of 250,000 ounces, ending with March at 29.95c.; May at 30.40c.; July, 30.82c.; Sept., 31.25c.; Oct., 31.50 to 31.51c. On the 16th inst. futures closed 2 to 17 points higher; sales 2,225,000 ounces, closing with March, 30 to 30.15c.; April, 30.25c.; May, 30.45 to 30.50c.; July, 30.85 to 31.03c.; Oct., 31.55 to 31.60c.; Dec., 31.91c. On the 17th inst. prices closed 29 to 52 points lower; sales 775,000 ounces. The closing was with April at 29.75c.; May, 30.03c.; July, 30.56c.; Aug., 30.73c.; Sept., 30.90c.; Oct., 31.07 to 21.21c. To-day futures closed 2 to 16 points lower with sales of 700,000 ounces. March ended at 29.59c.; April, 29.70c.; May, 30 to 30.02c.; July, 30.40 to 30.63c., and Sept., 30.74c. Final prices are 25 to 31 points lower than a week ago.

LEAD was quiet and lower. Middle Western producers reduced the price \$1 early in the week to 3c. East St. Louis and the American Smelting & Refining Co. followed with a price cut of \$2 to 3.15c. New York. This is the lowest price seen since 1897 when 3c. New York was reached. February statistics showed an increase in surplus stocks of 5,676 tons or about as expected. Stocks at the end of February were 165,933 tons, against 160,257 tons at the start of the month. Production last month was 32,001 tons, against 36,739 tons in the preceding month; shipments 26,319 tons, against 27,867 in January. In London on the 17th inst. prices advanced 6s. 3d. to £12 10s. for spot and £12 13s. 9d. for futures; sales 150 tons spot and 150 futures.

ZINC was quiet and unchanged at 2.80c. East St. Louis. In London on the 17th inst. spot advanced 7s. 6d. to £12 11s. 3d. and futures gained 5s. to £12 8s. 9d.; sales, 525 tons futures; at the second session, prices rose 1s. 3d. on sales of 50 tons of futures.

STEEL remained dull. There is more cheerful talk from Chicago and last week's specifications it appears were better. A fair business is said to be doing in structural steel in parts of the Central West. It is also reported that steel and cast iron pipe have been in rather better demand. But taking the steel trade as a whole it has remained slow. The production is stated at only 25% of capacity against 27 a week ago and 26 at the beginning of March. The present rate is the smallest since the middle of January but compares with 21% at the end of last December.

PIG IRON has remained quiet. Not a little competition is noticeable between the producers of Western Pennsylvania and Ohio. Cleveland nominal price is \$16 at furnace, but it is said sales have recently been made at as low as \$14.50 at furnace.

WOOL prices were reported easier in Boston in a quiet market. Ohio & Penn. fine delaine, 22c.; fine clothing, 18c.; $\frac{1}{2}$ blood combing 22c.; $\frac{1}{2}$ blood clothing, 18c.; $\frac{3}{8}$ combing 21 to 22c.; $\frac{3}{8}$ clothing, 18c.; $\frac{1}{4}$ combing, 19 to 20c. Territory clean basis, fine staple, 55 to 56c.; fine, fine medium French combing, 50 to 52c.; fine, fine medium clothing, 47 to 48c.; $\frac{3}{8}$ blood staple, 46 to 47c.; $\frac{1}{2}$ blood, 50 to 52c.; $\frac{1}{4}$ blood, 38 to 39c. Texas, clean basis, fine 12 months, 50 to 52c.; fine 8 months, 45 to 46c.; fall, 35 to 36c.; pulled, scoured basis, A super, 48 to 50c.; B, 43 to 44c.; C, 37 to 38c. Mohair, original Texas adult, 22 to 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; fall, kid, 43 to 52c.; spring kid, 40 to 44c. Australian clean bond 64s combing 34 to 36c. In London on Mar. 11 offerings 9,365 bales mostly New Zealand and Puntas greasy crossbreds sold readily. Yorkshire bought most of the New Zealand wools. The Continent took Puntas crossbreds. Prices firm. Details:

Sydney, 182 bales; scoured merinos, 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 19d.; greasy, 10 to 11d. Victoria, 410 bales; scoured merinos, 13 to 16d.; greasy, 10 to 13d. West Australia, 342 bales; greasy merinos, 9 to 11d. New Zealand, 3,876 bales; greasy crossbreds, 4 to 10d. Puntas, 4,557 bales; greasy crossbreds, 6 to 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. New Zealand slip ranged from 6 to 10d., latter halfbred lambs.

In London on Mar. 14 offerings 8,000 bales. Livaler buying by home and the Continent on the recent basis of prices. Details:

Sydney, 1,325 bales; scoured merinos, 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; greasy, 9 to 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Queensland, 877 bales; scoured merinos, 15 to 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; greasy, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. South Australia, 480 bales; scoured merinos, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; greasy, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Victoria, 380 bales; greasy merinos, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. West Australia, 650 bales; greasy merinos, 7 to 10d. Tasmania, 17 bales; greasy merinos, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. New Zealand, 3,472 bales; greasy merinos, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 10d.; scoured crossbreds, 9 to 14d.; greasy, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Cape, 810 bales; scoured merinos, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. New Zealand slip ranged from 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., latter halfbred lambs.

In London on March 15 offerings 9,495 bales. Demand good from France and Germany. Prices fully maintained. Firm limits resulted in rather frequent withdrawals. Details:

Sydney, 1,674 bales; scoured merinos, 15 to 16d.; greasy, 9 to 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Queensland, 1,621 bales; scoured merinos, 17 to 19d.; greasy, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Victoria, 655 bales; greasy merinos, 10 to 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; greasy crossbreds, 8 to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Tasmania, 243 bales; greasy merinos, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 17d.; greasy crossbreds, 9 to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. South Australia, 175 bales; scoured merinos, 18 to 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; greasy, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. West Australia, 190 bales; greasy merinos, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 9d. New Zealand, 4,935 bales; scoured merinos, 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; greasy, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; scoured crossbreds, 8 to 16d.; greasy, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. New Zealand slip ranged from 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

In London on March 16 the Colonial wool auctions came to a close. Offerings comprised 11,420 bales, making the total catalogued for the series 112,000 bales. The 80,500 bales held over include 67,500 that were unoffered. Estimated purchases totaled 92,500 bales, home securing 48,500

and the Continent 44,000 bales. Compared with January sales, merinos ranged from par to 5% lower as did slip and Cape wool. New Zealand and Puntas greasy crossbreds generally declined 5%. The selection to-day was equally distributed to home and Continent at the above levels. Details:

Sydney, 404 bales; scoured merinos, 9 to 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; greasy, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Queensland, 173 bales; scoured merinos, 17 to 19d. Victoria, 570 bales; greasy merinos, 8 to 11d. New Zealand, 4,310 bales; scoured merinos, 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; greasy crossbreds, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Puntas, 4,870 bales; greasy merinos, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; greasy crossbreds, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. West Australia, 960 bales; greasy merinos, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. New Zealand slip ranged from 6 to 11d., latter halfbred lambs. The next series will begin on April 12.

At Wellington on March 11, 26,000 bales were offered and 15,000 sold. The selection of crossbreds was representative but merinos poor. Yorkshire, Continental and Japanese buyers were active. Fine crossbreds were wanted and medium grades were neglected. Compared with Invercargill sales on March 4, crossbred prices were unchanged. Prices realized; merinos average 6 to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; crossbred 56-58s, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 9d.; 50-56s, 7 to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; 48-50s, 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 8d.; 46-48s, 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 8d.; 44-46s, 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. In Liverpool on March 11 the East India auction closed with prices firmer than on the opening day. Joria and vicane white closed from par to 5% above precious levels. Good demand all through the sale. At Perth on March 14 20,000 bales were offered and 80% sold. Prices generally 5% lower compared with the last sale. Yorkshire was the principal buyers and German and Japanese support was good. Superfine merinos sold slowly. At Napier sales on March 16 11,500 bales offered and 80% sold. Selection of crossbreds average; no merinos. Demand spasmodic from Yorkshire, the Continent and Japan. Fine and medium grades were wanted; coarse dull. Prices firm. Prices paid: Crossbreds 50-56s, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.; 48-50s, 5 to 7d.; 46-48s, 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; 44-46s, 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; 40-44s, 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 4d.; 36-40s, 3 to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

In Melbourne on March 15 demand good and 85% of the offerings sold; selection average, mostly southern Gippsland and western districts. Best fleeces were easier but the rest unchanged. Prices paid: Comebacks, Ballangeich, 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.; Humehurst, 13d.; merinos Murraup, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Woolmit Murrabina, 11d.; Barooka, 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. In Melbourne on March 17 Yorkshire was the chief buyer; selection good. Withdrawals were mainly due to owners' reserves. Competition has been better since lower prices were established. The sixth series of auctions at Sydney, Australia, closed on the 17th inst. A good selection met with ready sale chiefly from Yorkshire, while Continental buyers were more active. Compared with the opening, prices were unchanged, but the tone was better. The next series will be held from March 29 to April 14 and offerings will total 115,500 bales.

WOOL TOPS.—To-day prices closed 50 points higher. Boston spot was 71c. Here, March to Dec. closed at 66c.; Jan., 66.50c.; Feb., 66c. The market opened quiet and steady with no sales. First bids were 50 points lower to 50 points higher. March was quoted at 66c.; April, 65.20c.; May, 65.10 to 66c.; June and July, 65.10c. bid, Aug., 65 to 67.60c.; Sept., 65.20 to 67.60c.; Oct., 66 to 67.60c.; Nov., 66.10 to 67.60c.; Dec., 66.10 to 67.60c.; Jan., 66.10 to 67.60c. and Feb., 66 to 67.60c. Roubaix closed quiet 10 to 20 centimes lower with sales of 99,000 lbs. Here sales of July and Aug. were made at 65.70c. early.

SILK on the 17th inst. closed 3 to 6 points lower with sales of 2,680 bales. March ended at \$1.38 to \$1.41; April, \$1.42 to \$1.44; May and June, \$1.43 to \$1.44; July, \$1.47; Aug., \$1.47 to \$1.48; Sept. and Oct., \$1.49 to \$1.50. To-day futures ended 1 to 4 points off with sales of 1,860 bales. March closed at \$1.37 to \$1.40; May and June, \$1.42 to \$1.44; July, \$1.44 to \$1.45; Aug. and Feb., \$1.45 to \$1.46; Oct., \$1.46 to \$1.47. Final prices show a decline for the week on March and May of 7 to 10 points.

COTTON

Friday Night, March 18 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 125,715 bales, against 158,701 bales last week and 184,065 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1931 8,616,445 bales, against 7,962,514 bales for the same period of 1930, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1931 of 653,931 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total
Galveston-----	6,424	4,734	7,853	3,227	1,182	1,556	24,976
Texas City-----	---	---	---	---	---	4,962	4,962
Houston-----	3,958	3,796	3,723	3,001	1,779	8,020	24,277
Corpus Chr'sti---	---	233	402	343	243	293	1,514
Beaumont-----	---	---	4,325	---	---	---	4,325
New Orleans-----	2,900	3,840	9,921	10,802	11,093	3,011	41,567
Mobile-----	399	631	478	5,001	772	1,482	8,763
Pensacola-----	150	---	---	---	---	850	1,000
Jacksonville---	---	---	---	---	---	753	753
Savannah-----	749	615	863	498	221	189	3,135
Brunswick-----	599	---	---	---	---	---	599
Charleston-----	48	101	988	1,037	1,110	2,024	5,308
Lake Charles-----	---	---	---	---	---	2,778	2,778
Wilmington-----	86	127	75	117	279	144	828
Norfolk-----	16	54	44	23	362	16	515
Boston-----	---	---	---	---	---	29	29
Baltimore-----	---	---	---	---	---	386	386
Totals this week.	15,329	14,131	28,672	24,049	18,644	24,890	125,715

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1931 and the stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Receipts to Mar. 18.	1932-31.		1931-30.		Stock.		
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1931.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1930.	1932.	1931.	
Galveston	24,976	2,129,583	12,325	1,342,582	807,971	570,641	
Pensacola	4,962	219,134	358	110,058	66,509	35,391	
Houston	24,277	3,037,339	11,439	2,772,202	1,476,040	1,252,319	
Corpus Christi	1,514	423,828	548	569,557	72,969	68,278	
Beaumont	4,325	22,196	178	23,763	---	---	
New Orleans	41,567	1,601,140	17,218	1,265,235	1,060,479	779,821	
Galveston	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Mobile	8,763	401,192	11,543	542,151	208,582	253,355	
Jacksonville	753	26,315	577	57,017	17,097	1,360	
Savannah	3,135	295,582	8,174	670,298	270,239	359,231	
Brunswick	599	28,856	---	49,050	---	---	
Charleston	5,308	111,826	3,044	282,480	125,525	166,756	
Lake Charles	2,778	134,138	---	56,649	64,206	---	
Wilmington	828	46,947	446	59,506	17,817	18,660	
Norfolk	515	59,952	1,196	140,251	65,969	87,205	
Newport News	---	---	---	50	1,175	209,047	229,141
New York	---	---	---	1,891	12,039	2,799	---
Boston	29	854	536	1,891	2,593	1,254	
Baltimore	386	21,400	507	18,234	5,213	5,213	
Philadelphia	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Totals	125,715	8,616,445	68,139	7,962,514	4,479,295	3,831,454	

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	24,976	12,325	8,999	29,171	25,415	42,879
Houston	24,277	11,439	10,171	21,106	12,551	32,162
New Orleans	41,567	17,218	16,948	27,813	19,898	48,701
Mobile	8,763	11,543	3,003	905	2,624	5,255
Savannah	3,135	8,174	3,436	3,909	6,835	19,375
Brunswick	599	---	---	---	---	---
Charleston	5,308	3,044	820	1,806	1,761	12,217
Wilmington	828	446	607	2,273	4,286	2,155
Norfolk	515	1,196	730	2,711	1,641	5,866
Newport News	---	---	---	---	---	---
All others	15,747	2,754	1,701	7,391	1,626	7,278
Total this wk.	125,715	68,139	46,415	97,085	76,637	185,888
Since Aug. 1.	8,616,445	7,962,514	7,487,025	8,399,749	7,246,037	11,330,545

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 287,675 bales, of which 28,595 were to Great Britain, 17,676 to France, 45,951 to Germany, 11,389 to Italy, nil to Russia, 134,136 to Japan and China and 49,928 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 151,213 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 6,436,653 bales, against 5,317,017 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week.

Week Ended Mar. 18 1932. Exports from—	Exported to—							
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	Total.
Galveston	3,204	2,731	9,380	2,925	---	49,492	9,750	77,482
Houston	4,014	7,947	6,473	6,002	---	27,568	23,829	75,833
Texas City	1,404	776	1,922	662	---	---	2,406	7,170
Corpus Christi	---	---	2,774	---	---	3,806	---	6,580
Beaumont	---	---	---	---	---	4,325	---	4,325
New Orleans	7,092	5,721	---	---	---	35,156	12,013	59,982
Mobile	5,224	---	9,454	1,650	---	5,577	550	22,455
Jacksonville	608	---	---	---	---	---	---	608
Pensacola	---	---	850	150	---	---	---	1,000
Savannah	5,894	---	3,297	---	---	---	405	9,596
Brunswick	---	---	599	---	---	---	---	599
Charleston	---	---	9,629	---	---	---	300	9,929
Wilmington	186	---	1,166	---	---	---	400	1,752
Norfolk	599	---	---	---	---	---	---	599
New York	---	---	107	---	---	2,000	---	2,107
Los Angeles	200	65	300	---	---	1,468	---	2,033
San Francisco	170	---	---	---	---	4,744	---	4,914
Lake Charles *	---	436	---	---	---	---	275	711
Total	28,595	17,676	45,951	11,389	---	134,136	49,928	287,675
Total 1931.....	20,964	18,575	54,346	12,037	---	29,671	15,620	151,213
Total 1930.....	16,392	13,378	38,050	6,105	---	24,439	14,115	112,479

From Aug. 1 1931 to Mar. 18 1932. Exports from—	Exported to—							
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	Total.
Galveston	209,896	76,032	195,039	145,470	---	835,717	218,097	1,681,231
Houston	185,765	153,917	477,751	188,392	---	857,663	283,122	2,146,616
Texas City	18,093	8,374	34,347	9,853	---	34,885	12,142	117,694
Corpus Christi	74,177	15,804	27,492	29,370	---	133,221	32,595	312,659
Beaumont	7,713	---	4,058	60	---	4,325	1,632	19,158
New Orleans	187,118	40,497	133,609	112,923	---	301,103	78,502	853,752
Mobile	82,158	3,150	95,632	6,484	---	103,661	18,551	369,736
Jacksonville	4,675	---	5,752	---	---	---	122	10,549
Pensacola	11,936	---	54,493	324	---	5,304	705	72,762
Savannah	67,730	129	81,925	750	---	184,616	9,573	344,723
Brunswick	4,167	---	24,239	---	---	---	450	28,856
Charleston	46,676	---	51,094	---	---	26,555	15,677	140,002
Wilmington	186	---	10,854	15,900	---	1,858	---	28,798
Norfolk	17,558	22	6,339	---	---	6,758	42	30,719
New York	2,249	175	1,029	---	---	18,974	2,054	24,481
Boston	134	---	42	---	---	---	---	2,229
Baltimore	45	---	---	---	---	---	---	45
Los Angeles	4,270	525	12,143	1,842	---	135,979	3,496	153,246
San Francisco	5,939	---	142	---	---	36,033	766	42,930
Seattle	---	---	---	---	---	---	685	685
Lake Charles.	5,325	8,607	20,998	5,713	---	---	8,432	49,075
Total	936,672	308,712	1,237,085	517,051	---	274,957	687,554	6,436,653
Total '30-'31.	932,160	849,785	1,405,560	388,805	29,279	114,092	570,526	5,317,017
Total '29-'30.	1,132,881	744,981	1,525,833	559,833	78,040	999,926	676,535	6,118,035

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. 18 at—	On Shipboard Not Cleared for—					Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Foreign	Coast-wise.	
Galveston	7,500	4,500	5,000	37,500	2,000	56,500
New Orleans	15,806	7,492	12,380	16,015	1,979	53,672
Savannah	---	---	---	---	88	88
Charleston	---	---	---	---	186	186
Mobile	14,657	1,023	---	4,960	390	21,030
Norfolk	---	---	---	---	---	---
Other ports *	4,000	5,000	9,000	31,000	1,000	50,000
Total 1932.	41,963	18,015	26,380	89,475	5,643	181,476
Total 1931.	12,772	8,463	11,151	64,027	3,062	99,475
Total 1929.	13,349	7,125	12,492	79,581	3,700	116,247

* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery was rather quiet until to-day when it became more active but at the expense of prices. They are ¼c. lower than a week ago. This was due largely to reports from Washington to the effect that the Government may make an effort to get rid of the bulky surplus which has been hanging over the market this season, by disposing of it in Europe and elsewhere on long-term credits. On the other hand though the acreage reduction is likely to be small some are looking for a considerable reduction in the crop from reduced fertilizer sales and weevil depredations. Also the actual acreage may be smaller than is generally expected. And Lancashire is having an excellent trade at home and abroad. Exports of American cotton make a brilliant showing compared with last year.

On the 12th inst. prices declined 3 to 5 points early but regained part of this later. Moderate hedge selling in a small market accounted for something. Co-operatives sold distant months. Liverpool sold to some extent. There was some scattered liquidation. In Liverpool there was local and foreign liquidation with sterling steadier. But the decline did not go far. In this respect it was the old story. American and Continental mills fixed prices. Local operators when stocks were firm bought to some extent. Bremen was firm on the eve of the German elections. Manchester reported larger buying of yarns for the home trade and India. In Bombay it was stated there was a good business in American cotton, also it appeared that Chinese, Japanese and British mills in the Shanghai International Settlement were reopening. Another thing that attracted attention was the "Chronicle's" figures showing that the quantity on shipboard awaiting exportation was 220,671 bales against only 115,815 a year ago and 134,886 in 1930.

On the 14th inst. prices declined 10 to 12 points with stocks off 2 to 6½ points on the Kreuger tragedy and wheat down 2½ to 3c. on the vote of 227 to 187 against allowing the States to decide on enforcement of prohibition. New Orleans and local professional interests were said to be large sellers, in one case, it was understood, some 15,000 bales of July and October. The weather was better. The February report of the Cotton Textile Merchants Association stated the sales of standard cloths in four weeks of February were 100.5% of production against 145.2 in four weeks of January; shipments 105.9% of production against 115.5 in January; stocks decreased in February 5.7% against 12.5 in January; unfilled orders decreased in February 3.4% against an increase in January of 21.5. Spot cotton was lower. Worth Street was quiet and weaker. The sales of standard cloths in February were 245,582,000 yards against a production in February of something less, or 244,242,000 yards. In January, too, it is recalled the sales were 338,010,000 yards and the production only 232,707,000. Also the stock of carded cotton cloth was the smallest since January 1928 when comparative statistics began. And there was at least a decrease in stocks in February of 5.7%. The total stock at the end of February was only 239,654,000 yards against 254,056,000 at the same time last year. The domestic consumption was 450,018 bales for February against 435,337 in January and 433,376 in February last year. The consumption for seven months ended February 29 was 3,081,290 bales against 2,893,626 for the same time last season. Cotton held in consuming establishments on February 29 was 1,633,380 bales against 1,637,139 on January 31 and 1,550,351 at the end of February last year. Cotton held in public storage and at compresses was 9,510,690 bales against 10,032,322 at the end of January and 7,313,912 at the end of February last year.

On the 15th inst. prices ended 1 to 5 points higher on trade buying and scanty offerings. Early prices were 4 to 8 points lower, partly due to a decline in stocks and grain and weakness in wool. Also there was selling by Liverpool, New Orleans and local interests. An estimate of the total ginning this season was 16,461,454 bales, or 469,160 bales after Jan. 16. Farmers' intentions to plant were estimated at only 12% decrease. In Liverpool there was local and foreign liquidation, with little demand. Worth Street was dull and weaker. From second hands offerings were large. But later came a rally here of 7 to 11 points from the low of the day as the trade bought steadily for home, Continental and Far Eastern account. Covering counted for something in the upturn. The South shied at selling at the recent decline. Spot cotton was even firmer than futures. Exports reached a total practically 1,000,000 bales larger than up to the same time last year. There is talk of a world's consumption of American cotton of anywhere from 13,600,000 to 13,850,000 bales against such a sorry showing, according to the New York Cotton Exchange figures, as 11,113,000 bales in 1930-31 with 13,021,000 in 1929-30, 15,226,000 in 1928-29, 15,576,000 in 1927-28, and the "high" for all time of 15,748,000 in 1926-27. The world consumption of American cotton in the first half of the current cotton season was 6,150,000 bales, according to the New York Cotton Exchange Service. This figure represents an upward revision of 153,000 bales from the preliminary estimate of 5,997,000 bales. The consumption of 6,150,000 bales in the first half of this season compares with 5,736,000 in the second half of last season and 5,377,000 in the first half of last season. In other words, the world used 414,000 more bales of American cotton in the last six months than in the preceding six months, and 773,000 more than in the six months before that. This pronounced upward trend has been due primarily to the

increase in spinning of American cotton in Great Britain and the Orient. Consumption in this country has increased by a moderate percentage, while consumption by the Continent of Europe has decreased. There is some improvement in the mill situation in France and Italy. Manchester on the 15th reported a good home demand for cloths and an improving market for yarns. A foreign firm estimated the probable exports to the Orient at 3,750,000 bales, or 2,000,000 more than last year.

On the 16th inst. prices again moved in a more or less tantalizing range, at one time 4 to 7 points higher, at another 2 to 5 lower, and finally ending 3 points lower to 1 point higher. In the upshot prices practically refused to budge. Wall Street bought 10,000 July. Stocks might decline, but for the most part cotton stuck to cotton news or strictly cotton trading. The world's consumption of American cotton is rising, even if it is still estimated at 2,000,000 bales under the top in cotton history. The Orient, it is believed, will use nearly 3,500,000, throwing anything in previous records completely into the shade. American, Japanese and Liverpool interests bought. So did Wall Street, though nobody bought very heavily. Trade orders checked the decline. The South did not sell heavily. In Liverpool there was covering, together with some Continental buying. Local and New Orleans interests as well as wire houses sold. Worth Street was quiet, and 39-inch 72x76 print cloths were reported easier.

On the 17th inst. prices made a small net advance. It was only 2 to 5 points, and at one time there was a trifling decline. That was when Liverpool and some local professional operators sold. Stocks, too, were dull and weaker. Rubber went to a new low. But if the cotton market was small the undertone was steady. Domestic spinners bought and the Continent fixed prices to some extent. Apparently, too, cooperatives bought July and January. Spot prices were firm. The weather was wet. In Liverpool there was calling and covering. The Bank of England rate of discount fell 1/2 of 1% to 3 1/2%. Tattersall reported that the demand for cloth was healthier; that from India was well maintained. From China it was active, the outlook brighter and production somewhat larger.

Montgomery, Ala., advices stated that as far South as Montgomery the thermometer registered 18 degrees and the freezes reached the entire cotton belt and may curtail the activities of the boll weevil. The United States Department of Agriculture has opened various offices for making loans to farmers. They will not advance over \$400 to any one farmer, nor over \$1,600 to the tenants on any one plantation. They take a mortgage on the crop, advancing about \$50 to one plow.

To-day prices ended 15 to 20 points lower, partly from a fear that the Farm Board may sell out its surplus of cotton and grain abroad on long-term credits. A Washington dispatch said that Secretary of Agriculture Hyde announced at the White House that the Government is planning an intensive campaign to unload the country's surplus of cotton and wheat abroad. This, with a drop in stocks of 1 to 5 points, and in wheat of 1 3/4 to 2c., had a bad effect. It caused heavy liquidation. While selling out of the big surplus of cotton would ultimately have a good effect, it would tend to cut down the regular exports. These are now, however, over 1,000,000 bales ahead of last year at this time. Hedge selling was not large. But outside selling increased sharply. Bullish weekly statistics fell flat. Cotton goods were quiet and in some cases, it was said, weak. Final prices show a decline for the week of 21 to 26 points. Spot cotton, with middling down to 6.85c., is 20 points lower for the week.

Staple Premiums
60% of average of
six markets quoting
for deliveries on
Mar. 24 1932.

Differences between grades established
for delivery on contract Mar. 24 1932.
Figures from the Mar. 17 1932 average
quotations of the ten markets designated
by the Secretary of Agriculture.

15-16 1/4 in.	1-1/2 in. & longer.			
.11	.29	Middling Fair	White	.65 on Mid.
.11	.29	Strict Good Middling	do	.51 do
.11	.29	Good Middling	do	.37 do
.11	.29	Strict Middling	do	.23 do
.11	.29	Middling	do	Basis
.11	.23	Strict Low Middling	do	.10 do
.10	.22	Low Middling	do	.23 off Mid.
		*Strict Good Ordinary	do	.48 do
		*Good Ordinary	do	.80 do
		*Middling	do	.10 do
		Good Middling	Extra White	.37 on do
		Strict Middling	do do	.23 do
		Middling	do do	Even do
		Strict Low Middling	do do	.23 off do
		Low Middling	do do	.48 do
		Good Middling	Spotted	.23 on do
.11	.29	Strict Middling	do	Even off do
.11	.29	Middling	do	.23 off do
.11	.23	*Strict Low Middling	do	.48 do
		*Low Middling	do	.80 do
.11	.24	Strict Good Middling	Yellow Tinged	Even off do
.11	.23	Good Middling	do do	.39 do
.11	.23	Strict Middling	do do	.52 do
		*Middling	do do	.88 do
		*Strict Low Middling	do do	.23 off do
		*Low Middling	do do	.1.24 do
.11	.23	Good Middling	Light Yellow Stained	.39 off do
		*Strict Middling	do do	.63 do
		*Middling	do do	.94 do
.10	.22	Good Middling	Yellow Stained	.50 off do
		*Strict Middling	do do	.87 do
		*Middling	do do	.22 do
.11	.23	Good Middling	Gray	.29 off do
.11	.23	Strict Middling	do	.39 do
		*Middling	do	.61 do
		*Good Middling	Blue Stained	.63 off do
		*Strict Middling	do do	.91 do
		*Middling	do do	.1.18 do

* Not deliverable on future contracts.

The official quotations for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

March 12 to March 18—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling upland—	7.05	6.95	6.95	6.95	7.00	6.85

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Mar. 12.	Monday, Mar. 14.	Tuesday, Mar. 15.	Wednesday, Mar. 16.	Thursday, Mar. 17.	Friday, Mar. 18.
March—						
Range	6.85-6.80	6.78-6.86	6.70-6.79	6.80-6.85	6.81-6.85	6.69-6.85
Closing	6.88	6.78	6.79	6.80	6.85	6.69
April—						
Range						
Closing	6.93	6.82	6.84	6.84	6.89	6.68
May—						
Range	6.96-6.99	6.86-6.99	6.81-6.90	6.86-6.96	6.87-6.95	6.74-6.93
Closing	6.98-6.99	6.86-6.87	6.90	6.88-6.91	6.93	6.74-6.76
June—						
Range						
Closing	7.06	6.94	6.98	6.97	7.01	6.82
July—						
Range	7.12-7.16	7.03-7.16	6.99-7.08	7.04-7.13	7.04-7.12	6.91-7.09
Closing	7.15-7.16	7.03-7.05	7.06-7.08	7.07-7.08	7.10	6.91-6.92
Aug.—						
Range						
Closing	7.22	7.10	7.14	7.15	7.17	6.99
Sept.—						
Range						
Closing	7.28	7.17	7.21	7.22	7.24	7.06
Oct.—						
Range	7.33-7.36	7.25-7.38	7.20-7.29	7.26-7.34	7.26-7.33	7.14-7.31
Closing	7.35-7.36	7.25-7.26	7.28-7.29	7.29	7.31-7.32	7.14
Nov.—						
Range						
Closing	7.44	7.34	7.38	7.37	7.40	7.21
Dec.—						
Range	7.49-7.53	7.42-7.53	7.37-7.48	7.44-7.52	7.45-7.52	7.29-7.47
Closing	7.53	7.43-7.44	7.48	7.45	7.49	7.29-7.31
Jan.—						
Range	7.56-7.60	7.49-7.61	7.45-7.55	7.50-7.57	7.54-7.58	7.38-7.55
Closing	7.60	7.50	7.55	7.53	7.57	7.39
Feb.—						
Range						
Closing						

Range of future prices at New York for week ending March 18 1932 and since trading began on each option:

Option for—	Range for Week.	Range Since Beginning of Option.
Mar. 1932—	6.69 Mar. 18	6.89 Mar. 12
Apr. 1932—	6.74 Mar. 18	6.99 Mar. 12
May 1932—	6.91 Mar. 18	7.16 Mar. 12
June 1932—	6.91 Mar. 18	7.16 Mar. 12
July 1932—	6.91 Mar. 18	7.16 Mar. 12
Aug. 1932—	6.91 Mar. 18	7.16 Mar. 12
Sept. 1932—	6.91 Mar. 18	7.16 Mar. 12
Oct. 1932—	6.91 Mar. 18	7.16 Mar. 12
Nov. 1932—	6.91 Mar. 18	7.16 Mar. 12
Dec. 1932—	6.91 Mar. 18	7.16 Mar. 12
Jan. 1933—	6.91 Mar. 18	7.16 Mar. 12

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks as well as afloat are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening. But to make the total the complete figures for to-night (Friday) we add the item of exports from the United States, including in it the exports of Friday only.

	1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.
Stock at Liverpool	633,000	926,000	900,000	1,004,000
Stock at London	—	—	—	—
Stock at Manchester	206,000	214,000	102,000	95,000
Total Great Britain	839,000	1,140,000	1,002,000	1,099,000
Stock at Hamburg	—	—	—	—
Stock at Bremen	306,000	484,000	455,000	540,000
Stock at Avren	174,000	378,000	292,000	247,000
Stock at Rotterdam	24,000	14,000	5,000	17,000
Stock at Barcelona	92,000	117,000	107,000	90,000
Stock at Genoa	99,000	62,000	50,000	37,000
Stock at Ghent	—	—	—	—
Stock at Antwerp	—	—	—	—
Total Continental stocks	695,000	1,055,000	909,000	931,000
Total European stocks	1,534,000	2,195,000	1,911,000	2,030,000
India cotton afloat for Europe	49,000	196,000	166,000	207,000
American cotton afloat for Europe	400,000	371,000	298,000	357,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat for Europe	81,000	70,000	77,000	98,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt	673,000	692,000	509,000	430,000
Stock in Bombay, India	632,000	987,000	1,366,000	1,130,000
Stock in U. S. ports	4,479,295	3,831,454	1,923,793	1,783,507
Stock in U. S. interior towns	1,908,510	1,379,376	1,202,943	781,667
U. S. exports to-day	88,465	28,695	—	630
Total visible supply	9,845,270	9,750,525	7,453,736	6,817,804

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:

	1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.
Liverpool stock	286,000	457,000	410,000	714,000
Manchester stock	122,000	92,000	70,000	70,000
Continental stock	641,000	950,000	822,000	871,000
American afloat for Europe	400,000	371,000	298,000	357,000
U. S. port stocks	4,479,295	3,831,454	1,923,793	1,783,507
U. S. interior stocks	1,908,510	1,379,376	1,202,943	781,667
U. S. exports to-day	88,465	28,695	—	630
Total American	7,925,270	7,109,525	4,726,736	4,577,804

	1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.
Liverpool stock	347,000	469,000	490,000	290,000
London stock	—	—	—	—
Manchester stock	84,000	122,000	32,000	25,000
Continental stock	54,000	105,000	87,000	60,000
Indian afloat for Europe	49,000	196,000	166,000	207,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat	81,000	70,000	77,000	98,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt	673,000	692,000	509,000	430,000
Stock in Bombay, India	632,000	987,000	1,366,000	1,130,000
Total East India, &c.	1,920,000	2,641,000	2,727,000	2,240,000
Total American	7,925,270	7,109,525	4,726,736	4,577,804

Continental imports for past week have been 97,000 bales. The above figures for 1932 show a decrease from last week of 68,457 bales, a gain of 94,745 over 1931, an increase of 2,391,534 bales over 1930, and a gain of 3,027,466 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 periods of the previous year, is set out in detail below:

Table with columns for Towns, Movement to Mar. 18 1932, Movement to Mar. 20 1931, Receipts, Shipments, Stocks. Lists towns like Ala., Birmingham, Eufaula, Montgomery, Selma, etc.

* Includes the combined totals of 15 towns in Oklahoma. The above totals show that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 52,606 bales and are to-night 529,134 bales more than at the same period last year.

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

Table showing quotations for middling upland at New York on March 18 for each of the past 32 years (1932 to 1925).

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader, we also add columns which show at a glance how the market for spot and futures closed on same days.

Table with columns for Spot Market Closed, Futures Market Closed, SALES (Spot, Contr't, Total). Rows for Saturday through Friday and Total week.

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

Table comparing 1931-32 and 1930-31 movements. Columns for Mar. 18 Shipped, Week, Since Aug. 1, 1931-32, 1930-31. Rows for Via St. Louis, Via Mounds, &c., Via Rock Island, etc.

* Including movement by rail to Canada. The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 11,898 bales, against 13,735 bales for this week last year, and that for the season to date the aggregate net overland exhibits a decrease from a year ago of 137,433 bales.

Table with columns for In Sight and Spinners' Takings, Receipts at ports to March 18, Net overland to March 18, South'n consumption to March 18, Total marketed, Interior stocks in excess, Excess of Southern mill takings over consumption to March 18, Came into sight during week, Total in sight March 18, North. spinn's's takings to Mar. 18 1918.

* Decrease.

Table showing Movement into sight in previous years: Week, Bales, Since Aug. 1, 1930-March 20, 1929-March 21, 1928-March 22.

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.—Below are the closing quotations for middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Table with columns for Week Ended Mar. 18, Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Lists markets like Galveston, New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, Norfolk, etc.

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

Table with columns for Saturday, Mar. 12, Monday, Mar. 14, Tuesday, Mar. 15, Wednesday, Mar. 16, Thursday, Mar. 17, Friday, Mar. 18. Lists months from March to February.

CENSUS REPORT ON COTTON CONSUMED AND ON HAND, &C., IN FEBRUARY.—This report, issued on March 14 by the Census Bureau, will be found in an earlier part of our paper in the department headed "Indications of Business Activity."

CENSUS REPORT ON COTTONSEED OIL PRODUCTION DURING FEBRUARY.—Persons interested in this report will find it in the department headed "Indications of Business Activity" on earlier pages.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening indicate that the weather during the week, with the exception of the last two days, has been abnormally cold in practically all sections of the cotton belt. There has been very little rain during the week.

Memphis, Tenn.—The weather the latter part of the week has been favorable for farm work.

Table with columns for Rain, Rainfall, Thermometer. Lists locations like Galveston, Texas; Abilene, Texas; Brownsville, Texas; Corpus Christi, Texas; Dallas, Texas; Del Rio, Texas; Houston, Texas; Palestine, Texas; San Antonio, Texas; New Orleans, La.; Shreveport, La.; Mobile, Ala.; Savannah, Ga.; Charleston, S. C.; Charlotte, N. C.; Memphis, Tenn.

The following statement we have also received by telegraph, showing the height of rivers at the points named at 8 a. m. of the dates given:

Table with columns for Mar. 18 1932, Mar. 20 1931. Lists New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville, Shreveport, Vicksburg with gauge heights.

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Table with columns: Week Ended, Receipts at Ports, Stocks at Interior Towns, Receipts from Plantations. Rows include Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar.

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1931 are 9,666,462 bales; in 1930 were 8,757,897 bales, and in 1929 were 8,455,603 bales.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.—The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons from all sources from which statistics are obtainable; also the takings or amounts gone out of sight for the like period:

Table with columns: Cotton Takings, Week and Season, 1931-32, 1930-31. Rows include Visible supply Mar. 11, American in sight to Mar. 18, Bombay receipts to Mar. 17, etc.

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 2,980,000 bales in 1931-32 and 2,695,000 bales in 1930-31—takings not being available— and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 10,874,063 bales in 1931-32 and 9,680,021 bales in 1930-31, of which 7,377,063 bales and 5,984,121 bales American.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.

Table with columns: Mar. 17 Receipts at, 1931-32, 1930-31, 1929-30. Rows include Bombay, Exports from, etc.

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 14,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 42,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show a decrease of 1,251,000 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.—We now receive weekly a cable of the movements of cotton at Alexandria, Egypt. The following are the receipts and shipments for the past week and for the corresponding week of the previous two years:

Table with columns: Alexandria, Egypt, Mar. 16, 1931-32, 1930-31, 1929-30. Rows include Receipts (Cantars), Exports (Bales), etc.

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ended Mar. 16 were 115,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 15,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in both yarns and in cloths is quiet. Orders are coming in more freely from the Levant. We give prices to-day below and leave those of previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

Table with columns: 1931, 1930. Rows include Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar. Columns represent different cotton grades and prices.

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 287,675 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic reports, are as follows:

Large shipping news table with columns: Destination, Date, Quantity, etc. Rows include GALVESTON, SAVANNAH, WILMINGTON, BRUNSWICK, PENSACOLA, CORPUS CHRISTI, NEW ORLEANS, CHARLESTON, BEAUMONT, NORFOLK, HOUSTON, etc.

		Bales.
MOBILE—To Manchester—Feb. 29—West Kyska, 2,396		2,396
To Liverpool—Feb. 29—West Kyska, 2,828		2,828
To Genoa—March 9—American Press, 650		650
To Bremen—Feb. 27—Gateway City, 4,440—March 4—Neidenfels, 3,381; Berengar, 761		8,582
To Hamburg—Feb. 27—Gateway City, 641—March 4—Berengar, 231		872
To Antwerp—Feb. 27—Gateway City, 100		100
To Ghent—Feb. 27—Gateway City, 50—March 4—Berengar, 400		450
To Venice—March 4—Ida, 1,000		1,000
To Japan—March 7—Steelranger, 2,377—March 8—Vancouver City, 3,200		5,577
NEW YORK—To Japan—March 12—City of Bedford, 2,000		2,000
To Bremen—March 16—Dresden, 107		107
LOS ANGELES—To Liverpool—March 12—Sulairia, 200		200
To Dunkirk—March 12—Wisconsin, 65		65
To Bremen—March 12—Este, 300		300
To Japan—March 14—President Hayes, 1,468		1,468
SAN FRANCISCO—To Great Britain—March 16—(?)—170		170
To Japan—March 16—(?)—4,744		4,744
JACKSONVILLE—To Liverpool—March 15—Schickshinny, 474		474
To Manchester—March 15—Schickshinny, 134		134
TEXAS CITY—To Liverpool—March 10—Abercos, 76		76
To Manchester—March 10—Abercos, 1,328		1,328
To Havre—March 10—Oakwood, 776		776
To Bremen—March 12—Hedderheim, 1,922		1,922
To Genoa—March 14—American Press, 662		662
To India—March 9—Monkswood, 2,406		2,406
LAKE CHARLES—To Havre—March 13—Bayou Chico, 386		386
To Dunkirk—March 13—Bayou Chico, 50		50
To Rotterdam—March 13—Bayou Chico, 175		175
To Ghent—March 13—Bayou Chico, 100		100
Total		287,675

COTTON FREIGHTS.—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Barrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

High Stand.		High Stand.		High Stand.	
Density.	ard.	Density.	ard.	Density.	ard.
Liverpool .45c.	.60c.	Stockholm .50c.	.75c.	Shanghai .40c.	.55c.
Manchester .45c.	.60c.	Trieste .50c.	.75c.	Bombay .40c.	.55c.
Antwerp .45c.	.60c.	Flume .50c.	.75c.	Bremen .45c.	.60c.
Havre .31c.	.46c.	Lisbon .45c.	.60c.	Hamburg .45c.	.60c.
Rotterdam .45c.	.60c.	Oporto .60c.	.75c.	Piraeus .75c.	.90c.
Genoa .45c.	.60c.	Barcelona .35c.	.50c.	Salonica .75c.	.90c.
Oslo .50c.	.65c.	Japan *	.50c.	Venice .50c.	.65c.

* Rate is open.

LIVERPOOL. By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

		Feb. 26.	Mar. 4.	Mar. 11.	Mar. 18.
Sales of the week		-----	-----	-----	-----
Of which American		-----	-----	-----	-----
Sales for export		-----	-----	-----	-----
Forwarded		51,000	55,000	59,000	61,000
Total stocks		655,000	649,000	654,000	633,000
Of which American		304,000	304,000	299,000	286,000
Total imports		56,000	70,000	69,000	52,000
Of which American		47,000	42,000	34,000	33,000
Amount afloat		191,000	180,000	172,000	178,000
Of which American		109,000	116,000	107,000	99,000

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Spot.	Saturday,	Monday,	Tuesday,	Wednesday,	Thursday,	Friday,
Market, 12.15 P. M.	Moderate demand.	A fair business doing.	Quiet.	Good demand.	Moderate demand.	Quiet.
Mfd. Upl'ds	5.52d.	5.53d.	5.04d.	5.48d.	5.50d.	5.51d.
Sales	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Market opened	Quiet, 4 to 7 pts. decline.	Quiet, unchanged to 1 pt. dec.	Quiet but steady, 5 to 7 pts. dec.	Steady, 4 to 5 pts. advance.	Quiet but unchanged to 1 pt. dec.	Steady, 3 to 5 pts. advance.
Market, 4 P. M.	Quiet, 7 to 8 pts. decline.	Quiet, unchanged to 2 pts. adv.	Quiet but st'dy, 6 to 7 pts. dec.	Quiet but st'dy, 3 to 4 pts. adv.	Quiet but unchanged to 2 pts. adv.	Qt. but sty. unch'd. to 1 pt. adv.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Mar. 12 to Mar. 18.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	12.15 p.m.	12.30 p.m.	4.00 p.m.	12.15 p.m.	4.00 p.m.	12.15 p.m.
New Contract.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
March	5.22	5.25	5.22	5.12	5.16	5.20
April	5.20	5.23	5.21	5.10	5.14	5.18
May	5.19	5.22	5.20	5.09	5.13	5.17
June	5.18	5.21	5.19	5.08	5.12	5.16
July	5.17	5.20	5.19	5.08	5.12	5.16
August	5.18	5.21	5.20	5.09	5.13	5.17
September	5.19	5.22	5.21	5.10	5.14	5.18
October	5.20	5.23	5.22	5.11	5.15	5.19
November	5.22	5.25	5.24	5.13	5.17	5.21
December	5.25	5.28	5.27	5.16	5.21	5.25
January (1933)	5.27	5.30	5.29	5.18	5.23	5.27
February	5.29	5.32	5.31	5.20	5.25	5.29
March	5.31	5.34	5.33	5.22	5.27	5.31

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, March 18 1932.

FLOUR.—On the 14th inst., prices fell 15c. Later it was said that Southwestern mills were competing sharply for business and inferentially easy prices.

WHEAT declined owing at first largely to the defeat in the House of Representatives of a proposal to give the States the control of the liquor question within their several boundaries. And now there is something quite as depressing. It is a fear of large Farm Board sales to Europe on credit with detrimental effects on the price. One-day export sales, it was said, increased to 2,000,000 bushels, much of it domestic hard winter. But, in the main, export business has been disappointing. No serious damage to the crop has been reported. On the 12th inst., prices closed 1/8 to 3/8c. higher on covering of shorts with the weather still

cold. But export business was dull and the forecast was for warmer weather. Fluctuations were, therefore, within narrow limits. The open interest, however, had increased to 129,000,000, a gain in two days of over 1,000,000 despite the dullness of speculation. On the 14th inst., prices suddenly plunged down 2 1/2 to 3 1/4c. on the victory of the dry or prohibition element on a test vote in the House of Representatives at Washington by 227 to 187. It was the smallest majority for the "drys" since the prohibition amendment to the Constitution was adopted, but it was enough. The market had practically no support when liquidation set in with a rush. It started in New York. Trading on "bids" had been so small that it interposed no resistance to the decline. It had to continue unchecked until it had spent its force after stop-loss orders had been reached. Moreover, export business was dull. The weather was cold, but the forecast was for warmer conditions. Prices dropped to the lowest since Feb. 10. Final prices were only 1/8 to 3/8c. above the lowest.

On the 15th inst. prices closed unchanged to 1/4c. off, though export sales were reported of 2,000,000 bushels half hard winter. Liverpool was firm. But the export sales were supposed to be of Farm Board wheat. Hedge covering failed to appear and no follow-up. Speculative demand developed. This and the decline in stocks took the snap out of the market. At one time prices were 3/4c. net higher and towards the close covering and a better technical position caused a rally of 3/4 to 1c. from the low after prices had dropped 1 1/2 to 1 3/4c. from the early high. The Chicago Board of Trade will be closed on Good Friday, but not on the Saturday following. On the 16th inst. prices ended 1/2 to 1c. higher, despite a decline in stocks and the absence of any pronounced export demand. The East and the Northwest sold but offerings were on the whole well taken. For one thing Liverpool and Buenos Aires were strong. Both had been recently gaining gradually on Chicago. The weekly Government report was considered rather bullish than otherwise. Reports of damage in Russia by floods had some effect. And again there were predictions of a better export business in the near future. Finally the technical position was stronger.

Washington wired that George S. Milnor, sailed to-night to investigate the wheat situation abroad and study possible outlets for the domestic surplus of that grain. He is General Manager of the Grain Stabilization Corporation, the holding company for the Federal Farm Board's wheat and also General Manager of the Farmers' National Grain Corporation, a co-operative grain-selling organization that contracts the largest volume of wheat business of any company in the United States. No official announcement of Mr. Milnor's plans was made. He is supposed to be going to Europe to sell Farm Board wheat. On the 17th inst. prices ended 1/4 to 1/2c. lower. Earlier in the day the decline was 1 1/2 to 1 3/4c. in the fear that George Milnor's trip to Europe may mean considerable sales there by the Farm Board and a corresponding lessening of ordinary export sales on this side. Liverpool closed 1/8 to 1 1/8c. lower. The shipments of the Southern Hemisphere were expected to be large. Argentine exports were estimated at 7,348,000 bushels for the week against 7,093,000 bushels in the previous week and 3,363,000 in the same week last year. Export sales were stated as only 300,000 bushels of which 160,000 were domestic hard winter which is said to have sold at 1/2c. over Chicago May f.o.b. Some unfavorable crop reports came from the Southwest and from France, Hungary and Poland. Later a firmer stock market caused a rally so that the net decline was moderate.

To-day prices closed 1 3/4 to 2c. lower at Chicago, 2c. lower at Winnipeg and 2 to 2 1/4c. lower in Minneapolis, largely because of a Washington dispatch stating that Secretary of Agriculture Hyde had announced that the Government is planning an intensive campaign to unload the country's surplus cotton and wheat abroad. It appears that this is to be attempted on long-term credits. This, with a break in stocks and cotton, had a bad effect. Export sales partly yesterday are said to have been about 750,000 bushels, including durum, and of which some 200,000 bushels are for Italy. There was some business in hard winter wheat. The technical position is better after the drastic liquidation. And grain outlook in Russia is said to be bad. Final prices show a decline at Chicago for the week of 4 to 4 1/2c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF BONDED WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May	61 1/2	60	60	60 1/2	60	-59 1/2
July	63	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	-62
						60

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

Table with columns: No. 2 red, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Values: 73%, 71%, 71%, 72%, 70%, 68%

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with columns: March, May, July, September, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Values: 57%, 55%, 54%, 55%, 54%, 53%

Table with columns: Season's High and When Made, Season's Low and When Made. Values: March 71%, Nov. 9 1931, etc.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

Table with columns: May, July, October, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Values: 66%, 65%, 65%, 64%, 64%, 62%

INDIAN CORN has declined owing to the weakness in wheat, some increase at times in country offerings and the dullness of the cash trade.

On the 16th inst., prices closed 1/4 to 1/2c. higher, braced by wheat, covering the smallness of the country offerings and the firmness of cash corn.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

Table with columns: No. 2 yellow, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Values: 50%, 49%, 49%, 50%, 49%, 48%

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with columns: March, May, July, September, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Values: 39%, 38%, 38%, 39%, 38%, 37%

Table with columns: Season's High and When Made, Season's Low and When Made. Values: March 51%, Nov. 9 1931, etc.

OATS.—There was a decline this week in sympathy with lower prices for other grain. On the 12th inst., prices were 1/2c. lower for May, the only month traded in.

On the 16th inst. prices closed unchanged to 1/2c. higher on the support afforded by other grain. Also official reports declared that the new crop in the Southwest had suffered severe damage.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

Table with columns: No. 2 white, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Values: 35 1/2-35 1/2, 34 1/2-35, 34 1/2-35, 34 1/2-35, 34 1/2-34, 33 1/2-34 1/2

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with columns: March, May, July, September, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Values: 25 1/2, 24 1/2, 24 1/2, 24 1/2, 24 1/2, 24 1/2

Table with columns: Season's High and When Made, Season's Low and When Made. Values: March 31, Nov. 10 1931, etc.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

Table with columns: May, July, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Values: 32%, 32, 31%, 32, 31%, 31%

RYE.—Lower prices have prevailed this week though there was some advance early on reports of an increase in

export business. The drop in wheat affected rye later. On the 12th inst. prices closed 1/4 to 3/4c. lower owing to scattered liquidation in a dull market.

On the 15th inst. prices ended unchanged to 5/8c. lower, affected by a reaction in wheat. On the 16th inst. prices advanced 3/4 to 1c. with wheat up and Winnipeg strong.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with columns: March, May, July, September, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Values: 47 1/2, 44 1/2, 46 1/2, 47 1/2, 47 1/2, 47

Table with columns: Season's High and When Made, Season's Low and When Made. Values: March 62, Nov. 9 1931, etc.

Closing quotations were as follows:

GRAIN.

Table with columns: Wheat, New York; Corn, New York; Oats, New York. Values: No. 2 red, c.i.f., Dom. 68 1/2, etc.

FLOUR.

Table with columns: Spring pat high protein, Spring patents, Clear, first spring, etc. Values: \$4.75@5.00, 4.40@4.60, etc.

For other tables usually given here, see page 2095.

WEATHER REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDED MARCH 7.

The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended March 7, follows:

The outstanding feature of the week's weather was the intense cold that held in its grip throughout the entire week all sections of the country from the Rocky Mountains eastward.

Chart I shows that the weekly mean temperatures ranged from 9 deg. to as much as 26 deg. subnormal in practically all sections of the country from the Rocky Mountains eastward.

Chart II shows that very little precipitation occurred, except in the extreme Southeast where substantial and beneficial rains fell.

Because of the extreme mildness of the past winter, vegetation was prematurely advanced over the entire southern half of the United States at the beginning of March.

In the South early gardens and tender truck crops have been all but wiped out from Texas and Oklahoma eastward to the Atlantic Ocean.

Outside work on farms was largely at a standstill during the week, except that the favorable opportunity for farm butchering was fully utilized.

The Weather Bureau furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

Virginia.—Richmond: Temperatures decidedly below normal, with winter's coldest week; precipitation light.

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Cold throughout week; freezing to coast on several dates. Heavy damage to strawberries and truck; some damage to oats and tree fruits, though damage reported slight in commercial peach orchards. Much hog killing after long delay.

South Carolina.—Columbia: Freezes on six nights killed practically all potatoes and garden vegetables, except cabbage, turnips, and the like. Tree fruits considerably damaged, but too early to determine extent. Winter cereal growth materially checked. Hog butchering active. Little or no plowing.

Georgia.—Atlanta: Severe wintry weather, with minimum temperatures continuously below freezing since 6th, ranging from 10 deg. in extreme north to 20 deg. at southern border. Immense damage to crops of all kinds. Spring gardens and much truck, including beans, tomatoes, and young cabbage plants, and corn, flowers, and shrubs destroyed. Transplanted tobacco, and many unprotected plants in beds, killed. Bedded sweet potatoes cut to ground. Strawberries frozen, but plants alive. Oats considerably damaged. Peaches destroyed in north division, but apparently not greatly damaged south of Macon. No farm work.

Florida.—Jacksonville: A cold week, but widespread, beneficial rains. Heavy frost and freezing to interior of extreme south on Monday. Most unprotected tender truck, tobacco beds, melons, and corn killed in north and much of central, and severely damaged, with much killed, in interior of south. Cabbage, celery, and lettuce more benefitted than damaged. Slight damage to tender citrus growth; possibly some local damage to fruit in extreme north portion of belt, but unimportant. Replanting truck, corn, and other crops began at once.

Alabama.—Montgomery: Temperatures decidedly below normal; freezing or lower in north portion daily and on coast three days; lowest March minima recorded in south on Thursday. Light to moderate precipitation first half; remainder fair. Little farm work accomplished. Oats badly damaged by cold; some believed killed in north portion. Truck crops and vegetables killed or seriously damaged; actual damage undetermined. Pastures and ranges also damaged. Fruits, where buds wholly or partly opened, killed or badly damaged; actual damage as yet not known.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: Light snow in north Tuesday and moderate rain on coast Friday and Saturday; otherwise generally fair. Abnormally cold throughout; hard freeze to coast Thursday. Extensive damage to fruit and truck. Farm activities generally poor progress; excellent for butchering.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: Record-breaking cold for March; week averaged 20 deg. below normal. Hard freezes on five consecutive days in most sections; killing frost to coast on several nights. Potatoes, garden truck, and all tender vegetation killed to coast. Fruit killed generally and cane damaged. Strawberries cut short; damage very great and will require four to six weeks for second crop. Hardy vegetables, like cabbage, not damaged in coastal sections. Precipitation light. Very light farm work. Strong north winds accelerated recession of floods.

Texas.—Houston: Light rains and snows and unusual cold prevailed; many stations reporting lowest temperature of record for so late in season. Winter wheat and oats suffered in most localities, but benefited by snow in portions of northwest and north-central. Progress and condition of corn poor. Heavy to killing frosts blanketed State, practically ruining tender truck to lower Rio Grande Valley where severe losses occurred. Fruits ruined or severely damaged in much of northern half and possibly some damage to young citrus in Rio Grande Valley. Young cotton damaged and replanting necessary in lower coast sections. Livestock stood up well, but some loss of young lambs and newly-sheared goats in portions of west. Farm work backward.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: Severely cold all week; temperatures averaging 20 deg. or more below normal, with lowest minima of record for so late in season in some sections. No field work. Winter grains frozen and set back; wheat probably not seriously or permanently damaged. Oats, potatoes, and gardens heavily damaged, necessitating much replanting. Peaches and other early-blooming fruits mostly killed, except possibly in extreme northwest.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: Coldest March week of record; 6 deg. in northwest and 17 deg. in southeast. Ground frozen all week in north. Oats damaged in some portions. Early truck killed. Peaches, pears, plums, and strawberries that were set and all blooms killed. Apples injured slightly.

Tennessee.—Nashville: Extremely low temperatures throughout week stopped all growth and dealt severely with wheat, oats, rye, and barley. Occasional snow flurries afforded no protection and can not determine ultimate effect now. Peach, pear, plum, strawberry crops, and early vegetables greatly damaged. Stock medium to good condition.

Kentucky.—Louisville: Ground hard frozen all week; farm work at standstill. Light snow, but no cover. Extent of damage from freeze uncertain until complete thaw. Peaches, pears, and plums seriously injured; cherries partly killed. Early market gardens frozen out. Only jointing wheat believed hurt, but amount of injury undetermined; much of earliest wheat had been restrained by heavy grazing.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, March 18 1932.

Retail activity in textiles, now that Easter is in the immediate offing, continues very disappointing, largely due to persistently unfavorable weather in important sections of the country, it is believed. A very poor comparison with the corresponding period last year threatens unless a sharp expansion in activity takes place during the next few days. Such an expansion is of course possible, if the weather takes a sudden turn toward balminess. It is yet difficult to anticipate what the consumer-response to spring offerings will be, since, in addition to the fact of the weather as a deterrent, there is believed to be a more pronounced tendency to ignore Easter as a time to replenish wardrobes and wait for indications of the permanent disappearance of cold weather. Dry goods wholesalers, it is reported, are doing little or no business at this time, with some citing orders for fall goods while their seasonal lines are being ignored. In this quarter it is remarked that sentiment in business channels has lost some of the improvement which it extracted from the recent institution of far-reaching financial remedies, owing to the failure of business so far to respond to the latter. However, in some primary channels a somewhat more cheerful view is voiced, to the effect that retailers' and distributors' holdings are so light that when public buying of spring goods begins in earnest, active replenishment of supplies must be undertaken by the first-named, which will be quickly reflected in the movement from mills. Tight credit, which is now in visible process of becoming freer; decreased purchasing power, which is estimated to be partly outweighed, as far as the immediate outlook is concerned, by hoarded resources on the one hand and over-delayed purchasing for actual needs on the other; inclement weather, which is very unlikely to maintain a cold and gloomy countenance for much longer; each of these major influences is thought to be tending toward a period of less restricted activity, and business, which, if not more profitable, may at least show that the persistent deflation undergone in recent months is checked.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—A favorable undertone in raw cotton and a good statistical position in the cotton goods trade, together with the apparent determination of the latter to resist pressure for lower prices with every available means, are cited as the factors responsible for

the maintenance of the relative steadiness of cotton goods values notwithstanding the fact that the current lull in activity has now covered several weeks. Sales at present continue largely for small quantities, but many manufacturers, particularly of gray goods, are sufficiently well sold ahead to be able to dispense with business available at present which would involve concessions. The inevitable scattered offerings somewhat under the market, by second hands, have caused little unsettlement, being somewhat less frequent, and seldom for substantial quantities. The steadiness of values since the beginning of the year, partly, perhaps, reflecting a general stabilizing tendency in prices of industrial products, is more directly traced, in textiles, to the bringing about by curtailment of production of a progressive decrease in mill stocks, which has contributed not only to the improved confidence manifested by sellers at present, but also to that of buyers, who are in many cases not merely willing but glad to be able to accept current levels as stable. The Association of Cotton Textile Merchants' report for February again made an excellent showing. While sales for the month proved to have been far below the total for January, shipments continued at a full rate, and production, though somewhat greater than in January, was slightly under the total of new business placed. Unfilled orders declined only 3.4%, while stocks on hand fell off a further 5.7%, bringing the figure to another new low since comparable statistics were available. The healthy condition thus revealed occasioned widespread satisfaction in the trade, and was interpreted as evidence of the now widespread realization that enlightened self-interest dictates a co-operative policy, in the emergency of the present general depression, as much more advisable even from the point of view of relatively strong producers than a policy of cut-throat competition. Uncertainty occasioned by the proposed Government sales-tax is cited as a major deterrent to activity, which bears no small share of responsibility for the persistent quietude of the present. While the trade is generally antagonistic to the tax—it would be hard to find an instance in history where the proposal of such a tax was popular—it appears to be growing more or less resigned to its eventual enactment, though there is considerable agitation for a proviso which will enable such taxes to be invoiced separately once they begin to operate. Meanwhile, in the past day or so fairly good buying of gray goods has taken place, though the market could not be said to be registering the general buying influx which some observers expect momentarily. Sheetings were rather firm, and there was moderately good buying of lightweight construction. Carded broadcloths displayed weakness. Drills, sateens and twills were reported quiet, with fairly substantial inquiries nevertheless in evidence. Finished goods are still slow, with volume running somewhat under last year, it is stated. Small orders for spot and nearby delivery characterized fine goods, with orders centering in fancies and novelties, and total volume for the past several weeks thought to be more substantial than might be judged from the small orders that are being received. Print cloths 27-inch 64x60's constructions are quoted at 2½c., and 28-inch 64x60's at 3c. Gray goods 39-inch 68x72's constructions are quoted at 4½c., and 39-inch 80x80's at 5½c.

WOOLLEN GOODS.—Somewhat better feeling was noticed in some quarters of domestic woollens and worsteds markets during the week, as sellers took a more favorable view of prospects for the movement of spring offerings during coming weeks. Unfavorable weather, which has been perhaps the greatest single responsible factor for the pessimism which has infested woollens markets of late, is showing a slight tendency to change in favor of higher temperatures, and immediate response has been met with, not only at retail, but in small spurts of orders from some retailers for replenishment of their meagre stocks. In this connection those who know conditions in wholesale and retail channels state that wholesalers' supplies are the lightest on record, and that retailers' shelves bear a very empty look even to the casual eye. Women's wear mills continue to produce against orders placed with them some time ago. Stocks, it is reported, are not heavy, and mills are not having to cope with much cancellation of orders, notwithstanding the unexpectedly adverse weather. Some mills continue to move quantities of coatings at very low prices. Buyers currently are waiting for producers to name prices on fall staples, but the latter appear to be in no hurry to enlighten them, though such action is expected in the near future. Fall lines of men's fancy worsteds are slated for opening late this month or early in the next. On the theory that signs of genuine betterment in business will materialize in the course of the next several months, and that consumers have been limiting their wardrobes in very many cases to the point of threadbareness, some responsible observers anticipate an active fall season though they believe it will be characterized by intensive competition.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—Linen markets have undergone no significant change in the past few days; retaining a good demand for French finished dress goods, with some buying of fancy household lines going forward, and men's suitings continuing to move rather slowly. Burlaps have been quiet and listless, with no noteworthy change in prices, though some buyers have come into the market for immediate requirements. Light weights are quoted at 3.40c., and heavies at 4.60c.

State and City Department

NEWS ITEMS

Beaumont, Tex.—Permanent Injunction Granted Against Issuance of Viaduct Bonds.—We are informed by our Western correspondent that at the hearing held recently in the District Court of Jefferson County—V. 134, p. 537—a permanent injunction was granted to the petitioning taxpayers, restraining the city from issuing the \$900,000 viaduct bonds that were voted on July 28 1931 (V. 133, p. 995). A temporary injunction had previously been granted when a group of taxpayers protested that the track elevation contract entered into by the city and the Southern Pacific railroad, which company was to pay the remainder of the \$4,000,000 viaduct project, was unconstitutional.

Franklin County, N. C.—Court Upholds Legality of Refunding Bond Issue.—The injunction issued last December against the Board of County Commissioners restraining them from issuing refunding bonds—V. 133, p. 4186—was dissolved on March 11 by order of Judge W. A. Devin of the District Court, upholding the contention of the defendants that they had a legal right to order the bond issue. A report on the ruling was given as follows in the Raleigh "News and Observer" of March 12:

Judge W. A. Devin yesterday dissolved a temporary restraining order prohibiting the Commissioners of Franklin County from issuing bonds in the amount of \$150,000 for the funding of special notes.

Suit was recently brought against the Commissioners and Charles M. Johnson, of the Local Government Commission, by J. H. Fuller and the Franklin Tax Payers' Association, seeking to prevent the bond issue.

The plaintiffs contended that the proceeds of the notes, which were executed under a previous set of Commissioners, were not used for the specific purpose for which they were made, and objections were raised to the issuance of bonds for their funding.

The bond issue was approved last year by the Local Government Commission and was protested by the Tax Payers' Association, of which W. W. Neal is Chairman.

The plaintiffs gave notice of appeal to the Supreme Court. The defendants claimed that an audit of the county finances disclosed that the funds had been used properly and that the Commissioners had a legal right to order the bond issue.

Maine.—Addition to List of Legal Investments for Savings Banks.—State Bank Commissioner Annis has added to the list of investments considered legal for savings banks the Virginia Public Service Co. first and refunding series C 6% bonds due in 1952.

New Jersey.—New Law Permits Advance Collection of Taxes.—Chapter 6 of the Public Laws of 1932, which became effective on Feb. 24, furnishes the authority to all municipalities to receive taxes in advance and discount them at the rate of 1/2 of 1% per month, giving a rate of 6% per annum. It is said that this measure is designed to meet the conditions resulting from the absence of a market for tax anticipation paper, allowing the municipalities to secure their needed tax revenue ahead of time. The text of the measure reads as follows:

A further supplement to an Act entitled "An Act for the assessment and collection of taxes" (Revision of 1918), approved March 4 1918.

Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey.

Whenever the governing body of any municipality of this State shall by resolution so direct, the receiver of taxes or other officer charged with the collection of taxes or assessments shall receive the tax or assessment due or to become due for any current year at any time during said year as hereinafter provided.

Such payments may be made on the basis of taxes and assessments levied for the preceding year and may be paid in full, or in installments in amounts of not less than one dollar or multiples thereof. The receiver of taxes or other collecting officer shall issue a receipt therefor and credit the same to the account of any tax or assessment levied or to be levied.

The governing body by resolution may authorize a discount on all such advance payments at a rate not to exceed 1/2 of 1% per month for each month for which such advance payments are made.

Should the amount so paid for the current year be in excess of the tax or assessment so levied, the receiver of taxes or other officer charged with the collection thereof shall, on or before the first day of December of the current year, refund the amount of such excess so paid to the payer.

Should the payment made be insufficient to equal the assessment for the current year, the difference so due shall be paid or collected pursuant to the provisions of the act to which this act is a further supplement.

This Act shall take effect immediately.

Approved Feb. 24 1932.

New York City.—Comptroller Berry Issues Report on Subway Bond Financing.—In a lengthy report sent out on March 13 to the Board of Estimate it was declared by Comptroller Charles W. Berry that the four-year bond policy of the Board of Transportation in building the Eighth Avenue subway is holding up other needed public improvements. He recommended the abandonment of the present policy and the adoption by the city of a 50-year bond policy. The report states that these recommendations are made pursuant to the declared policy of the Board of Estimate "to adopt all reasonable economies," and the Comptroller asserts that taxpayers of the city in the next five years will be compelled to pay \$200,000,000 more than is necessary if the short-term bond policy of the Board of Transportation is continued. According to the report, adoption of the long-term bond policy will mean that over the same period the taxpayer will be required to pay a total of \$55,705,553, whereas continuance of the present policy will mean budget installments for a five-year period totaling \$255,480,305, an excess of about \$200,000,000 in the same period.

Comptroller Berry Advocates 6% Discount for Early Tax Payments.—In an effort to induce city property owners to pay all of their taxes for the year in May, when the first payment is due, a local law was introduced by Comptroller Berry at a meeting of the Board of Estimate on March 18, proposing to increase to 6% per annum the discount given to those who pay the second half of the tax at the time of making the first payment. The Comptroller stated that this increase over

the present rate of 4% would be for 1932 only. It is expected among official circles that this extra rebate will bring in about \$200,000,000 extra during May and in the summer months.

New York State.—Legislative Session Ends.—The 1932 State Legislature adjourned sine die at 8:07 p. m. on March 11 after both Houses had finally passed the bus and truck tax increase bill—V. 134, p. 2001—which measure had been the subject of bitter strife in the closing hours. The Senate passed the bill 35 to 16, and the Assembly 95 to 46, thus concluding the last phase of the program set forth by Governor Roosevelt at the opening of the session to provide the State with additional revenue—V. 134, p. 537. This session lasted but 66 days, which is said to have been the shortest session held in the last 30 years. This session of the Legislature has provided for the imposition of new taxes amounting to \$112,000,000, a record levy in any one year. This was made necessary by the possibility of the heaviest deficit in the history of the State. The passage of the above-mentioned tax on heavy motor vehicles was required to permit balancing the budget for the next fiscal year. The City of New York fared well at this session, as all but three of the city's program of 20 bills were passed. The New York "Times" of March 12 reported on the recent session as follows:

Bills Passed.

Tax increase doubling the stock transfer and personal income levies, lifting the gas tax from 2 to 3 cents and raising the truck and bus tax 65%.

Bond issue of \$30,000,000 for State unemployment relief program, together with \$5,000,000 appropriation for current use until fall referendum.

Modification of the Baumes fourth-offender statute giving the judge discretion in one bill and permitting parole on mandatory life sentence after 15 years; also modification of sentence for first-degree burglary and robbery.

Creation of an advisory banking board.

Continuance of the Hofstadter committee inquiry with an appropriation of \$250,000.

Investigation of State departments.

Aid to municipalities in financial stress to permit spreading 1931 deficits over five-year periods.

Changes in drastic pistol law removing requirement for fingerprinting and photographing of applicants except in New York City.

Ratification of Norris "lame duck" amendment.

Establishment of rural credit corporations to aid farmers in financing spring crops.

Creation of up-State bridge authority to control toll bridges and begin construction of Hudson River bridge at Catskill.

Reclassification of 13,000 of State's 30,000 civil service employees.

Shifting of power from Governor to presiding judge of appellate division to name Supreme Court justice to preside at extraordinary terms of court.

Specific prohibition of retention of interest money on funds by public officers.

Authorization of a milk distribution inquiry up-State with \$50,000 appropriation.

Three measures strengthening the anti-stock fraud statutes.

Legalizing of investment by savings banks in railroad bonds hit by depression.

Bills Defeated.

State prohibition enforcement Act, State medical liquor Act and two other resolutions memorializing Congress.

Segregation of thrift accounts in commercial banks.

Unemployment insurance.

Democratic program measures, including four-year term for Governor, election law changes, labor bills and measures to permit municipalities to establish power districts to buy and distribute St. Lawrence power.

Liberalization of divorce laws.

Regulation of Stock Exchange.

Reduction of State salaries from 10 to 20%.

Investigation of up-State communities by use of 50 extra auditors in the Comptroller's office.

Governor's request for a commission to study reorganization of local government.

Repeal of capital punishment.

Authorization for women to serve on juries.

Many new tax proposals, including sales tax.

Making kidnapping punishable to life sentence or death.

Proposal for a \$100,000,000 reconstruction corporation, similar to the Federal organization.

Scores of special appropriation measures.

State Re-districting Case To Be Heard March 24.—On March 15 the United States Supreme Court granted the petition for a review of the ruling of the New York State Court of Appeals holding invalid the 1931 reapportionment resolution of the State Legislature—V. 134, p. 1808, and fixed March 24 as the date for hearing arguments, indicating a decision in the present term, according to news dispatches from Washington on March 15. It is said that the court has had before it a motion to advance the case so as to make it possible to hear it with the similar Minnesota case, scheduled for argument about March 16.

Finance Division Rules on State Stock Transfer Tax.—A letter was sent on March 15 to the New York Stock Exchange by Frank S. McCaffrey, Deputy Commissioner of the Division of Finance, of the State Department of Taxation and Finance, in an effort to clear up the confusion regarding the application of the new stock transfer tax (V. 134, p. 1808) on deals preceding March 1. The text of the letter reads as follows:

It is permissible for transfer agents to accept for transfer at the old rate of tax, certificates accompanied by bills of sale dated March 1 1932, or prior thereto, providing the transaction originated prior to March 1 1932.

It is also permissible for transfer agents to accept for transfer at the old rate of tax, certificates unaccompanied by bills of sale when the assignment on the certificate bears a date of March 1 1932, or prior thereto, providing the transaction originated prior to March 1 1932.

It is required on transactions which come within the above class that a certification be stamped on the bill of sale or on the certificate reading as follows:

"This is to certify that this transaction originated prior to March 1 1932.

Tax is therefore paid at the old rate."

"This regulation is effective on and after March 15 1932, and abrogates rulings dated Feb. 27 and March 3 1932."

New York State.—Text of Personal Income Tax Increase Bill.—The following is the text of the bill passed by the Legislature on Feb. 16, and signed by Governor Roosevelt on Feb. 26—V. 134, p. 1614—making effective on March 1 an increase of 100% in the personal income tax, a 50% increase being retroactive on 1931 incomes, in addition to the 50% increase made retroactive at the special session of the 1931 Legislature:

AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to increasing the rates of taxes on personal incomes with respect to returns due during the calendar years 1932 and 1933.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 351b of chapter 62 of the laws of 1909, entitled "An Act in relation to taxation, constituting chapter 60 of the consolidated laws," as added by chapter 795 of the laws of 1931, is hereby renumbered 351c and as renumbered amended to read as follows:

Sec. 351c. Temporary increase of the tax on personal incomes. The tax on the personal income of any taxpayer under this article for or on account of each of the calendar years 1931 and 1932, or for or on account of each of the fiscal years the returns for which are due during the calendar years 1932 and 1933, respectively, shall be computed, levied, collected and paid at the following rates instead of those prescribed by section 351: Two per centum of the amount of net income not exceeding \$10,000; four per centum of the amount of net income in excess of \$10,000 but not in excess of \$50,000; six per centum of the amount of net income in excess of \$50,000. The taxpayer may pay all of the tax payable by him under this section in one payment, at the time prescribed by this article for payment of the income tax, or he may pay one-half of it at that time, one-fourth on or before three months, and the remaining one-fourth on or before six months, after the day his return shall have become due. The word "due," as used in any of the foregoing provisions of this section, referring to a return, means the fifteenth day of the fourth month following the close of each such fiscal year, or, if the return is made on the basis of the calendar year, the fifteenth day of April of the years 1932 and 1933, respectively. The time for payment of the second and third installments, or either, may be extended by the tax commission for not more than three months, and then only in case the time for making the return be extended under section 371 for three months or more. If, however, the extension of time for making the return of a taxpayer be extended for more than six months, as in the case of a taxpayer who is abroad, the entire amount of the tax shall be paid by him at one time. Each withholding agent shall perform all of the duties imposed upon him by this article with respect to the returns of income referred to herein but the amounts to be withheld and paid over by him, shall be computed in accordance with the rates prescribed by this section which shall supersede as to such returns the rates prescribed by section 366. The object of such temporary increase of the income tax is for the support of government and to produce additional revenues, presently receivable or anticipated, to provide moneys to pay appropriations for the relief of unemployed persons and the alleviation of distress occasioned by the present economic depression. The revenues derived pursuant to the rates prescribed by this section shall be distributed as follows: One-half of the amount shall be distributed and paid in accordance with the provisions of section 382 of this article, and the remainder shall be paid into the State treasury to the credit of the general fund. The tax commission shall segregate the revenues received from the several taxpayers, in a manner that will show, from time to time and at such periods as the tax commission deems necessary, the aggregate amount representing payments in full, and the aggregate amount representing payments of one-half of the full amount and the aggregate amount representing second and third installments. One-half of the amount representing payments in full and all of the amount representing such one-half payments shall be applied as prescribed in section 382. One-half of the amount representing payments in full and all of the amounts representing such installments shall be so paid into the State treasury to the credit of the general fund.

If a taxpayer shall have paid the tax prescribed by this section and shall have made a return based upon the rate of tax prescribed by this section as in force prior to the time this section as hereby amended takes effect, the tax commission shall ascertain and compute from the return or otherwise, the additional amount of the tax to be paid by such taxpayer, based upon the rate of tax prescribed by this section, as hereby amended. The commission shall notify each such taxpayer by mail of the additional amount of tax due as ascertained and computed, and the additional amount due as so ascertained and computed shall be paid on or before the fifteenth day of July 1932. If such taxpayer has paid two-thirds only of such tax, the additional amount as determined by the commission shall be added to the remaining one-third and be paid on or before six months from the time when his return became or becomes due. If the return of any such taxpayer who has heretofore paid the tax for or on account of any such year shall be revised, readjusted or corrected in any manner or for any reason prescribed by this article and the amount of tax finally determined to be due on such return is greater than the amount originally shown thereon, the additional amount of tax prescribed by this section as hereby amended shall be recomputed accordingly and a notice showing the true and correct amount of the remainder of the tax due from the taxpayer shall be sent by mail forthwith.

Sec. 2. This Act shall take effect March first 1932.

Ohio.—*Special Session to Be Called to Consider Relief Legislation.*—News dispatches from Columbus on March 16 reported that Governor White had announced on that date he would call a special session of the Legislature to convene next week in order to pass measures for the relief of unemployment and to provide aid for the needy.

Tennessee.—*Governor Horton Pledges Retrenchment Program to Obtain Financial Aid.*—The New York "Times" of March 17 carried the following article on the statement made by Governor Horton, following conferences with representatives of New York banking institutions, that the State will inaugurate an economy program in order that financial aid may be extended to enable the State to meet maturing obligations:

Governor Horton of Tennessee has pledged a State program of retrenchment and rearrangement of the State's system of revenues, in order to provide needed changes in the sinking fund, to New York bankers interested in aiding the State to meet an issue of \$9,000,000 short-term highway notes to mature on April 29. Representatives of six leading New York banks and banking houses met yesterday to receive the report of J. S. Linden, Vice-President of the Chase Harris Forbes Corp., and E. C. Williams of the Chemical Bank and Trust Co., who had just returned from Nashville.

Governor Horton's policy of retrenchment and economy will provide no further capital expenditures by the State except to complete projects now under way. The Governor will recommend to the Legislature the arrangement of a "scientific sinking fund" which will provide adequate funds to meet the State's unusually heavy maturity of \$35,000,000 in 1939 and \$3,200,000 of highway notes in 1935.

The bankers who met yesterday included representatives of the Chase Harris Forbes Corp., the Chemical Bank and Trust Co., Lehman Brothers, the National City Co., the Guaranty Co. of New York and the Bankers Trust Co. These institutions have headed syndicates which have marketed obligations of the State in the past.

The State cannot call for bids on the refunding issue until 30 days before the April 29 maturity. Last November, when the State was looking to the bankers to refund an issue of \$5,000,000 of notes maturing on Dec. 1, Governor Horton called a special session of the Legislature to pass tax measures sufficient to balance the State's budget and to provide revenues sufficient to finance the financing now planned.

In addition to the \$9,000,000 due on April 29, the State has a \$5,000,000 deficiency issue due on June 1 and small issues aggregating \$1,975,000 payable from the general fund.

Virginia.—*Legislative Session Closes.*—The regular biennial session of the State Legislature which began on Jan. 13, adjourned sine die on March 12, after passing approximately 500 bills, according to a dispatch from Richmond to the "United States Daily" of March 16. Governor Pollard is said to have expressed himself as being well pleased with the work of this session and he reported that the State's budget was practically balanced without increasing taxes. Bills providing greater latitude in county Government affairs are stated to have been passed as well as a plan to abolish

\$3,400,000 of local road levies through the taking over by the State of all county roads as secondary State highways.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS.

ABERDEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Aberdeen), Grays Harbor County, Wash.—*BOND SALE.*—The \$137,000 issue of coupon semi-annual school funding bonds offered for sale on March 11—V. 134, p. 1405—was purchased by the State of Washington as 5s at par. Dated March 26 1932. There were no other bids received.

ALCORN COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Corinth), Miss.—*BONDS OFFERED.*—Sealed bids will be received until March 18, by W. L. Madden, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, for the purchase of a \$25,000 issue of 6% semi-ann. drainage bonds. Denom. \$500. Dated April 1 1928. Due from 1946 to 1957.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY (P. O. Pittsburgh), Pa.—*BOND SALE.*—The \$1,500,000 coupon or registered bonds offered on March 15—V. 134, p. 2002—were awarded as 4 1/8s to a group composed of the Union Trust Co., Pittsburgh, the Guaranty Co. of New York, the Bankers Trust Co. of New York, and the Mellon National Bank, of Pittsburgh, at a price of par plus a premium of \$59,400, equal to 101.32, a basis of about 4.62%. The award consisted of:

\$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: \$5,000 from 1933 to 1961, incl., and \$13,000 in 1962.

All of the bonds are dated April 1 1932 and are being re-offered for general investment priced to yield 4.75% for the 1933 to 1935 maturities; 1936 and 1937, 4.70%; 1938, 4.65%; 1939, 4.60%; 1940, 4.55%; 1941, 4.50%; 1942, 4.45%, and 4.40% for the 1943 to 1962 maturities. Legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in the States of New York and Pennsylvania, according to the bankers. It is further stated that the bonds constitute a direct obligation of the entire County, payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes against all taxable property therein. The one other bid received for the bonds was a price of 100.399, named by a syndicate composed of the Chase Harris Forbes Corp., National City Co., N. W. Harris & Co., Inc., Janney & Co., Graham, Parsons & Co., Peoples-Pittsburgh Trust Co., E. B. Smith & Co., and Foster & Co. At the close of business on March 17 it was reported that all of the bonds had been sold.

AMARILLO, Potter County, Tex.—*BOND SALE.*—We are informed that the \$461,000 issue of 4 1/4% semi-annual funding bonds that was offered for sale without success Dec. 1—V. 134, p. 538—has since been purchased by an undisclosed investor.

We have not been advised as to the disposition of the \$403,000 issue of 4 3/4% semi-annual refunding bonds offered at the same time.

AMHERST, Erie County, N. Y.—*BOND PAYMENT ANNOUNCED.*—Alfred F. Beiter, Town Supervisor, has announced that bonds and interest coupons due March 1 1932, will be paid if presented at the Bank of Williamsville, Williamsville, N. Y., or at the Irving Trust Co., New York, on or after March 15 1932.—V. 134, p. 2002.

AMHERST COUNTY (P. O. Amherst), Va.—*CORRECTED REPORT.*—We are informed that the report appearing in V. 134, p. 2002, to the effect that an election will be held on March 23 to vote on the issuance of \$60,000 in water system bonds is incorrect. It is stated that the matter of establishing the Sanitary District will be heard by the County Court on March 23, and if such district is established the Court will doubtless order an election on the bond issue to be held at some future date.

ANN ARBOR, Washtenaw County, Mich.—*BOND ELECTION.*—At an election to be held on April 4, the voters will pass upon a proposed \$450,000 sewage-disposal plant construction bond issue. Bonds would mature over a period of 30 years and bear an interest rate of not more than 5%. The voters will also pass upon an amendment to the city charter to permit the collection of fees to pay for the maintenance and operation of the plant.

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY (P. O. Annapolis), Md.—*NOTE SALE.*—The Union Trust Co. of Maryland, of Baltimore, purchased at private sale an issue of \$400,000 6% coupon (registrable as to principal) notes, which are being re-offered for general investment at a price of par and accrued interest. Notes are dated April 1 1932 and will mature April 1 1933. Denoms. \$5,000 and \$1,000. Principal and interest (April and October) payable at the office of the bankers. Legality to be approved by Niles, Barton, Morrow & Yost, of Baltimore. It is said that the Board of County Commissioners will introduce a bill at the next session of the General Assembly of Maryland, convening January 1933, authorizing the issuance and sale of refunding bonds, the proceeds of which are to be used to retire the present floating indebtedness of the county, including the current issue.

Financial Statement.

Total taxable basis for 1932.....	\$66,374,183.00
Net bonded and floating debt (including this issue).....	3,425,166.68
Population (1930 census), 55,167.	

ASH TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17 (P. O. Carleton), Monroe County, Mich.—*BONDS NOT SOLD.*—The issue of \$45,000 5 1/2% school bonds offered on Feb. 23—V. 134, p. 1405—was not sold. Issue was to mature \$1,500 annually on Feb. 15 from 1933 to 1962, incl.

ATLANTIC CITY, Atlantic County, N. J.—*TEMPORARY LOAN.*—Local banks have subscribed for \$1,000,000 tax anticipation bonds, of which \$500,000 have been issued pending 1932 tax collections and the remaining \$500,000 in anticipation of 1931 collections. (The city failed to receive a bid at the competitive offering on Feb. 25 of \$1,955,000 not to exceed 6 1/2% interest tax anticipation bonds, which were to mature on Aug. 15 1932.—V. 134, p. 1615.)

BANKS TOWNSHIP, Antrim County, Mich.—*INJUNCTION GRANTED.*—Taxpayers of the municipality of Central Lake have obtained an injunction temporarily restraining issuance of \$15,000 in township bonds which were authorized at a recent election for extension of the Reid Murdoch Co. canning plant, according to the Michigan "Investor" of March 12.

BARBERTON, Summit County, Ohio.—*BOND OFFERING.*—Floyd S. Dutt, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on April 4 for purchase of \$47,258.51 5% special assessment portion bonds, divided as follows:

\$32,462.19 improvement bonds. Dated March 1 1932. One bond for \$462.19, others for \$1,000 and \$750. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,462.19 in 1933, \$3,750 from 1934 to 1941 incl.
14,796.32 improvement bonds. Dated April 1 1932. One bond for \$196.32, others for \$1,000 and \$700. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,196.32 in 1933 and \$1,700 from 1934 to 1941 incl.

Principal and semi-annual interest are payable at the office of the City Treasurer or at the Central Hanover National Bank & Trust Co., New York. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 5%, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for 2% of the amount bid for, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

BAY CITY UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT, Bay County, Mich.—*PROPOSED BOND ISSUE.*—The district is preparing to issue \$250,000 in bonds to provide funds for the payment of the salaries of teachers and other expenses for the remainder of the academic year. The bonds will bear interest at 5% and mature in one year. Denoms. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Sale of the bonds was made necessary as a result of the closing, last December, of the First National and Bay County Savings Banks, in which the district had approximately \$460,000 on deposit, according to report. The trustees have not made immediate demands on the surety companies for payment of the deposit in an endeavor to aid in the organization of a new bank through a consolidation of the assets of the closed institutions.

BATESVILLE, Independence County, Ark.—*BOND ELECTION.*—At the primary election to be held on April 5 the voters will pass on the

proposed issuance of \$5,000 in 6% swimming pool bonds. Denom. \$500. Due on July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1935, and \$1,000, 1936 to 1938.

BEDFORD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—R. P. Orchard, Clerk of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on April 1 for the purchase of \$13,250 6% refunding bonds. Dated April 1 1932. Due \$1,250 Oct. 1 1933 and \$2,000 Oct. 1 from 1934 to 1939, incl. Principal and interest (April and October) are payable at the office of the Clerk-Treasurer of the Board of Education. 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 must accompany each proposal. Successful bidder will be furnished with the approving opinion of the Attorney-General of Ohio.

BELLEFONTAINE, Logan County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—R. A. Hering, City Auditor, reports that the board of sinking fund trustees has purchased at par an issue of \$4,000 5% street improvement bonds. Dated March 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 on Sept. 1 from 1933 to 1936 incl.

BELLEVILLE, Essex County, N. J.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—John J. Daly, Town Clerk, reports that the \$100,000 tax revenue notes sold locally on March 1—V. 134, p. 2002—bear interest at 6% and mature Sept. 1 1932.

BELLEVILLE, Essex County, N. J.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$450,000 coupon or registered tax revenue bonds offered on March 15—V. 134, p. 1809—was not sold, as no bids were received. Bidder was asked to name the rate of interest, expressed in a multiple of one hundredth of 1%. Bonds were to be dated March 1 1932 and mature Dec. 1 1935.

BERGEN COUNTY (P. O. Hackensack), N. J.—TEMPORARY LOAN OF \$1,000,000 OBTAINED BY COUNTY—MUNICIPAL FUNDS TRANSFERRED.—The Board of Chosen Freeholders on March 16 approved of the sale of \$1,000,000 6% tax anticipation bonds to the Chase National Bank, the Bankers Trust Co. and the Bank of New York & Trust Co., all of New York City. The loan matures on June 27 1932. The Board at the same time named those institutions as depositories for city funds during 1932, which heretofore were held by Bergen County banks. The inability of the county to obtain a loan from the local institutions is said to have brought about the change in depositories.

BERGENFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT, Bergen County, N. J.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$150,000 coupon or registered school bonds offered at not to exceed 6% interest on March 16—V. 134, p. 1809—was not sold, as no bids were submitted. Dated Feb. 1 1932. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1933 to 1938 incl. and \$4,000 from 1939 to 1971 incl.

BLACKSBURG, Montgomery County, Va.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—It is stated that the city has voted to issue \$35,000 in water works bonds.

BOLIVAR COUNTY (P. O. Cleveland), Miss.—BONDS APPROVED.—An issue of \$162,000 5 1/2% direct obligation bonds is reported to have been approved by B. H. Charles of St. Louis.

BOSTON, Suffolk County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—City Treasurer Edmund L. Dolan awarded a \$1,000,000 loan on March 16 to the First National Bank, of Boston, and the National Shawmut Bank, of Boston, jointly, at 5.25% interest rate basis. The National City Co. of New York, bid a 5.50% rate, plus a premium of \$50. The loan is dated March 17 1932 and due on Oct. 3 1932. The rate of 5.25% for the current loan compares with that of 5.75% named on a loan of similar amount sold on Feb. 26 to the aforementioned banks, dated March 1 1932 and due Oct. 6 1932—V. 134, p. 1615. On Feb. 15 a \$2,000,000 loan, due Oct. 1 1932, was also sold at 5.75%—V. 134, p. 1406.

BRISTOL, Sullivan County, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until March 29 by the Commissioner of Finance for the purchase of a \$20,000 issue of water works bonds.

BROADALBIN, PERTH, MAYFIELD AND PROVIDENCE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Broadalbin), Fulton County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Lynn Pitcher, Secretary of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on March 19 for the purchase of \$175,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered school bonds. Dated May 1 1932. Denom. \$5,000. Due \$5,000 May 1 from 1933 to 1937 incl. Principal and interest (May and Nov.) are payable at the Broadalbin Bank, or at the Guaranty Trust Co., New York. A certified check for 10% must accompany each proposal.

BROOKHAVEN (P. O. Patchogue), Suffolk County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$13,000 coupon or registered water bonds offered on March 12—V. 134, p. 2003—were awarded as 6s to the Union Savings Bank, of Patchogue, at par plus a premium of \$25, equal to a price of 100.19, a basis of about 5.94%. Dated Feb. 1 1932 and due on Feb. 1 as follows: \$2,000 in 1933 and 1934, and \$3,000 from 1935 to 1937, incl. A bid of par plus a premium of \$8.97 was submitted by Wachsmann & Wassall, of New York.

BROOKHAVEN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Coram) Suffolk County, N. Y.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on March 8 the voters approved of a proposal to issue \$32,000 school bonds, the measure having been passed by the extremely close vote of 38 to 37.

BROWNWOOD, Brown County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On March 1 the State Comptroller registered a \$90,000 issue of 5 1/2% funding, series of 1931 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially.

BRUNSWICK, Cumberland County, Me.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The First National Bank, of Brunswick, purchased on Feb. 16 a \$30,000 temporary loan at 5.75% discount basis. The loan is due on Nov. 1 1932. The Merchants National Bank, of Boston, the only other bidder, named a rate of 5.97%.

BURLINGTON, Burlington County, N. J.—TENTATIVE OFFER FOR BONDS MADE.—Walter W. Marrs, City Clerk, reports that no bids were received at the offering on March 1 of \$130,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered sewer bonds—V. 134, p. 1228—and that C. C. Collings & Co., of Philadelphia, have agreed to purchase the issue as 6s, at a price of 99 and accrued interest, subject to the passage of a bill pending in the State Legislature, which would permit of the sale of bonds at 1% discount. This measure would apply to other municipalities throughout the State.

CABIN CREEK MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT (P. O. Charleston), Kanawha County, W. Va.—BOND SALE.—Two issues of bonds aggregating \$70,000, are reported to have been purchased at par by the State Sinking Fund Commission. The issues are as follows: \$60,000 Point Creek road, and \$10,000 Field's Creek road bonds.

CALIFORNIA, State of (P. O. Sacramento).—BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The \$1,225,000 issue of 4 1/2% coupon or registered semi-annual Veterans' Welfare bonds that was purchased at auction on March 10 by a syndicate headed by R. H. Moulton & Co., Inc., of San Francisco—V. 134, p. 2003—was offered for public subscription by the successful group on March 14 priced to yield 4.25% on all maturities. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Due from Feb. 1 1939 to 1944, incl. Legality to be approved by Orick, Palmer & Dahlquist of San Francisco. These bonds are legal investments for savings banks in New York, California, Massachusetts and other States.

CAMERON COUNTY (P. O. Brownsville), Tex.—ELECTION REPORT.—We are informed that at an election held on March 5 the voters approved the dissolution of the following districts: Drainage District No. 2. No. 10 bonds of this district have been issued or marketed. Water Control and Improvement District No. 18. It is stated that this district is covered by water districts so that the necessity for maintenance of drainage ditches is eliminated and the outstanding bonds amounting to \$52,600 will be protected by levies made by the Commissioners Court.

CAMPBELL, Mahoning County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The two issues of 6% refunding general improvement and special assessment bonds aggregating \$66,592.33 offered on March 14—V. 134, p. 1809—were not sold, as no bids were received. Dated Feb. 15 1932. Due on Sept. 1 from 1933 to 1941 incl.

CAMPBELLSPORT, Fond du Lac County, Wis.—BOND ELECTION.—At the primary election to be held on April 5 the voters will pass on a proposal to issue \$60,000 in water works and sewer system bonds.

CENTERLINE, Macomb County, Mich.—REFUNDING BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The village has received permission from the State Loan Board at Lansing to refund bonds totalling \$6,000 which were due on

Jan. 1 but not paid because of delinquency in tax collections. The amount includes \$5,000 water works bonds and \$1,000 municipal improvement bonds. The refunding bonds will mature from 1933 to 1938, incl. The village's petition to the Board stated that \$37,018 of the 1931 tax levy of \$59,899 is delinquent, it was said.

CHICAGO, Cook County, Ill.—WARRANT SALE.—It is reported that several of the local banking institutions have subscribed for \$4,000,000 in 1930 tax anticipation warrants.

CHICOPEE, Hampden County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—City Treasurer L. M. Dufault stated on March 16 that a Boston bank had agreed to a renewal of a \$150,000 balance of a \$200,000 note issue that matured on March 15. The city had the necessary funds on hand to pay the difference of \$50,000. Mr. Dufault said that an arrangement had been made whereby the city will pay off the \$150,000 as it is able to do so.

CINCINNATI, Hamilton County, Ohio.—ADDITIONAL BOND DISPOSALS FOR 1931.—In addition to the disposition at public sale various issues of bonds during 1931, the city in that year also sold further issues aggregating \$2,909,500, of which \$2,329,500 was taken by the trustees of the city sinking fund and \$580,000 by the board of commissioners of the school district sinking fund. All sales were made at a price of par. The issues in question follow:

- \$581,000 4% refunding street bonds. Dated in 1931. Due from 1932 to 1950 inclusive.
- 402,000 4% street bonds. Dated in 1931. Due from 1932 to 1956 incl.
- 280,000 4 1/2% hospital bonds. Dated in 1930 and 1931. Due from 1931 to 1952 inclusive.
- 275,000 4 1/2% and 4 1/4% poor relief bonds. Dated in 1931. Due in 1932 and 1933.
- 222,000 4% refunding street bonds. Dated in 1931. Due from 1940 to 1950 inclusive.
- 187,500 4 1/4% University of Cincinnati bonds. Dated in 1930. Due from 1941 to 1955.
- 170,000 4% street bonds. Dated in 1931. Due from 1932 to 1941 incl.
- 160,000 4 1/2% waste collection bonds. Dated in 1931. Due from 1932 to 1956 inclusive.
- 150,000 4% water bonds. Dated in 1931. Due from 1932 to 1956 incl.
- 125,000 4% laundry bonds. Dated in 1931. Due from 1932 to 1941 incl.
- 104,000 4 1/2% incinerator plant bonds. Dated in 1928. Due in 1937 and 1938.
- 100,000 4% bridge bonds. Dated in 1931. Due from 1932 to 1956 incl.
- 80,000 4 1/2% sewer bonds. Dated in 1931. Due from 1932 to 1946 incl.
- 38,000 4% waste collection bonds. Dated in 1931. Due from 1933 to 1962 inclusive.
- 35,000 4% park bonds. Dated in 1931. Due from 1932 to 1946 incl.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The issue of \$215,000 water works bonds sold recently to the sinking fund commission—V. 134, p. 1809—is dated March 1 1932 and matures annually on March 1 from 1933 to 1972 incl. Price paid was par. Issue bears interest at the rate of 4 1/2%, payable in March and Sept. Sale was effected on March 1.

CLAREMONT HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles) Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$148,000 issue of school bonds offered on March 14—V. 134, p. 1810—was purchased by Dean Witter & Co. of San Francisco as 5s, paying a premium of \$314.80, equal to 100.21, a basis of about 4.97%. Dated Feb. 1 1932. Due from Feb. 1 1933 to 1952 incl. No other bids were received.

CLARK COUNTY (P. O. Jeffersonville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—George Groher, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on March 19 for the purchase of \$61,900 4 1/2% road construction bonds. Dated Aug. 5 1931. Denom. \$3,095. Due one bond each six months from July 15 1933 to Jan. 15 1935.

COAL GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lawrence County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$100,000 school building construction bonds authorized at the general election in November 1931 has been purchased at a price of par by the State Teachers Retirement System, of Columbus, according to Charles Sheppard, Clerk of the Board of Education.

COLUMBUS, Franklin County, Ohio.—BONDS PUBLICLY OFFERED.—Seasongood & Mayer, of Cincinnati, are offering for public investment the \$139,159 5 1/4% coupon street impt. and lighting system bonds awarded to them on March 10, at 100.14, a basis of about 5.22%—V. 134, p. 2003. The bonds are priced to yield 5.00% for the 1934 and 1935 maturities; 4.80% for the 1936 to 1938 maturities, and 4.75% for the bonds due from 1939 to 1943 incl. Principal and interest (March and September) are payable in New York City. Legality to be approved by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, of Cleveland. Bonds are legal for savings banks in the States of New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut, according to the bankers.

Financial Statement (as Officially Reported.)

Assessed valuation, 1931.....	\$450,414,730
Total indebtedness.....	40,491,230
Water debt.....	7,766,500
Sinking fund.....	7,764,955
Net debt.....	\$24,959,775
Population 1920 census.....	237,031
Population 1930 census.....	290,564

CRANSTON, Providence County, R. I.—LOAN NOT SOLD.—No bids were received at the offering on March 9 of a \$200,000 temporary loan—V. 134, p. 1810. Dated March 10 1932 and due on Dec. 1 1932.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY (P. O. Carlisle) Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 coupon bonds offered on March 16—V. 134, p. 1810—were awarded as 4 1/2s to the Farmers Trust Co., of Carlisle, at par plus a premium of \$1,164, equal to a price of 100.582, a basis of about 4.70%. Dated April 1 1932. Due April 1 as follows: \$6,000 from 1937 to 1941 incl.; \$7,000, 1942 to 1946; \$8,000, 1947 to 1951; \$9,000, 1952 to 1956, and \$10,000 from 1957 to 1961 incl.

CURTIS, Frontier County, Neb.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by L. A. Townsend, City Clerk, until 8 p. m. on April 7, for the purchase of two issues of coupon bonds aggregating \$17,000, divided as follows: \$12,000 intersection paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000 or \$500. Due as follows: \$1,000, 1934 to 1939, and \$2,000, 1940 to 1942, all incl. 5,000 paving bonds. Denom. \$500. Due as follows: \$500 from 1934 to 1941, and \$1,000, 1942.

Bids will be submitted on the basis of premium or discount for the entire issue at a designated interest rate. Principal and interest payable at the office of the County Treasurer of Frontier County in Stockville. The city will furnish the bond history, and the purchaser will print the bonds and furnish legal opinion. A certified check for 5% of the amount of issue, payable to the city, must accompany the bid.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (P. O. Cleveland), Ohio.—PRIVATE SALE OF BONDS PLANNED.—The county is negotiating for the disposition at private sale of the three issues of 5 1/2% road bonds aggregating \$224,000, for which no bids were received at the competitive offering on Feb. 23—V. 134, p. 1616.

DALLAS COUNTY (P. O. Dallas), Tex.—WARRANTS NOT SOLD.—The \$100,000 issue of jail warrants offered on March 7—V. 134, p. 1810—was not sold, as the only bid received was returned unopened. Dated April 10 1932. Due \$10,000 from April 10 1933 to 1942 inclusive.

DE KALB COUNTY (P. O. Auburn), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Merritt M. Maxwell, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on April 1 for the purchase of \$6,300 4% road construction bonds. Dated April 1 1932. Denom. \$315. Due one bond each six months from July 15 1933 to Jan. 15 1943.

DELAWARE COUNTY (P. O. Media), Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—James T. Stewart, County Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on March 29 for the purchase of \$200,000 4, 4 1/2, 4 3/4 or 5% coupon (registerable as to principal) bonds. Dated April 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Bidder to name one of the aforementioned interest rates. Due April 1 as follows: \$7,000 from 1933 to 1952, incl., and \$6,000 from 1953 to 1962, incl. Interest is payable semi-annually. A certified check for \$4,000, payable to the order of the County, must accompany each proposal. Legal opinion of Townsend, Elliott & Munson, of Philadelphia, will be furnished the successful bidder.

DENVER (City and County) Colo.—BONDS CALLED.—William F. McGlone, Manager of Revenue, calls for payment on March 31, on which date interest shall cease, various storm sewer, sanitary sewer, impt., park, surfacing, alley paving and street paving bonds. Upon the request

1,600 street impt. bonds. Denom. \$160. Due one bond annually on Sept. 1 from 1933 to 1942 inclusive.

Each issue is dated March 1 1932. Principal and interest (March and Sept.) are payable at the office of the Director of Finance or at the Citizens Savings Bank & Trust Co., Hamilton. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 5%, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, will also be considered. Coupon bonds, registerable as to principal only. A certified check for 5% of the amount of the bonds, payable to the order of the Director of Finance, must accompany each proposal. The bonds now offered for sale are general obligations of the City and the full faith, revenue and credit thereof has been irrevocably pledged for the prompt payment of both principal and interest of said bonds, as same fall due.

Financial Statement (As of March 1 1932).

Actual value of property (estimated).....	\$100,000,000.00		
Assessed valuation for taxes year 1931.....	70,222,120.00		
Total bonded debt including this issue.....	2,982,007.73		
Less water works bonds.....	311,000.00		
Less sinking fund.....	568,335.58		
Less special assessment included.....	607,732.29		
Total debt.....	1,494,939.86		
Population (1930 census).....	52,176. Population estimated now.....	55,000.	
Date incorporated.....	1854. Tax rate per \$1,000.....	\$21.73. Tax collected—	December, June.

HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Cincinnati), Ohio.—BONDS PUBLICLY OFFERED.—A. E. Aub & Co., and the Weil, Roth & Irving Co., both of Cincinnati, jointly, are offering for public investment \$200,000 4 1/2% and 5% road bonds, priced to yield 4.50% for 1932 to 1934 maturities, and 4.40% for the 1935 and 1939 maturities.

HAMMOND SCHOOL CITY, Lake County, Ind.—WARRANTS NOT SOLD.—L. L. Caldwell, Superintendent of the Board of Education, reports that no bids were received at the offering on March 15 for the purchase of \$200,000 tax anticipation warrants of 1932.—V. 134, p. 1811. Instruments were to mature May 15 1932. Bidder was asked to name the rate of interest.

HASKINS, Wood County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Julia Limmer, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 M. on March 26 for the purchase of \$350 6% assessment portion improvement bonds. Dated April 1 1932. Denom. \$70. Due \$70 on Oct. 1 from 1933 to 1937, incl. Interest is payable in April and Oct. A certified check for \$50 must accompany each proposal.

HENDERSON COUNTY (P. O. Athens), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller registered an issue of \$100,000 5 1/2% court house and jail bonds on March 8. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially.

HICKORY, Catawba County, N. C.—MATURITY.—The \$15,000 issue of notes that was purchased by the First National Bank of Hickory, as 68 at par.—V. 134, p. 1617—matures in four months.

HILLSIDE TOWNSHIP, N. J.—LOCAL BOND REFINANCING PLAN ABANDONED.—Harry Schnabel, Chairman of the Township Finance Committee, recently stated that the proposal to issue "baby bonds" to refinance a \$1,438,000 bond issue due on July 1 1932 has been abandoned, because of the fact that the township is much too small to absorb many of the bonds, and it is not believed that outside investors would be interested in them.

HOBOKEN, Hudson County, N. J.—OFFICIAL REPORT.—We now learn that the amount of tax revenue bonds purchased at a price of par during December by B. J. Van Ingen & Co., of New York, was \$465,000 and not \$460,000 as reported in V. 133, p. 4356. The bonds bear interest at 6%, are dated Dec. 2 1931 and mature on Dec. 2 1935.

ILLINOIS (State of).—\$5,000,000 NOTES AWARDED.—The \$5,000,000 5% emergency unemployment relief revenue notes offered on March 14 —V. 134, p. 2004—were awarded at a price of par to a syndicate composed of the First Union & Savings Bank, Continental Illinois Co., Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Central Republic Bank & Trust Co., and the Northern Trust Co., all of Chicago. The notes are dated Feb. 25 1932 and will be redeemable not earlier than Dec. 1 1932. These notes are part of an authorized issue of \$18,750,000, of which \$12,500,000 were subscribed for at par by citizens throughout the State, as a result of a subscription campaign conducted by the leaders of a representative group of business interests in Chicago. The campaign closed on March 10 with the announcement that \$12,500,000 of the issue had been subscribed for.

INDIANA COUNTY (P. O. Indiana), Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—John N. Thompson, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 12 M. on March 28 for the purchase of \$150,000 4 3/4% county bonds. Dated April 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$30,000 April 1 from 1933 to 1942 incl. Interest is payable in April and Oct. 1. A certified check for \$2,000 must accompany each proposal. The bonds are offered subject to the approval of the Department of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania.

INDIANAPOLIS, Marion County, Ind.—LOAN OFFERING.—William L. Elder, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 11 a.m. on March 31 for the purchase of a \$40,000 temporary loan, dated March 31 1932 and due on May 31 1932.

JACKSON COUNTY (P. O. McKee), Ky.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until April 12 by the County Clerk for the purchase of \$20,000 debt funding bonds.

JEFFERSON, Ashtabula County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Ellis Jackson, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 M. on March 25 for the purchase of \$66,500 6% special assessment improvement bonds (V. 134, p. 1617). Dated March 1 1932. One bond for \$500, others for \$1,000. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$6,500 in 1933; \$7,000 from 1934 to 1939, incl. and \$6,000 from 1940 to 1942, incl. Interest is payable in March and September. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 6% expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for \$750 must accompany each proposal.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 41 (P. O. Golden), Colo.—BOND SALE.—A \$2,300 issue of 6% school building bonds is reported to have been purchased recently by the International Co. of Denver. Due from 1933 to 1936.

KINGSTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Kingston), Luzerne County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—C. Wilbur Nichols, Secretary of the School Board, will receive sealed bids until 12 M. on April 15 for the purchase of \$85,000 5% bonds, dated May 15 1932. Bonds numbered from 1 to 40 will be issued in denoms. of \$500 and from 41 to 105 in denoms. of \$1,000. Due Nov. 15 as follows: \$3,500 in 1933; \$4,000 from 1934 to 1936 incl.; \$4,500 in 1937 and 1938; \$5,000, 1939; \$5,500, 1940; \$6,000, 1941; \$6,500 in 1942 and 1943; \$7,000, 1944; \$7,500 in 1945; \$8,000 in 1946; and \$8,500 in 1947. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for must accompany each proposal.

KITTITAS, Kittitas County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—Two issues of coupon water bonds aggregating \$25,000 were offered for sale and purchased on March 14 by the State of Washington as 68 at par. The issues are divided as follows: \$16,000 revenue and \$9,000 general obligation bonds. The legal approving opinion of Preston, Thorgrimson & Turner of Seattle is furnished.

LA CROSSE COUNTY (P. O. La Crosse), Wis.—BOND AWARD DEFERRED.—We are informed that the tenders received for the \$250,000 issue of 4% semi-annual highway, series A, bonds offered on March 14 (V. 134, p. 2005) were turned over to the County Board for further action. The highest bid received was an offer of 96.11 by the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago. Dated April 1 1932. Due \$50,000 from April 1 1937 to 1941, inclusive.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Polson), Mont.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 issue of refunding bonds offered for sale on March 7 (V. 134, p. 1408) was purchased by the State of Montana as 5 1/2 at par. Dated Jan. 1 1932. The bonds were sold as amortization plan obligations.

LARCHMONT, Westchester County, N. Y.—NOTE SALE.—The Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., of New York, has purchased as 68, at a price of par, a total of \$175,000 notes, divided as follows: \$50,000 tax anticipat'n notes. Dated Mar. 10 1932 and due July 10 1932. 50,000 tax anticipat'n notes. Dated Apr. 10 1932 and due Aug. 10 1932. 50,000 tax anticipat'n notes. Dated May 10 1932 and due Aug. 10 1932. 25,000 tax anticipat'n notes. Dated June 10 1932 and due Aug. 10 1932.

LAWRENCE, Essex County, Mass.—MATURING NOTES PARTLY RENEWED.—It was reported on Mar. 18 that the city had arranged for a 30-day extension of but \$175,000 notes of a total of \$1,100,000 which be-

came due on Mar. 15. City Solicitor McAnally stated that several of the holders of the remaining notes had inquired as to assets, tax collections and other financial data of the city with a view towards extension of their holdings.

LAWRENCE, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Edward R. Jeal, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until April 18 for the purchase of \$75,000 street improvement bonds, being part of an issue of \$175,000 voted on July 22 1931.

LIMESTONE COUNTY (P. O. Groesbeck), Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller registered on March 8 a \$200,000 issue of 6% court house funding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially.

LIVERPOOL, Onondaga County, N. Y.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The two issues of not to exceed 6% interest bonds aggregating \$185,243.91, offered on March 14 (V. 134, p. 1811), were not sold, as no bids were received. Included in the offering were \$114,550.81 series B sewer bonds due Jan. 1 from 1933 to 1952, incl., and \$70,693.10 series A sewer bonds due Jan. 1 from 1937 to 1971, inclusive.

LOEWENTHAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. Lehr), McIntosh County, N. Dak.—CERTIFICATE SALE.—The \$3,000 issue of coupon certificates of indebtedness offered for sale on March 5—V. 134, p. 1811—was purchased by the Bank of North Dakota, at 6%. Denom. \$3,000. Dated March 7 1932. Due on March 7 1933. Optional at any time.

LOS ANGELES, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION POSTPONED.—The following report on the deferring of the election previously scheduled for May 3—V. 134, p. 1811—to pass on the issuance of \$34,400,000 in water and power bonds was received from Los Angeles on March 15:

"The Los Angeles City Council Monday rescinded its previous instructions to the City Attorney to provide for the submission of \$34,400,000 power bond issue to the electorate at the Porter recall election on May 3.

"Question of determining date for bond election was referred to the Water and Power Committee to be taken up with the Water and Power Commission.

"Date of the election was deferred on the ground that the May 3 election will be controversial, while power bond issue is an economic question—consequently sufficient time should be allowed for a campaign of education on behalf of the proposed bond issues. The issue probably will be submitted for vote at the primary election Aug. 30."

LOUDOUN COUNTY (P. O. Purcellville), Va.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 issue of 5 1/2% coupon refunding bonds offered on March 10 —V. 134, p. 1617—was purchased by the Mercantile Commerce Co. of St. Louis, at par. Dated April 1 1932. Due from April 1 1933 to 1947, inclusive. There were no other bids received.

LOUISIANA, State of (P. O. Baton Rouge).—BONDS PARTIALLY SOLD.—Of the \$35,000,000 issue of 5% coupon or registered semi-annual highway, series F bonds, offered for sale on March 15—V. 134, p. 1063—a block of \$15,000,000 was purchased at par by the Pyramid Securities Co. of New Orleans, an affiliate of the Union Indemnity Co. of that city. Newspaper dispatches from New Orleans on March 15 reported as follows:

"The bid itself provided that the Pyramid Securities Co. would pay the Commission \$15,000,000 for the 5% bonds, making \$12,000,000 of it immediately available and providing that "the remainder shall remain on a deposit for a reasonable time, upon terms and with legal security satisfactory" to the Highway Commission.

"The withdrawal of the \$3,000,000 is covered by "a gentleman's agreement" between A. P. Tugwell, Chairman of the Commission; I. Lowenberg, President of the Pyramid company, and Colonel Seymour Weiss of the Union Indemnity Co.

"Mr. Tugwell said that the bonding attorneys, Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York, had approved the sale of \$15,000,000 of the \$35,000,000 block advertised and that they had also approved the other terms of the bid, which was the only one presented to the Commission.

"It will be several days before the bonds are delivered to the bond buyers and the exact terms of the proposals to the contractors are announced.

"The Commission takes the position that they accepted the only bid which was offered, that it was a legal bid and that while the creditors will not be paid in full, their financial position will be greatly strengthened. Of course, if the creditors prefer to continue to hold their certificates of indebtedness, they will be privileged to do so, it is explained.

"Briefly summarized, according to those familiar with the proposals, the creditors will obtain in cash 80% of the amount owed them by the Commission and will receive some kind of a participating certificate in the remaining 20%, the latter certificate being good for 5% interest either from the bonds in which they participate or on their face. When the bond market has improved sufficiently the bonds will be sold to the public and the participating certificates taken up at par.

"The Commission now has outstanding more than \$13,000,000 in certificates of indebtedness. By the time the bonds are delivered the Commission will have issued additional certificates of indebtedness to bring the total to about \$15,000,000, Mr. Tugwell explained. He said he did not know what would be the future course in caring for more than \$10,000,000 in outstanding unexecuted contracts."

LOUISVILLE, Jefferson County, Ky.—BOND SALE.—A \$2,000,000 issue of 4 1/2% coupon sewer bonds was jointly purchased recently by the N. W. Harris Co. of New York and Alameda Bros. of Louisville. Denom. \$3,000. Dated Feb. 1 1929. Due on Feb. 1 1959. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable at the office of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund at the Chemical Bank & Trust Co. in New York. Legal approval by Masslich & Mitchell of New York City.

BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The successful bidders re-offered the above issue of bonds for public subscription priced at 101.81 and interest, to yield 4.40%. These bonds are stated to be part of a total issue of \$10,000,000 authorized in 1929. The "Wall Street Journal" of March 17 gave the following information regarding this offering:

"Louisville's net debt is \$28,422,888, and assessed valuation is \$461,554,146. The city's tax rate has been cut to \$22.30 from \$24 during the last three years. Although municipal income has been reduced by a decrease in total taxable valuation of \$38,000,000 in the past two years, the city has not borrowed to offset the shrinkage, but instead has cut its expenditures.

"Louisville has the lowest per capita cost of government and the lowest per capita funded debt of any of the 25 cities of the country having population of 300,000 or more, Mayor Harrison stated. To meet maturity of the city's bonded debt Louisville has in its sinking fund \$5,691,768. Nearest redemption date is 1937. The city has sold no bonds for unemployment relief. There is no overlapping debt, as Jefferson County and the State of Kentucky issue no bonds, and school debt is included in that of the city."

LYNDHURST, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—NOTICE TO BOND-HOLDERS.—Edward N. Conrad, Solicitor for the Village, has announced that bonds of the village which became due on Oct. 1 1931 are being redeemed on the basis of 80% in cash and 20% in approved village bonds. The notice states that this plan of payment is made necessary because of the situation regarding the collection of taxes and urges holders of the bonds to send them in at once, as the village is doubtful about having money for the payment of the continued interest.

LYON COUNTY (P. O. Marshall), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. on April 6 by Benjamin Foss, County Auditor, for the purchase of a \$45,000 issue of drainage funding bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 4 1/2%, payable M. & N. Denom. \$1,000. Dated May 1 1932. Due \$5,000 from May 1 1937 to 1945 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the Northwestern National Bank in Minneapolis.

MALLEN, Hidalgo County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On March 10 a \$216,677.36 issue of 6% refunding, series of 1931, bonds was registered by the State Comptroller. Denom. \$1,000, one for \$677.36. Due serially.

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Anderson), Ind.—NOTE SALE.—The issue of \$26,000 6% poor relief notes offered on Mar. 15—V. 134, p. 1617—was awarded at a price of par to the Anderson Banking Co., of Anderson, the only bidders. The notes mature \$13,000 on May and Nov. 15 1933.

MADISON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Woodstock), Shenandoah County, Va.—BOND ELECTION.—We are informed that an election will be held on March 30 in order to have the voters pass on the proposed issuance of \$15,000 in school building bonds. Of these bonds probably only \$8,000 or \$10,000 will be issued.

MALDEN, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—W. E. Milliken, City Treasurer, reports that the Shawmut National Bank, of

Boston, was awarded on Mar. 16 a \$500,000 temporary loan at 5.50% discount basis. The loan matures Nov. 13 1932. Only one bid was submitted for the loan.

MAMARONECK (P. O. Mamaroneck) Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 5 p. m. on March 22 for the purchase of \$490,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows:

\$315,000 highway impt. bonds. Bids for this issue will be received by George W. Barrett, Town Supervisor. Bonds are dated April 15 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 15 as follows: \$15,000 from 1933 to 1949 incl., and \$20,000 from 1950 to 1952 incl. A certified check for \$6,500, payable to the order of the Supervisor, must accompany each proposal. Approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York, will be furnished the purchaser.

175,000 series J sewer district No. 1 bonds. Bids for this issue will be received by Walter A. Marvin, Town Clerk. Bonds are dated April 15 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 April 15 from 1937 to 1971 incl. These bonds are binding obligations of the Town, payable in the first instance from assessments and not from a general Town tax, which, however, may be levied if there is a shortage in the primary fund. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Town, must accompany each proposal. Approving opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, of New York, will be furnished the purchaser.

In the case of each issue, the rate of interest must be expressed in a multiple of $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{10}$ of 1% and must be the same for all of the bonds. Principal and interest (April and Oct. 15) are payable at the Larchmont National Bank & Trust Co., Larchmont, or at the First National Bank, New York City.

MANHATTAN BEACH, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$15,000 issue of Boulevard bonds offered on March 3—V. 134, p. 1409—was not sold as there were no bids received. We are informed by the City Clerk that the bonds will not be offered for sale again until later in the year.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Indianapolis), Ind.—NOTE OFFERING.—Charles A. Grossart, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on April 4 for the purchase of \$200,000 not to exceed 6% interest notes. Dated April 1 1932. Denom. \$5,000. Due July 1 1932. Payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Loan is being made on behalf of the sinking fund of the county. A certified check for 3% of the notes bid for, payable to the order of the Board of County Commissioners, must accompany each proposal. No conditional bid will be accepted and the opinion as to the validity of the notes is to be furnished by the successful bidder.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Knoxville), Iowa.—BOND REPORT.—The Board of Supervisors is reported to have recently made arrangements to issue \$25,000 in bonds to take up outstanding poor fund warrants. The bonds will probably be issued about April 1, according to report.

MARSHALLTOWN, Marshall County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,410.57 issue of 5% annual street impt. special assessment bonds offered for sale on March 14—V. 134, p. 1812—was purchased by George Gregory for the Masonic Holding Corp. of Marshalltown at par. Due on May 1 as follows: \$410.57 in 1935 and \$500 in 1938 and 1941.

MASSACHUSETTS (State of).—BOND OFFERING.—Charles F. Hurley, State Treasurer and Receiver-General, will receive sealed bids until 12 M. on March 31 of \$2,765,500 registered bonds, divided as follows:

- \$1,300,000 Metropolitan additional water loan bonds. Due \$65,000 Jan. 1 from 1943 to 1962 incl. Interest payable in January and July.
- 700,000 Metropolitan additional water loan bonds. Due \$70,000 Jan. 1 from 1933 to 1942 incl. Interest payable in January and July.
- 500,000 Metropolitan sewerage loan, South System bonds. Due \$25,000 Sept. 1 from 1932 to 1951 incl. Interest payable in March and September.
- 145,000 Cambridge Subway Station bonds. Due \$5,000 May 1 from 1953 to 1981 incl. Interest payable in May and November.
- 114,000 Cambridge Subway Station bonds. Due \$6,000 May 1 from 1934 to 1952 incl. Interest payable in May and November.
- 6,500 Cambridge Subway Station bonds. Due May 1 1933. Interest payable in May and November.

Bids must be for the entire issue and bidders will name the rate or rates of interest which the bonds are to bear, expressed in a multiple of $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1%. Split interest rates not to be named on the maturities of any one calendar year. A certified check for 2% of the amount bid for, payable to the order of the above-mentioned official, must accompany each proposal. The successful bidder will be furnished with a copy of the opinion of the Attorney-General affirming the legality of the bonds.

MASSILLON, Stark County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Lewis M. Holcomb, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 M. (Eastern standard time) on April 4 for the purchase of \$83,000 $4\frac{1}{4}$ % property owner's portion bonds, divided as follows:

- \$64,500 street improvement bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$8,000 from 1933 to 1938 incl., and \$5,250 in 1939 and 1940.
 - 18,500 street improvement bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$6,000 in 1933 and \$6,250 in 1934 and 1935.
- Each issue is dated Oct. 1 1931. Principal and interest (April and October) are payable at the State Bank in Massillon. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than $4\frac{1}{4}$ %, expressed in a multiple of $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for 3% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. Successful bidders to pay the cost of printing the bonds. (Ordinances authorizing the sale of these bonds were adopted recently—V. 134, p. 1618.)

MEDFORD, Middlesex County, Mass.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—In connection with the award on March 11 of \$154,000 bonds as $4\frac{1}{8}$ s to the Chase Harris Forbes Corp., of Boston, at a price of 100.35, a basis of about 4.70%—V. 134, p. 2005—we learn that Halsey, Stuart & Co., of Boston, the only other bidders, submitted an offer of par plus a premium of \$50 for the bonds at 5% interest, and an alternative offer of par plus a premium of \$4.26 for \$126,000 at $5\frac{1}{8}$ s and \$28,000 as $4\frac{1}{8}$ s. The bonds are dated March 15 1932 and mature from 1933 to 1952 incl.

MEMPHIS, Shelby County, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until April 6, by the City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$600,000 issue of 6% semi-ann. refunding bonds. Dated May 1 1932. Due \$100,000 from Nov. 1 1933 to 1938 incl.

MERIDEN, New Haven County, Conn.—BOND SALE.—Edward J. Pickett, City Treasurer, reports that the issue of \$250,000 coupon street improvement and pavement bonds offered on Mar. 17, was awarded as $4\frac{3}{8}$ s to R. W. Pressprich & Co., of New York, at par plus a premium of \$115.50, equal to a price of 100.046, a basis of about 4.74%. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$25,000 Jan. 1 from 1934 to 1943 incl. Principal and interest (Jan. and July) are payable at the First National Bank, of Boston. Legal opinion of Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, of Boston.

Financial Statement Feb. 25 1932.

Last grand list	\$62,298,215
Total bonded debt of the city (not including this issue)	1,721,000
Water bonds (included in total debt)	210,000
* Floating debt	425,000
Population, 38,452.	
* Of this amount \$250,000 to be paid from proceeds of this issue.	

MERRILL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Merrill), Klamath County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until March 29 by the District Clerk for the purchase of a \$38,000 issue of school bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 6%, payable semi-annually. Dated April 1 1932. Due serially to 1948. These bonds were voted at an election held on Feb. 20.

MIDDLETOWN, Orange County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Harold S. La Polit, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on March 25 for the purchase of \$78,000 not to exceed $5\frac{1}{4}$ % interest coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows:

- \$54,000 street paving bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1932. Due \$6,000 Feb. 1 from 1933 to 1941 incl. This issue was previously offered at not to exceed 5% interest on Jan. 5, at which time no bids were received.—V. 134, p. 358.
- 24,000 unemployment relief bonds. Dated March 1 1932. Due \$8,000 March 1 from 1933 to 1935 incl.

Bids for the \$54,000 issue must be accompanied by a certified check for \$1,000, while in the case of the \$24,000 issue the amount is \$500. Checks to be made payable to the order of the City Treasurer. Bonds to be issued in denoms. of \$1,000. Principal and interest (February and August, and March and September) are payable at the First Merchants National Bank & Trust Co., Middletown. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder. The bonds may be sold at private sale if no bids are submitted on March 25.

MINIDOKA COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Rupert), Ida.—BOND CALL.—Notice is being given by the District Treasurer that he is calling for payment on May 1, at any bank in Boise, $6\frac{1}{2}$ % bonds dated May 1 1921, bonds numbered 1 to 25 incl.

MINNEAPOLIS, Hennepin County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—It is announced by Dan C. Brown, City Comptroller, that he will sell at public auction on March 28, at 2 p. m., an issue of \$1,919,722.05 special street impt. fund bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 5%, payable A. & O. The coupon rate must be the same for all the bonds bid for. Sealed bids may be submitted until 2 p. m. of the date of sale. Open bids will be asked for after that date. Denominations of \$50, \$100, \$500 or \$1,000 at the option of the purchaser. Dated April 1 1932. Due on April 1 as follows: \$207,722.05 in 1933; \$206,000, 1934 to 1937; \$178,000, 1938 to 1940, and \$177,000 in 1941 and 1942. No bids will be considered for an amount less than the par value of the bonds. The approving opinion of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York, will be furnished. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to C. A. Bloomquist, City Treasurer, is required. (See p. 2205.)

MOBILE COUNTY (P. O. Mobile), Ala.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$240,000 issue of not to exceed $4\frac{3}{4}$ % semi-annual road and bridge bonds offered on March 14 (V. 134, p. 1618) was not sold, as the only bid received was rejected. It was an offer of 90.00, tendered by the National Construction Co. of Omaha. The Board of Revenue and Road Commissioners has 30 days in which to sell the bonds privately, provided they get an offer of 95 or better. Dated June 1 1932. Due from June 1 1938 to 1953.

MONROE COUNTY (P. O. Rochester), N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 coupon or registered emergency bonds offered on March 12 (V. 134, p. 2006) were awarded as $5\frac{1}{4}$ s to the Union Trust Co. of Rochester at par plus a premium of \$165, equal to a price of 100.11, a basis of about 5.19%. Dated March 1 1932. Due \$50,000 on March 1 from 1933 to 1935, inclusive.

MONTALM COUNTY (P. O. Stanton), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—A. J. Montgomery, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until April 1 for the purchase of \$25,000 $4\frac{1}{2}$ % highway refunding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1 1942. Interest is payable semi-annually. A certified check for \$250, payable to the order of the County Treasury, must accompany each proposal. The county reports an assessed valuation of \$29,072,034 and a total indebtedness of \$259,200. Apparently the county has offered the bonds for purchase by local investors, as the notice of sale states that the bonds may be purchased at par at the office of the County Clerk.

MONTPELIER, Washington County, Vt.—BOND OFFERING.—Timothy R. Merrill, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. on March 23 for the purchase of \$50,000 $4\frac{1}{2}$ % refunding school bonds. Dated April 1 1932. Issued in coupon form in \$1,000 denoms. Due \$5,000 on April 1 from 1933 to 1942, inclusive. Principal and semi-annual interest are payable at the Atlantic National Bank of Boston. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston and bonds to be certified by the Atlantic National Bank of Boston.

MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Mount Carmel) Cavalier County, N. Dak.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on March 21 to vote on the proposed issuance of \$7,000 in school building bonds.

MOUNT VERNON, Westchester County, N. Y.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—In connection with the proposed award on March 23 of \$1,137,000 not to exceed $5\frac{1}{4}$ % interest coupon or registered school bonds, notice and description of which appeared in V. 134, p. 2006, we are in receipt of the following:

NASSAU COUNTY (P. O. Mineola), N. Y.—BOND SALE.—A group composed of the Guaranty Co. of New York, the Chase Harris Forbes Corp., and F. S. Moseley & Co., all of New York, purchased privately on March 15 at a price of par an issue of \$3,550,000 $5\frac{1}{2}$ % coupon or registered bonds, issued to extend notes anticipating property taxes levied for 1930 and 1931. Bonds are dated March 15 1932 and mature March 15 1937. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and interest (March and Sept. 15) are payable at the office of the County Treasurer or at the Guaranty Trust Co., New York. Legality to be approved by Reed, Hoyt & Washburn, of New York.

The bankers made public offering of the bonds priced to yield 5.20%. In addition to being reported as legal investment for savings banks and first trust in New York State, the bonds are also stated to be general obligations of the County, payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes levied against all taxable property therein. All receipts from taxes levied in 1930 and 1931 must be paid into a sinking fund for this issue.

Financial Statement.
(As officially reported, March 14 1932.)

Assessed valuation, 1932	\$946,273,222
Total bonded debt, including this issue	28,345,000
Population, 1920 census, 126,120; population, 1930 census, 303,053.	

NEPTUNE TOWNSHIP (P. O. Neptune) Monmouth County, N. J.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$330,000 5% coupon or registered sewerage bonds offered on March 15—V. 134, p. 2006—were not sold, as no bids were received. Dated April 1 1932. Due April 1 as follows: \$16,000 from 1933 to 1942, incl., and \$17,000 from 1943 to 1952, incl.

NEWARK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Newark) Licking County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—Award of the issue of \$29,700 school bonds offered on March 7, which was delayed pending the opinion of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, of Cleveland, as to the legality of the high bid submitted—V. 134, p. 2006—has been made to the First National Bank of Newark, as $5\frac{1}{8}$ s, at par plus a premium of \$115, equal to a price of 100.38, a basis of about 5.43%. Dated March 1 1932. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,700 in 1933, and \$3,000 from 1934 to 1942, incl. A list of the bids submitted at the sale was given in our issue of March 12.

NEW BEDFORD, Bristol County, Mass.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—In connection with the sale of \$475,000 emergency relief notes locally on March 8 (V. 134, p. 2006), City Treasurer John Morris reports that the notes bear interest at 5.50% and mature \$375,000 on Nov. 14 1932 and \$100,000 Nov. 23 1932. Distribution was made as follows: John Duff, \$100,000; Five Cent Savings Bank, \$100,000; Institution for Savings, \$125,000; and \$50,000 each to the Merchants' National Bank, Safe Deposit National Bank and the First National Bank.

NEW BOSTON Scioto County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Jarvey Floyd, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 M. on March 21 for the purchase of \$18,497 6% bonds "issued for the purpose of extending the time payment of certain bonds which matured in 1931." The bonds will be dated March 1 1932 and mature Nov. 1 as follows: \$2,497 in 1933, and \$2,000 from 1934 to 1941 incl. Interest is payable in March and September. Bids may be for all or any number of the bonds. Proposals to be accompanied by a certified check for \$25, payable to Elmer Rico, City Treasurer.

NEW HAVEN, New Haven County, Conn.—\$2,574,000 NOTES RETIRED.—The city made payment on March 10 of a \$2,574,000 note issue, held by R. W. Pressprich & Co., of New York, which became due on that date. Payment of the loan was made from tax collections. With the payment on March 15 of a further maturity of \$170,000 the floating indebtedness of the city will have been reduced to \$1,354,958. Last week the city sold a \$2,500,000 6% loan to the Chase Harris Forbes Corp., of New York—V. 134, p. 2006.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—BLOCK OF \$1,000,000 6% NOTES OFFERED.—The National City Co., of New York, made public offering on March 16 of \$1,000,000 6% special corporate stock notes, due Jan. 25 1935, 1936 and 1937, priced to yield 5.50 to 5.60%, according to maturity. These notes are part of the issue of \$100,000,000 offered in January at a price of par by a comprehensive syndicate of New York City banking institutions.—V. 134, p. 708.

NORTH BRADDOCK, Allegheny County, Pa.—BONDS RE-OFFERED.—The issue of \$170,000 coupon refunding bonds previously offered as $4\frac{1}{8}$ s on Feb. 18, at which time no bids were received (V. 134, p. 1812), is being readvertised for award at 8 p. m. on March 29. One of the following interest rates may be named in the proposal: $4\frac{1}{4}$, 5, $5\frac{1}{4}$ or $5\frac{1}{2}$ %.

Bonds are dated March 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due March 1 as follows: \$1,000 in 1933 and 1934; \$2,000 in 1935 and 1936; \$3,000 in 1938 to 1940; \$4,000 in 1941 and from 1943 to 1945; \$5,000 in 1946 and 1948; \$8,000, 1949; \$10,000, 1950; \$12,000, 1951; \$9,000, 1952; \$12,000, 1953; \$11,000, 1954; \$9,000, 1955; \$10,000, 1956; \$12,000, 1957; \$9,000, 1958; \$10,000, 1959; \$6,000 in 1960 and 1961, and \$9,000 in 1962. Interest is payable in March and September. Purchaser to pay the cost of the printing of the bonds. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the order of the Borough Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. These bonds are offered subject to the approval of the bonds by the Department of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania.

NORTHPORT, Suffolk County, N. Y.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on March 15 the voters approved of the proposal to issue \$35,000 sewer system bonds, the vote being 251 to 71.

NORTH SHORE SANITARY DISTRICT (P. O. Waukegan) Cook County, Ill.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The sale of \$105,000 4 1/2% sewage disposal plant construction bonds to the Northern Trust Co. of Chicago, mentioned in V. 134, p. 1812—was made at a price of 95. Bonds are dated Feb. 1 1932 and mature Dec. 1 1935, 1936 and 1937. Interest is payable in June and December.

OAKLAND, Alameda County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—A \$381,532.80 issue of 7% semi-annual special assessment street impt. bonds has recently been purchased by the Municipal Bond Co. of Los Angeles for a premium of \$20, equal to 100.005, on basis of about 6.99%. Dated Feb. 1 1932. Due from July 2 1933 to 1941.

OGDEN, Weber County, Utah.—NOTE DETAILS.—The \$300,000 issue of 6% tax anticipation notes that was purchased at par on Feb. 27 by the Commercial Security Bank of Ogden—V. 134, p. 1812—is due on Dec. 27 1932. Denominations \$1,000, \$2,500, \$5,000 and \$10,000. Interest payable at maturity.

OLDHAM COUNTY (P. O. Vega) Tex.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the election held on March 5—V. 134, p. 1230—the voters rejected the proposal to issue \$135,000 in highway bonds.

ORANGETOWN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Piermont), Rockland County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—C. Walter Finck, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on April 11 for the purchase of \$60,000 5% coupon school bonds. Dated July 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 July 1 from 1933 to 1962 incl. Bids will also be considered for the bonds to bear interest at any other rate of interest, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, but in no event to exceed 6%. Same rate to apply to all of the bonds. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) are payable at the First National Bank, of Sparkill. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

OSHKOSH, Winnebago County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—The \$250,000 issue of 5% semi-ann. sewage system bonds that was offered without success on March 7—V. 134, p. 2007—was again offered for sale on March 16 and was justly purchased by the Continental Illinois Co., Inc. of Chicago, and the First Wisconsin Co. of Milwaukee, at a price of 102.65, on basis of about 4.60%. Dated Feb. 10 1931. Due \$50,000 from Feb. 10 1938 to 1942, inclusive.

The second highest bid for the bonds was an offer of 102.21 by the Central Republic Co. of Chicago. A joint bid of 101.97 tendered by the Milwaukee Co. and the First Detroit Co. was third highest.

BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The successful bidders re-offered the above bonds for public subscription at prices to yield 4.40% for all maturities. The bonds are reported to be exempt from all Federal income taxes and are said to be legal investments for savings banks and trust funds in New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut. They are listed as direct obligations of the entire city, payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes.

PATERSON, Passaic County, N. J.—BONDS PUBLICLY OFFERED.—C. A. Preim & Co. of New York, and C. P. Dunning & Co., of Newark, jointly, are offering for public investment \$258,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered water bonds at prices to yield 5.75%. Dated Dec. 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$42,000 in 1955; \$48,000 in 1959, 1960, 1961 and 1962, and \$24,000 in 1963. Principal and interest (June and December) are payable at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., of New York, or, at the option of the holder, at Paterson, N. J. Legality approved by Hawkins, Delafelt & Longfellow, of New York. Legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in the States of New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut, according to the bankers.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation, 1931.....	\$217,743,647.00
Gross debt.....	39,412,092.65
Less deductions under N. J. Statutes.....	\$30,903,352.79
Net debt.....	8,508,739.86
Ratio of net debt to assessed valuation 3.91%. Population, 1930 census, 138,513.	

PENBROOK SCHOOL DISTRICT, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—S. B. Grubb, Secretary of the Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. on March 23 for the purchase of \$15,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds. Dated July 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 July 1 from 1933 to 1947 incl. Interest is payable in January and July. Principal and interest (January and July) payable at the Penbrook Trust Co. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the District Treasurer, must accompany such proposal.

PITTSBURGH, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND ELECTION.—The city council by a vote of 7 to 1 on March 14 authorized the inclusion on the ballot at the primary election on April 26 of a proposed \$5,000,000 unemployment relief bond issue. Approval of the measure was taken over the protests of the Pittsburgh Real Estate Board and the Retail Merchants' Association.

PITTSFIELD, Berkshire County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—J. P. Barnes, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on March 23 for the purchase at discount basis of a \$400,000 temporary loan. Date March 23 1932. Denoms. to suit purchaser. Payable Nov. 25 1932 at the First National Bank, of Boston. The notes will be authenticated as to genuineness and validity by the First National Bank, under advice Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, of Boston. Denoms. desired to be indicated in bid.

PLANDOME, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND PAYMENT.—The Bankers Trust Co. of New York, has been appointed agent for the payment of 4 1/2% park bond coupons of the village.

POINT PLEASANT BEACH (P. O. Point Pleasant), Ocean County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Alexander Adams, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on March 24 for the purchase of \$96,511.68 6% coupon or registered general improvement bonds. Dated April 1 1932. One bond for \$511.68, others for \$500. Due June 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1933 to 1951 incl. and \$1,511.68 in 1952. Principal and interest (June and December) are payable at the Ocean County National Bank & Trust Co., Point Pleasant Beach. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the amount of the issue. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Caldwell & Raymond of New York will be furnished the successful bidder.

POLSON, Lake County, Mont.—CORRECTION.—We are informed that the \$18,000 issue of funding bonds was not purchased by the State of Montana as 5 1/2% at par—V. 134, p. 2007—but will be disposed of at private sale by the City Council.

PORT CHESTER, Westchester County, N. Y.—BONDS OFFERED.—George Goldowitz, Village Clerk, received sealed bids until 8 p. m. on March 18 (last night) for the purchase of \$185,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered tax relief bonds. Dated April 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1 1935. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1% and must be the same for all of the bonds. Principal and interest (April and October) are payable at the First National Bank & Trust Co., Port Chester. Legality approved by Reed, Hoyt & Washburn of New York.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation of all real estate, personal and other taxable property for 1931, \$59,848,195. Estimated value of all taxable property about 10% above assessed value. Total indebtedness of every character, excluding current bills, \$3,372,250. Total bonded debt, including this issue, \$3,557,250. Bonded debt, including this issue, applicable to debt	
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limit, \$1,658,000. Cash value of sinking funds on hand, \$166,575.54. Village incorporated 1863. Population about 23,000.

PORTLAND, Multnomah County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 issue of 5% semi-ann. emergency relief bonds offered for sale on March 16—V. 134, p. 2007—was purchased at par by Williams Adams, City Treasurer. Dated Feb. 1 1932. Due on Feb. 1 1947.

POTTSVILLE, Schuylkill County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—John B. Bowman, Superintendent of the Department of Accounts and Finance, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. on March 24 for the purchase of \$175,000 4% refunding bonds. Dated April 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1 1952; optional April 1 1942. Interest is payable in April and October. Bids may be submitted for all or part of the bonds. A certified check for 5%, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The bonds, if sold, are free from all State and municipal taxes, excepting succession or inheritance levies.

PRIMGHAR, O'Brien County, Iowa.—BONDS OFFERED.—Bids were received until 7.30 p. m. on March 18, by James M. Metcalf, Town Clerk, for the purchase of a \$6,000 issue of water works bonds. Bonds and attorney's opinion will be furnished by the Town.

PRINCETON, Mercer County, Mo.—BOND DETAILS.—The \$35,000 issue of water works bonds that was reported sold—V. 134, p. 2007—was purchased by the Fidelity National Bank & Trust Co. of Kansas City, as 5 1/2%. Due in 15 years.

PRYOR CREEK, Mayes County, Okla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. on March 23, by Sam F. Campbell, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$35,000 issue of park bonds. Bidders to name the rate of interest. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 annually beginning five years from date. Prin. and int. payable in Pryor or at the Chatham Phenix National Bank in New York City. A certified check for 2% of the amount bid is required.

PUTNAM COUNTY (P. O. Brewster) N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$80,000 issue of coupon or registered series No. 29 highway improvement bonds offered on March 17—V. 134, p. 2007—was awarded as 5s to Phelps, Fenn & Co., of New York, at par plus a premium of \$40, equal to a price of 100.05, on basis of about 4.99%. Dated April 1 1932. Due \$5,000, April 1 from 1933 to 1948 incl. The successful bidders are re-offering the bonds for general investment at prices to yield from 5.00 to 4.70%, according to maturity. An official list of the bids received at the sale follows:

Bidder—

Bidder	Rate of Int.	Premium.
Phelps, Fenn & Co. (successful bidders).....	5%	\$40.00
Halsey, Stuart & Co.....	5 1/4%	\$40.00
Sherwood & Merrifield, Inc.....	5 1/2%	464.00
George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc.....	5 3/4%	598.32
Batchelder & Co.....	5 7/8%	532.00
Wachsman & Wassal.....	6%	535.20

RADNOR TOWNSHIP (P. O. Wayne) Delaware County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$250,000 coupon sewer bonds offered on March 14—V. 134, p. 1410—were awarded as 4 1/2%, at a price of par, to Graham, Parsons & Co., of Philadelphia. Dated April 1 1932. Due April 1 as follows: \$60,000 in 1942 and 1947, and \$65,000 in 1952 and 1957.

The successful bid was on the basis of \$130,000 of the bonds as taxable in Pennsylvania and \$120,000 as non-taxable. Other bids received at the sale were as follows:

Bidder—

Bidder	Int. Rate.	Premium.
Philadelphia National Bank (for taxable bonds)---	4 3/4%	\$1,375.75
R. M. Snyder & Co. (for tax-free bonds)-----	4 1/2%	4,689.75

REEDER TOWNSHIP FRACTIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Lake City), Missaukee County, Mich.—BONDS REOFFERED.—The issue of \$23,000 school bonds offered at not to exceed 5% interest on Jan. 16, at which time no bids were received—V. 134, p. 1065—is being reoffered for award on April 1, according to James H. Iverson, Secretary of the Board of Education. Dated April 1 1932. Due \$1,000 May 1 from 1933 to 1955 incl.

RICHLAND COUNTY (P. O. Columbia), S. C.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 11 a. m. on March 18, by W. C. Thomas, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, for the purchase of an issue of \$143,000 6% funding bonds. Dated March 1 1932. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$30,000, 1934 to 1937, and \$23,000 in 1938. Interest payable J. & J. (This report supplements that given in V. 134, p. 2007).

ROANOKE RAPIDS SANITARY DISTRICT (P. O. Roanoke Rapids), Halifax County, N. C.—BOND SALE CONTEMPLATED.—We are informed that the \$365,000 issue of water and sewerage system completion bonds voted on Jan. 12—V. 134, p. 886—is now ready for sale.

ROCHESTER, Monroe County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$6,160,000 coupon or registered bonds offered on March 15—V. 134, p. 2007—were awarded to a syndicate composed of the Guaranty Company of New York, First National Old Colony Corp., Estabrook & Co., First Detroit Co., Inc., Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc., M. & T. Trust Co. (Buffalo), R. W. Pressprich & Co., Dewey, Bacon & Co., George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., R. L. Day & Co., and Wallace, Sanderson & Co. This group bid for \$2,655,000 bonds as 6s, \$2,285,000 4 1/2s and \$1,220,000 5s, paying a price of 100.11, the net interest cost of the financing to the city being about 4.75%. Award was made on the following basis:

- \$2,655,000 general municipal bonds sold as 6s. Due \$1,328,000 March 1 1934 and \$1,327,000 March 1 1935.
- 1,515,000 school bonds as 4 1/2s. Due March 1 as follows: \$75,000 from 1938 to 1943 incl.; \$57,000 in 1944, and \$56,000 from 1945 to 1962 inclusive.
- 740,000 general local impt. bonds as 5s. Due March 1 as follows: \$80,000 from 1934 to 1938 incl., and \$85,000 from 1939 to 1942 inclusive.
- 550,000 bridge bonds as 4 1/2s. Due March 1 as follows: \$25,000 from 1938 to 1947 incl., and \$20,000 from 1948 to 1962 inclusive.
- 300,000 school bonds as 5s. Due \$75,000 March 1 from 1934 to 1937 inclusive.
- 220,000 municipal building bonds as 4 1/2s. Due March 1 as follows: \$20,000 from 1938 to 1942 incl., and \$12,000 from 1943 to 1952 inclusive.
- 100,000 bridge bonds as 5s. Due \$25,000 March 1 from 1934 to 1937 inclusive.
- 80,000 municipal building bonds as 5s. Due \$20,000 March 1 from 1934 to 1937 inclusive.

All of the bonds are dated March 1 1932. The successful group made public offering of the bonds at prices to yield 5% for the 1934 and 1935 maturities; 1936, 4.90%; 1937, 4.75%; 1938 and 1939, 4.60%; 1940 to 1942 incl., 4.50% and 4.40% for the maturities from 1943 to 1962 incl. The bonds, according to the bankers, are legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York and other States, and are general obligations of the City, payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes to be levied on all taxable property therein.

SACRAMENTO HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sacramento), Sacramento County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on April 4 by Harry W. Hall, County Clerk, for the purchase of an issue of \$1,145,000 4 1/2% school bonds. These bonds were offered for sale without success on Dec. 28, see V. 134, p. 709. We have not been advised as to any change in the particulars of this issue. The bonds are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due on July 1 as follows: \$40,000, 1933 to 1936; \$50,000, 1937 to 1940; \$65,000, 1941 to 1944; \$60,000, 1945 to 1948; \$50,000, 1949 to 1952; \$29,000, 1953 and 1954, and \$28,000 in 1955. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in lawful money at the office of the County Treasurer. The approving opinion of Orrick, Palmer & Dahlquist of San Francisco will be furnished. A certified check for 2% must accompany the bid.

SALEM, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—Charles G. Coker, City Treasurer, reports that the \$300,000 temporary loan offered on March 11 was awarded to the Second National Bank of Boston at 5.20% discount basis. Dated March 14 1932. Due Sept. 28 1932. Payable at the First National Bank, of Boston, or at the First of Boston Corp., New York. Legal opinion of Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston. Bids received at the sale were as follows:

Bidder—

Bidder	Discount Basis.
Second National Bank, Boston.....	5.20%
F. S. Moseley & Co.....	5.29%
Merchants National Bank, Salem.....	5.60%

SAN AUGUSTINE, San Augustine County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On March 4 the State Comptroller registered a \$28,358.06 issue of 6% general funding, series of 1931 bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and one for \$358.06. Due serially.

SAN CLEMENTE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Santa Ana) Orange County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on March 22, by J. M. Backs, County Clerk, for the purchase of a \$30,000 issue of 5% semi-ann. school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due as follows: \$1,000, 1937 to 1946, and \$2,000, 1947 to 1956, all incl. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer. The approving opinion of O'Melveny, Tuller & Myers of Los Angeles, will be furnished. A certified check for 3% of the bonds bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, is required. (These are the bonds that were offered for sale without success on Feb. 16—V. 134, p. 1619.)

SCARSDALE, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND REPORT.—The Board of Trustees voted on March 8 to change the maturity of the \$300,000 improvement bonds scheduled for sale this spring from 20 years, as originally planned to 25 years. The first maturity will occur five years from date of issue instead of in the second year.

SEATTLE, King County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$300,000 issue of sewer bonds offered on March 11—V. 134, p. 1411—was purchased by Halsey, Stuart & Co. of Chicago as 5s, paying a premium of \$918, equal to 100.306, a basis of about 4.96%. Due in from 2 to 20 years.

BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The successful bidder offered the above bonds for public subscription at prices to yield from 5.00% on the first maturity to 4.75% on the last. The bonds are said to be direct and general obligations of the city.

SENECA FALLS, Seneca County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 coupon or registered street improvement bonds offered on March 16—V. 134, p. 2008—were awarded as 5½s to the Seneca Falls Savings Bank at a price of 100.25, a basis of 4.44%. Dated March 15 1932. Due \$2,000, March 15 from 1933 to 1942 incl. Sage, Wolcott & Steele of Rochester, the only other bidders offered a price of 100.063 for the bonds at 6% interest.

SHAWNEE, Pottawatomie County, Okla.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$200,000 issue of water works bonds offered on March 12—V. 134, p. 2008—was not sold as there were no bids received. Due \$10,000 from 1935 to 1954, incl.

SHORT CREEK SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Bowbell), Burke County, N. Dak.—CERTIFICATES SOLD.—We are informed that a \$6,000 block of the \$10,000 issue of certificates of indebtedness offered for sale without receiving any bids on Jan. 4—V. 134, p. 642—has since been sold. Due on Jan. 15 1934.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 323 (P. O. Monroe), Wash.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the election held on March 5—V. 134, p. 1813—the voters rejected the proposal to issue \$10,000 in 6% school bonds.

SOUTH CAROLINA, State of (P. O. Columbia).—NOTES NOT SOLD.—We are informed by J. H. Scarborough, State Treasurer, that the \$5,000,000 issue of notes offered on March 2, the sale of which was reported as being negotiated on March C—V. 134, p. 1813—was not issued.

SOUTH DAKOTA, State of (P. O. Pierre).—PRICE PAID.—The \$2,000,000 issue of 6½% semi-ann. rural credit refunding bonds that was jointly purchased by the Bancnorthwest Co., and the First Securities Corp., both of Minneapolis—V. 134, p. 2008—was awarded at par. Dated March 15 1932. Due on March 15 1937.

SOUTHOLD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. Greenport), Suffolk County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Leonard G. Craner, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 P. M. on April 5 for the purchase of \$550,000 5% coupon or registered school bonds. Dated Dec. 30 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due June 30 as follows: \$5,000 from 1935 to 1940 incl.; \$10,000, 1941 to 1948 incl.; \$15,000, 1949 to 1956 incl.; \$20,000, 1957 to 1962 incl.; and \$25,000 from 1963 to 1970 incl. Bids will also be considered for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 5%, but not in any event to exceed 6%. Such rate to be expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1% and must be the same for all of the bonds. Principal and interest are payable at the Empire Trust Co., New York. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the District Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder. (These bonds were previously offered unsuccessfully on Feb. 17—V. 134, p. 1411.)

SOUTH ORANGE, Essex County, N. J.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—The following details regarding the financial condition of the village have been prepared in connection with the proposed sale on March 21 of \$511,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered bonds, reference to which was made in V. 134, p. 2008.

Financial Statement.

Last assessed valuation of real estate in the village (1931).....	\$4,792,300.00
Last assessed valuation on personal property (1931).....	4,654,900.00
Bonded debt of the village including these issues.....	3,147,228.69
Amount of water bonds included in the bonded debt.....	733,000.00
Amount of special improvement bonds incl. in bonded debt.....	353,000.00
Sinking fund on hand for bonds other than water bonds or special improvement bonds as of Jan. 1 1932.....	61,160.56
Net debt of the village under Chapter 240, P. L. 1917 is.....	1,964,828.29

SYRACUSE, Onondaga County, N. Y.—NOTES PUBLICLY OFFERED.—Barr Bros. & Co., Inc. of New York, are offering for public investment \$275,000 6% bearer notes at prices to yield 5.10%. The notes mature Sept. 14 1932 and are payable in New York City. Legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York State, according to the bankers.

TACOMA, Pierce County, Wash.—BONDS CALLED.—C. O. Fawcett, City Treasurer, is stated to have called for payment on Feb. 29 and Mar 8, on which dates interest ceased, various bonds of certain local improvement districts.

TRENTON, Mercer County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—H. E. Evans, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on March 24 for the purchase of \$511,000 5, 5½, 5¾, 6 or 6% coupon or registered school funding bonds. Dated April 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1 as follows: \$19,000 from 1934 to 1944, incl.; \$28,000 from 1945 to 1964, incl.; and \$22,000 in 1955. Principal and 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 \$511,000. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the City, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Hawkins, Clifford & Longfellow, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

TROY, Rensselaer County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Lawrence J. Collins, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on March 28 for the purchase of \$487,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows:

\$315,000 Public School Building No. 12 bonds. Due April 1 as follows: \$15,000 from 1933 to 1949 incl., and \$20,000 from 1950 to 1952 incl.
 172,000 Troy-Menands bridge bonds. Due April 1 as follows: \$7,000 from 1934 to 1939 incl., and \$10,000 from 1940 to 1952 incl.
 Each issue is dated April 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1% and must be the same for all of the bonds. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) are payable at the office of the City Treasurer. A certified check for \$10,000, payable to the order of the City, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

TYLER, Smith County, Tex.—WARRANT OFFERING.—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. on March 21, by L. H. Powell, City Manager, for the purchase of an issue of \$100,000 6% rates and sewer warrants. Dated June 1 1932. Due in from 1 to 20 years.

UNION CITY, Hudson County, N. J.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$390,000 coupon or registered school bonds offered on March 17—V. 134, p. 2008—was not sold, as no bid received. Bidder was asked to name the rate of interest, not in excess of 6%. Bonds are dated April 1 1932 and were offered to mature \$10,000 on April 1 from 1934 to 1972 incl.

UNION COUNTY (P. O. Elizabethtown), N. J.—OFFERING NOTICE RESCINDED.—\$2,787,000 BONDS SOLD PRIVATELY.—The county rescinded its proposal to receive sealed bids on March 15 for the purchase of \$2,787,000 1 to 34 year serial bonds—V. 134, p. 2008—and in lieu thereof arranged for the sale of that amount of 6% bonds, to mature \$500,000 Sept. 15 1937 and \$2,287,000 March 15 1938 at a price of par to the Guar-

anty Co. of New York and J. S. Rippel & Co. of Newark, jointly. The bonds are dated March 15 1932. Issued in coupon or registered form in denoms. of \$1,000. Principal and interest (March and Sept. 15) are payable in Elizabeth. Legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in the States of New York and New Jersey, according to the bankers. Public offering is being made at prices to yield 5.50%.

Financial Statement (As Officially Reported).

Assessed valuation, 1931.....	\$498,753,397
Total bonded debt, including this issue.....	16,920,136
Less sinking funds.....	\$875,331
Net bonded debt.....	\$16,044,805
Population, 1930 Census.....	305,209

UPLAND, Delaware County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 coupon (registerable as to principal) bonds offered on March 7—V. 134, p. 1232—were awarded as 5s, at a price of par, to A. B. Leach & Co., of Philadelphia. Dated Feb. 1 1932. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$10,000 in 1937; \$15,000 in 1942; \$20,000 in 1947, and \$30,000 in 1952.

UTAH COUNTY (P. O. Provo), Utah.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.—The \$50,000 issue of tax anticipation notes that was purchased by the Provo Commercial & Savings Bank—V. 134, p. 1814—was bought for the account of the Tintic Standard Mining Co., paying par at 7%. Due on Dec. 1 1932.

VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Van Buren), Grant County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—William J. Korporal, Trustee, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on March 28 for the purchase of \$13,000 5% school bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1932. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 June and Dec. 26 from 1935 to 1947 incl. A certified check for 1% of the amount bid must accompany each proposal.

WALTHAM, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—H. W. Cutter, City Treasurer, reports that the \$100,000 temporary loan offered on March 16 was awarded to the Waltham National Bank at 5.74% discount basis. Faxon, Gade & Co. of Boston, bid 5.79%. The loan is dated March 17 1932 and payable on Nov. 10 1932 at the First National Bank, of Boston, or at the First of Boston Corp., New York City. Legal opinion of Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston.

WASHINGTON, Franklin County, Mo.—BONDS VOTED.—A \$30,000 issue of 6% sanitary sewer bonds was approved by the voters at a recent election by a majority of almost 3 to 1, according to report.

WASHINGTON, Washington County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$70,000 5½% funding bonds offered on March 16—V. 134, p. 1814—were awarded to Glover & MacPherson of Pittsburgh. Dated March 1 1932. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$4,000 from 1933 to 1949 incl., and \$2,000 in 1950.

WATERBURY, New Haven County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—John P. Fitzmaurice, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on March 28 for the purchase of \$400,000 5%, series 24, coupon or registered water bonds. Dated Nov. 15 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$10,000 on Nov. 15 from 1932 to 1971, incl. Principal and interest (May and Nov. 15) are payable at the First National Bank, of Boston. The bonds will be printed under the supervision of and certified as to genuineness by the aforementioned Bank, and their legality will be examined by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston, whose opinion will be furnished the successful bidder. A certified check for 1% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. Delivery of the bonds will be made on April 1 at the First National Bank, Boston.

WELLESLEY, Norfolk County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Wellesley Trust Co. of Wellesley, purchased on March 14 an issue of \$100,000 tax anticipation notes at 4.67% discount basis. Dated March 14 1932 and due on Dec. 17 1932. Bids received at the sale were as follows:

Bidder	Discount Basis
Wellesley Trust Co. (successful bidder).....	4.67%
Faxon, Gade & Co.....	4.75%
Grafton Co.....	4.80%
Atlantic National Bank (plus \$2 premium).....	4.90%
Day Trust Co.....	4.96%
Webster and Atlas Corp (plus \$3 premium).....	4.98%
Wellesley National Bank.....	4.98%
Jackson & Curtis (plus \$7.50 premium).....	5.00%
F. S. Moseley & Co.....	5.05%
Second National Bank.....	5.09%
Blake Bros. (plus \$1.35 premium).....	5.23%

WESTFIELD, Hampden County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—Faxon, Gade & Co., of Boston, have purchased a \$50,000 tax anticipation note issue at 5.85% discount basis. The loan matures on Sept. 30 1932.

WEST LAFAYETTE, Coshocton County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Lucile McNabb, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on March 31 for the purchase of \$7,500 6% fire department equipment purchase bonds. Dated April 1 1932. Denom. \$500. Due \$500, April and Oct. 1 from 1933 to 1939, incl., and \$500 April 1 1940. Bids for the bonds bear interest at a rate other than 6%, expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1% will also be considered. A certified check for \$75, payable to the order of the Village, must accompany each proposal.

WEST ORANGE, Essex County, N. J.—BONDS PUBLICLY OFFERED.—John E. Sloane & Co. and M. F. Schiater & Co., both of New York, jointly, recently purchased an issue of \$725,000 6% coupon or registered sanitary sewer construction bonds and are re-offering them for public investment to yield 5.50%. Dated March 1 1932 and due on March 1 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Legal investment for trust funds in New Jersey, according to the bankers.

WHATCOM COUNTY (P. O. Bellingham), Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. on April 1 by Pliny T. Snyder, County Treasurer, for the purchase of an issue of \$100,000 unemployment relief bonds.

WHITE DEER, Carson County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until March 25 by the Village Clerk for the purchase of a \$25,000 issue of 6% refunding bonds. Due serially over 30 years.

WICHITA, Sedgewick County, Kan.—BOND DETAILS.—The \$180,000 issue of 4½% sewerage disposal bonds that was jointly purchased by the City Bank & Trust Co. of Kansas City, and the Northern Trust Co. of Chicago, at 99.17—V. 134, p. 2009—is dated Feb. 1 1932. Coupon bonds in denomination of \$1,000. Due from Feb. 1 1933 to 1951, incl. Basis of about 4.86%. Principal and interest (F. & A.) payable at the office of the State Treasurer in Topeka. Legal approval by Chapman & Cutler of Chicago.

WICHITA, Sedgewick County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 issue of 4¾% coupon semi-annual internal impt. bonds offered for sale on March 14—V. 134, p. 2009—was purchased by the Wheeler-Kelly-Hagney Investment Co. of Wichita at a price of 100.21, a basis of about 4.70%. Dated March 1 1932. Due \$2,500 from 1933 to 1942 incl.

WICKLIFFE, Lake County, Ohio.—BONDS RE-OFFERED.—The two issues of 6% bonds aggregating \$42,077 unsuccessfully offered on Sept. 19 1931—V. 133, p. 2137—are being re-offered for award at 12:30 P. M. on March 30. Sealed bids will be received by J. W. Fuller, Village Clerk. Included in the offering are:

\$25,518 special assessment road impt. bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,518 in 1933; \$1,000, 1934 and 1935; \$2,000, 1936; \$1,000 in 1937 and 1938; \$2,000 in 1939; \$1,000 from 1940 to 1944; \$2,000 in 1945; \$1,000 in 1946 and 1947; \$2,000 in 1948; \$1,000 in 1949 and 1950; \$2,000 in 1951, and \$1,000 in 1952.

16,559 special assessment water main bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,559 in 1933; \$1,000 in 1934; \$2,000 in 1935 and 1936; \$1,000 in 1937; \$2,000 in 1938 and 1939; \$1,000 in 1940, and \$2,000 in 1941 and 1942.

Each issue is dated Oct. 1 1931. Interest is payable in April and Oct. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 6%, expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

WILMETTE, Cook County, Ill.—BOND OFFERING.—Lea J. Orr Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on April 5 for the purchase of \$600,000 5% water revenue bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due

Jan. 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1935 to 1937 incl.; \$6,000, 1938 to 1940; \$7,000 in 1941 and 1942; \$8,000 in 1943 and 1944; \$9,000, 1945 to 1947; \$10,000, 1948; \$11,000 in 1949 and 1950; \$12,000 in 1951 and 1952; \$13,000, 1953; \$14,000, 1954; \$15,000 in 1955 and 1956; \$16,000, 1957; \$17,000, 1958; \$18,000, 1959; \$19,000, 1960; \$20,000, 1961; \$21,000, 1962; \$22,000, 1963; \$23,000, 1964; \$25,000, 1965; \$26,000, 1966; \$28,000, 1967; \$29,000, 1968; \$31,000, 1969; \$32,000, 1970; \$34,000 in 1971, and \$36,000 in 1972. Interest is payable semi-annually in January and July. Proposals must be accompanied by a certified check for 2% of the amount of the bonds, payable to the order of the Village Treasurer. Bonds will be delivered with the approving opinion of Chapman & Cutler of Chicago, and all bids must be so conditioned. These bonds were authorized at an election held on Dec. 5 1931 by a count of 2,145 to 1,426—V. 133, p. 4194. The selling price of the bonds must be such that the interest cost to the Village of the money received from such sale shall not exceed 6% per annum, computed to maturity, according to standard tables of bond values. The official notice of the call for bids contains the following further information pertaining to the purposes for which the proceeds of the sale will be used, the authority under which the bonds are being issued and the method by which the obligations are to be redeemed:

"Said bonds are payable solely from the revenues derived from the water works system of said village and not otherwise, and are to be issued under authority of an Act of the General Assembly entitled 'An Act authorizing any city, village or incorporated town having a population of less than 500,000 to build or purchase a water works or water supply system either within or without the corporate limits thereof or improve and extend a water works system or water supply for public and domestic use, and to provide for the cost thereof by the issue of revenue bonds, payable solely from the revenue derived from the operation thereof,' approved April 22 1899 as amended.

"A statement of the earnings of the water works system for the last preceding fiscal year and a statement of the Auditor's report to show earnings of the water works system, including the proposed improvements, copies of which may be had upon application to the Village Clerk, show the net revenue to be derived from the operation of the water works system to be adequate to pay the principal and interest of these bonds as they mature.

"There are not now outstanding any bonds, notes, or certificates of indebtedness payable solely from the revenues of any publicly owned utility of said village."

WILMINGTON, New Castle County, Del.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 4 1/4% bonds aggregating \$400,000 offered on March 14—V. 134, p. 2009—were awarded at a price of par to the Equitable Trust Co., of Wilmington, agency for the Wilmington Clearing House Association, the only bidder.

\$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.

WOODEN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Redding), Shasta County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$4,000 issue of 5% semi-ann. school bonds offered for sale on Mar. 8—V. 134, p. 1620—was purchased by Mr. Ferdinand Hurst of Redding, paying a premium of \$5.00, equal to 100.12, a basis of about 4.98%. Due in 10 years. No other bids were received.

WYANDOTTE, Wayne County, Mich.—VOTE ON CHARTER AMENDMENTS.—At the primary election in April the voters will pass on certain proposed amendments to the city charter, one of which would permit the issuance of 15-year bonds to cover special assessment district improvements and another would limit the operating expenses of the city to \$500,000 in any one year. The current budget totals approximately \$600,000, according to report.

WYANDOTTE COUNTY RURAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Bethel), Kan.—BOND REPORT.—We are informed that the \$50,000 issue of 4 1/4% semi-ann. school bonds offered without success on Sept. 29—V. 133, p. 2301—will not be re-offered.

YONKERS, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$2,530,000 coupon or registered bonds offered on March 15—V. 134, p. 2009—were awarded to a syndicate composed of the Chase Harris Forbes Corp., the National City Co., Lehman Bros., Kean, Taylor & Co., George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., Hannahs, Ballin & Lee, Wallace, Sanderson & Co., the M. & T. Trust Co. (Buffalo), and Schaumburg, Rebhann & Osborne. This group bid for \$1,990,000 bonds as 6s and \$540,000 as 5s, paying a price of 100.029, the net interest cost of the financing being about 5.74%. Award was made as follows:

\$710,000 public building bonds as 6s. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$40,000 from 1934 to 1950 incl., and \$30,000 in 1951.
600,000 assessment bonds as 6s. Due \$100,000 Feb. 1 from 1933 to 1938 incl.

540,000 series A local impt. bonds as 6s. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$35,000 from 1934 to 1947 incl., and \$50,000 in 1948.

350,000 series B local impt. bonds as 6s. Due \$70,000 Feb. 1 from 1934 to 1938 incl.

300,000 water bonds as 6s. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$15,000 from 1934 to 1949 incl., and \$20,000 from 1950 to 1952 incl.

30,000 equipment bonds as 6s. Due \$5,000 Feb. 1 from 1934 to 1939 incl.

All of the bonds are dated Feb. 1 1932. Public offering of the \$1,990,000 6% bonds was made at prices to yield 5.50% for the 1933 to 1936 maturities; 1937, 5.40%; 1938, 5.35%; 1939, 5.30%, and 5.25% for the 1940 to 1952 maturities; while the \$540,000 5% bonds were offered to yield 5.25% for the 1934 to 1937 maturities; 1938, 5.20%; 1939 to 1941 incl., 5.15%, and 5.10% for the bonds due from 1942 to 1948 incl. The bonds, according to the offering advertisement of the bankers, are legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York State, and constitute, in the opinion of counsel, direct general obligations of the City, payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes to be levied on all of the taxable property therein. At the close of business on March 17 it was reported that all of the bonds had been subscribed for.

The city received two other bids at the sale. The Westchester Trust Co., of Yonkers, bid a price of par for the entire \$2,530,000 bonds at 6% interest. A group composed of Halsey, Stuart & Co., Estabrook & Co., Phelps, Penn & Co., First Detroit Co., Inc., R. L. Day & Co., Darby & Co., and Batcherfield & Co., all of New York, bid as follows:

Amount of Issue—	Rate of Interest.	Amount Bid.
\$710,000	5 3/4 %	\$712,201
540,000	5 1/2 %	541,674
600,000	6 %	601,860
350,000	6 %	351,085
300,000	5 3/4 %	300,930
30,000	6 %	30,093

YOUNGSTOWN, Mahoning County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Hugh D. Hindman, Director of Finance, will receive sealed bids until 12 M. (Eastern standard time) on April 9 for the purchase of \$122,329.65 6% street improvement bonds. Dated April 1 1932. One bond for \$329.65, others for \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$13,329.65 in 1933; \$13,000 in 1934, and \$12,000 from 1935 to 1942 incl. Principal and interest (April and October) are payable at the office of the sinking fund trustees. 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 the bid, payable to the order of the Director of Finance, must accompany each proposal.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

CANADA (Dominion of).—COST OF INTERNAL BOND FINANCING.—The "Financial Post" of Toronto of March 17 reported as follows on the costs absorbed by the Dominion in connection with the bond flotation arranged in 1931:

"The Dominion paid total commissions of \$2,960,358 to chartered banks and bond dealers for services in connection with the \$643,109,300 Conversion Loan placed in May. In addition, cost of advertising, printing, engraving of the bonds and clerical assistance amounted to \$599,425 and the total cost is therefore only 55-100 of 1% on the principal amount of the bonds issued.

"The National Service Loan, floated in November 1931, was subscribed to the extent of \$221,198,358. Commissions to banks and dealers amounted to \$1,819,106, while other expenses are placed at \$266,000. The cost on this issue, which represented new money, amounted to 95-100 at 1% of the principal amount issued. The cost of the National Service Loan was naturally higher than that of the Conversion Loan due to the fact that new money had to be secured whereas, in the Conversion Loan it was merely a case of exchanging new bonds for old bonds."

HULL, Que.—BONDS PUBLICLY OFFERED.—A group composed of the Provincial Bank of Canada, Credit Anglo-Francais, Ltd., La Corporation de Prets de Quebec, and Geoffrion & Rainville, made public offering on March 14 of \$426,000 6% public improvement bonds at a price of 100 and accrued interest. The offering comprised \$296,000 bonds, dated March 1 1932 and due on March 1 from 1933 to 1942 incl., and \$130,000 bonds, dated Feb. 1 1932 and due on Feb. 1 from 1933 to 1942 incl. Principal and interest (Feb. and August 1 and March and Sept.) are payable at the offices of the Provincial Bank of Canada, in Montreal, Quebec and Hull, or at the office of the City Treasurer. Denoms. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. The offering notice contained the statement that the 1933 to 1941 maturities had been sold.

TORONTO, Ont.—CITY TO MARKET \$15,000,000 BOND ISSUE.—Following a conference with Finance Commissioner George Wilson and representatives of local bond houses on March 14, Mayor W. J. Stewart announced that a \$15,000,000 issue of bonds will be placed on the market shortly. Issuance of the bonds will be made in denoms. as low as \$100, with interest payable semi-annually.

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\$1,919,722.05

**City of Minneapolis
Minnesota**

**SPECIAL STREET
IMPROVEMENT BONDS.**

Notice is hereby given that the Committee on Ways and Means of the City Council of the City of Minneapolis, Minnesota, will sell at a public sale, in the Mayor's Reception Room in the City Hall of said City, on Monday, March 28th, 1932, at 2:00 o'clock p.m., Central Standard Time, \$1,919,722.05 Special Street Improvement Fund Bonds at a rate of interest not exceeding 5 per cent per annum. To be dated April 1st, 1932. Payable in equal annual instalments, of which \$141,591.44 will be payable in five years and \$1,778,130.61 in ten years, as follows: \$207,722.05, April 1, 1933, \$206,000.00, April 1st in the years 1934 to 1937 inclusive, \$178,000.00, April 1st in the years 1938 to 1940 inclusive and \$177,000.00, April 1st in the years 1941 and 1942.

To be in denominations of \$50.00, \$100.00, \$500.00 or \$1,000.00, at the option of the purchaser, and coupon rate must be the same for all bonds bid for.

Sealed bids may be submitted until 2:00 o'clock p.m. of the date of sale. Open bids will be asked for after that hour.

All bids must include accrued interest from date of bonds to date of delivery, and a certified check for two per cent of the par value of the bonds bid for, made to C. A. Bloomquist, City Treasurer, must accompany bids.

No bids will be considered for an amount less than the par value of the bonds.

The right to reject any or all bids is hereby reserved.

The approving opinion of Thomson, Wood and Hoffman, Attorneys of New York, will accompany these bonds.

Circular containing full particulars will be forwarded upon application.

**DAN C. BROWN,
City Comptroller,
Minneapolis, Minn.**

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and what it bequeathed us
by ARNOLD G. DANA
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**TUTTLE, MOREHOUSE & TAYLOR CO.,
New Haven, Conn.**

(See statements in "Chronicle" Nov. 14, 1931, p. x; Oct. 17, p. 2490)

Trust Companies

CHARTERED 1853

United States Trust Company of New York

45-47 WALL STREET

Capital, \$2,000,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits, \$27,005,358.30

January 1, 1932

This Company acts as Executor, Administrator, Trustee, Guardian, Committee, Court Depositary and in all other recognized trust capacities.

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Canadian

BANK OF MONTREAL

Established 1817
Head Office—Montreal

Capital Paid-up.....\$36,000,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits.....\$39,103,426.95
Total Assets.....\$794,523,334.00

SIR CHARLES GORDON, G.B.E., President
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HEAD OFFICE, TORONTO
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$30,000,000
Reserve.....30,000,000

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Bankers to the Government in Kenya Colony and Uganda
Head Office: 26, Bishopsgate, London, E. C.
Branches in India, Burma, Ceylon, Kenya Colony and Aden and Zanzibar

Subscribed Capital.....£4,000,000
Paid-up Capital.....£2,000,000
Reserve Fund.....£3,000,000
The Bank conducts every description of banking and exchange business.
Trusteeships and Executorships also undertaken.

Foreign

Australia and New Zealand

BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES
(ESTABLISHED 1817)

(With which are amalgamated the Western Australian Bank and The Australian Bank of Commerce Ltd.)
Paid Up Capital.....£8,780,000
Reserve Fund.....6,150,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors.....8,780,000
£23,710,000

Aggregate Assets 30th Sept., 1931.....£90,111,427 9s. 6d.
A. C. DAVIDSON, General Manager

688 BRANCHES AND AGENCIES in the Australian States, New Zealand, Fiji, Papua, Mandated Territory of New Guinea, and London. The Bank transacts every description of Australasian Banking Business. Wool and other Produce Credits arranged.

Head Office: George Street, SYDNEY
London Office: 29, Threadneedle Street, E.C. 2
Agents: Standard Bank of South Africa, Ltd. New York

Foreign

Royal Bank of Scotland

Incorporated by Royal Charter 1727.
Capital (fully paid).....£3,780,192
Reserve Fund.....£3,780,926
Deposits.....£49,416,137
(\$5 to £1)

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200 Years of Commercial Banking

CHIEF FOREIGN DEPARTMENT
3 Bishopsgate, London, England.
HEAD OFFICE - EDINBURGH
General Manager
Sir A. K. Wright, K.B.E., D.L., LL.D.
Total number of offices, 247.
Associated Bank, Williams Deacon's Bank, Ltd.

OTTOMAN BANK

CAPITAL.....£10,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....£8,000,000
RESERVE.....£1,250,000
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Chief Office in New Zealand: Wellington
J. T. Grose, General Manager.
Head Office: 8 Moorgate, London, E. C. 2, Eng.
Paid-up Capital.....£2,000,000
Reserve Funds and Undivided Profits.....2,168,457
£4,168,457

The Bank conducts every description of Banking business connected with New Zealand.
Arthur Willis, Secretary & London Manager.

NATIONAL BANK of EGYPT

Head Office Cairo
FULLY PAID CAPITAL . . . £3,000,000
RESERVE FUND 3,000,000

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Authorized Capital Hongkong Currency.....H\$50,000,000
Paid Up Capital (Hongkong Currency).....H\$20,000,000
Reserve Fund in Sterling.....£6,500,000
Reserve Fund in Silver (Hongkong Currency).....H\$10,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors (Hongkong Currency).....H\$20,000,000

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