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The Financial Situation.

Depression is still regnant—both in trade and in the security markets. It appears that the various relief measures which have been so liberally provided are not, after all, serving to bring about early convalescence, though they may be accomplishing much, nevertheless, and more time be needed to demonstrate their beneficial working. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation is certainly actively at work in extending aid—sorely needed aid—in many different directions. That appears very plainly from the statement given out the present week showing that the Finance Corporation had authorized loans aggregating approximately \$238,740,000. The Corporation has advanced \$192,350,000 on the loans it has authorized. Loans authorized thus far, it was stated, numbered 974 and are distributed among 935 institutions. More than half of the amount, or \$158,182,000, has been pledged or advanced to banks and trust companies. The railroads, having taken \$60,790,000, are the second largest class of borrowers; \$4,879,750 went to 30 building and loan companies; \$7,080,000 to 18 insurance companies; \$775,000 to two joint stock land banks; \$496,990 to one live stock credit corporation; \$6,517,000 to eight mortgage loan companies, &c., &c.

What is very disturbing is that no improvement is taking place in security values on the Stock Exchange, and that instead further depreciation in market values is still going steadily on. And the remark applies to bond prices even more strongly than it applies to share values. The way the low-priced bonds have been sinking the last two weeks is not only disconcerting, but furnishes occasion for grave apprehension and anxiety. Some of these low-priced issues—albeit they were high-priced issues only three years ago—have been dropping 5 to 10

and even 15 points a day, displaying marked weakness, often acting as if they were utterly devoid of any intrinsic merit at all. And this has happened, too, in the case of issues of railroads which are receiving liberal aid from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, perhaps, however, not getting quite as much as they had requested. Rumor is ever busy, and the least hint that a railroad may not receive all it asked for is sufficient to send the prices of the securities affected on a downward plunge.

It behooves the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to act, of course, with circumspection and caution. It is being literally deluged with applications for new loans, and even such a large sum as \$2,000,000,000 which it has at its command is soon exhausted when the whole world is tapping the source of supply. The Corporation must give aid with a liberal hand, while yet taking care that it shall not be duped by designing people who have no claim upon the vast resources which it commands. It must act with the utmost discrimination, while yet letting no really deserving applicant go without the needed aid.

It appears, however, that in the case of loans to the railroads, which must have the approval of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, the latter is not prepared to go as far as the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Final decision in the matter, under the provisions of the law, rests unquestionably with the Finance Corporation and the Commerce Commission has admitted this in some of its observations on the cases before it, but finds it hard to forbear giving expression to its dissent, and moreover has a penchant for "rubbing it in" where its views differ from those of the Finance Corporation. This does not escape attention on the part of the outside public, which is inclined to magnify such incidents beyond their due, thereby creating an impression that the whole scheme of extending aid to the carriers is about to fall to pieces, leaving the carriers once more in an utterly helpless condition. This seems to explain why stocks and bonds of a given railroad suffer sudden collapse when there is apparently no good reason for the action, and then it develops that some remark or comment of a member of the Commerce Commission has been the disturbing cause.

Besides this, the Commission shows unconcealed antipathy to the bankers who engage in financing the railroads. It never tires alluding to the profits which the bankers are assumed to make or to have made through such financing. This has happened many times before, and it is now happening again in the case of the Commerce Commission's considerations of applications for loans from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

A case in point is that of the Missouri Pacific R.R., where the Commission has deemed it incumbent to

indulge in observations of the kind referred to and where as a result the securities of the road have suffered extraordinary depreciation as if the condition of the road were absolutely hopeless. The matter is ably discussed by Thomas F. Woodlock in the "Wall Street Journal," himself a former member of the Commerce Commission. Mr. Woodlock, in his article on April 4, observes:

"The lecture read to the bankers of the Missouri Pacific RR. by the Inter-State Commerce Commission, further emphasized by the remarks of Commissioner Eastman, is a highly interesting phenomenon which no student of 'utility' regulation should neglect to study. The Missouri Pacific had a loan with 'private bankers' which was due April 1. The railroad applied to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for funds to liquidate the loan. The Inter-State Commerce Commission took, at first, the ground that the bankers should continue the entire loan. The bankers took, at first, the ground that the entire loan should be repaid. Finally Commission and bankers 'split the difference'; the bankers agreed to extend half the loan for the first six months and the Commission 'reluctantly' approved the advance by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation of the other half. In doing so it said:

"We are not convinced that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation should be expected to take up bank loans of this character. . . . The bankers who hold the loans are bankers for the carrier. As such they have profited largely in handling its finances in the past. It is often represented to us that the relation of a banker to a railroad is very valuable to it because of the banking assistance so rendered available in time of stress; that a railroad can afford to compensate its bankers well in connection with its regular financing in order to have such support available when it is needed. We have heretofore thought that theory to have more merit than this transaction appears to indicate."

"And Commissioner Eastman, on his own account, added: 'No good reason has been shown for approving a Government loan to enable the applicant to make a 50% payment on the bank loans maturing April 1. . . . The theory is apparently that a Government loan . . . is necessary to prevent a Missouri Pacific receivership. No such necessity exists. Morgan & Co., Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and the Guaranty Trust Co. would not, so long as the interest on these loans is paid, force a receivership by refusing an extension. The repercussions would be much too dangerous in other quarters where the private interests of these financial institutions are involved.'"

The bankers in this case acted just as they would be expected to act in such cases. They met the contention of the Commission in an accommodating spirit. But aside from the matter of policy to be pursued in such instances there are often good reasons that justify the bankers in requesting full payment of the loan. The merit of right action is not all on one side. We were very much impressed with the remark which Otto H. Kahn made in testifying recently before a Congressional Committee. He was asked if his firm held any of the foreign loans which were under investigation. He remarked very properly that it was not the practice of a banking house to hold any of the securities which it was engaged in floating, because that would tie up some of the capital which it needed in the conduct of its business. The same point comes up in connection with the loans which the Reconstruction Finance Corporation has been requested to take over. A banker can be expected to act with judgment and discretion in such cases, but when he consents to

an extension or continuation of the loan he impairs to that extent his ability for the time being to engage in new financing, of which the country will always have abundant need.

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation is engaged in relieving the carriers of some of their dead load. But soon we may expect the carriers will be in need of a great deal of new financing for the development and extension of their properties. If the bankers are not then in a state to conduct this financing with freedom and expedition, if instead they hold large amounts of "frozen assets," who then can be expected to pilot them through the new and expanding era? As a matter of fact, it would be a great advantage if the bankers could do a lot of new financing for the carriers just now, since in that event these carriers could dispense to that extent with aid from the Finance Corporation. The bankers can always be depended upon to do their part in trying circumstances like those now existing, but it is equally important for them to ever bear in mind that they must not cripple themselves in helping others or in tying up their liquid funds for indefinite periods.

The question of providing new sources of revenue with which to balance the Federal budget is still the foremost topic of discussion. The taxation measure, as it passed the House of Representatives, is full of objectionable features, and, besides, there is doubt that it will yield the additional revenue which its advocates count upon. Decidedly a most vicious proposition in the bill is the provision taxing the dividends on corporations, for that is double taxation with a vengeance. Under existing law, dividends, like all other income, are subject to the surtaxes, but not to the normal tax. The reason for the exemption in the case of the corporation is that the corporation now is obliged to pay a corporation tax, which under the bill passed in the House is to be raised to 13%. This corporation tax must be paid before any dividends can be paid on the stock.

This corporation tax runs far in excess of the normal or primary tax on the ordinary income of individuals. Under existing law the normal tax runs to a maximum of 5%. Under the bill which the House has approved this maximum will be increased to 7%. To be strictly equitable as between the two classes of income, the corporation tax ought to be no higher than the normal tax on ordinary incomes, and Mr. Mills, the Secretary of the Treasury, in opposing the scheme for making dividends subject to the normal personal tax as well as the surtaxes, points out that originally the corporation tax was only 1%. In the course of years the discrimination against the corporation was steadily widened until now the maximum of the normal tax is fixed at 7%, while the corporation tax is to be raised to 13%, as already stated. As Mr. Mills well says:

"The changed treatment of dividends found in the House bill would rest with particular hardship on small corporations. It is obvious that in the case of enterprises controlled by a few individuals, carried on in a corporate form, the change would mean that the income from the business having been subjected to the corporation income tax at an increased rate, would, when distributed as dividends, be subjected to the normal tax; while, if the business were carried on under the partnership form, the income would be subject to the normal tax only.

"Exemption of dividends from normal tax does not fully equalize discrimination which has been involved ever since the corporation income tax rate was made to exceed the normal tax rate. Taking away that exemption, however, materially increases discrimination against the corporate form."

One other point deserves to be mentioned: If dividends are to be subject to duplicate taxation in the way proposed, then there will be virtually a total normal tax of 20% (13% plus 7%) in addition to the maximum surtax of 40% to pay on amounts of income in excess of \$100,000, making 60% Federal taxes which would have to be paid on any man's income running over \$100,000. But that is not all. Here in New York State the citizen must also pay the State income taxes. The personal income tax in this State has just been raised to 6% on amounts running in excess of only \$50,000, and he will also have to pay the State corporation tax of 4½% which applies on all amounts of income. In other words, he would have to pay 10½% in State taxes in addition to the 60% of Federal taxes, making the total tax 70½%. This not merely on incomes in excess of \$1,000,000, but on incomes running in excess of only \$100,000.

The proposition is indefensible. Besides being unjust, it would prevent the flow of capital into industry, since no one will assume the risks of business if out of every \$100 of profits he makes over \$100,000 he is obliged to turn 70% over to the two governments combined. These are our own computations. Mr. Mills also makes strong points against other objectionable features in the bill, and also makes some excellent recommendations which are well enough as far as they go, but the greater part of which would be eliminated if a tax ready to hand were availed of. We have reference to a 4% tax upon beer recommended by a subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Manufactures. With an alcoholic content of only 4% the beer would be plainly non-intoxicating and therefore come clearly within the provisions of the prohibition amendment to the Federal Constitution, and therefore require no long delay in making the tax effective. The yield would certainly be large and would permit the elimination of many of the new taxes now proposed, especially the so-called nuisance taxes.

We know that the Republican party as a party is committed to prohibition, and hence Secretary Mills could not well argue in favor of the repeal of the Prohibition Amendment. Four per cent. beer, however, is to totally different thing. Being non-intoxicating, it would be clearly within the provision of the Prohibition Amendment itself. And as the country is in sore need we cannot understand why anyone should object to the same as a pure question of economics.

As to the prospective yield from such a tax we can only repeat by again quoting what the majority of the subcommittee says on that point. The calculations have apparently been prepared with great care, and it is estimated that if the sale of 4% beer were legalized the minimum consumption would be not less than 70,000,000 barrels and the maximum probably not more than 120,000,000 barrels. The tax yield, figured on a basis of 2c. per pint bottle, would be not less than \$347,000,000 and probably not more than \$800,000,000, it is stated.

The subcommittee went further and said that with a much higher tax of 4c. per pint (or nearly \$10 per

barrel, as compared with \$6 in 1919) the minimum tax yield would be not less than \$650,000,000, with the possibility of \$1,100,000,000 a year.

As we said last week, this shows what could be accomplished without amendment or repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment of the Federal Constitution. We again ask, therefore, as we did a week ago, can any valid reason be urged why this large source of revenue should be left untouched, especially as the subject of prohibition does not come up in connection with the matter?

Of course even more gratifying results could be obtained if the Prohibition Amendment were amended or repealed and a high scale of taxes be levied on beverages and liquors, intoxicating as well as non-intoxicating. But on that point any man can be governed by the dictates of his own conscience. He could still oppose any change in the Prohibition Amendment. Professor Edwin R. A. Seligman, of Columbia University, a tax expert, has reached the conclusion that if the Prohibition Amendment were repealed and the Government by high levies on distilled and fermented liquors obtained the revenue which now the bootleggers get by illegitimate means it would not only be unnecessary to levy many of the indirect or nuisance taxes, but we might even do away, if we so desired, with the Federal income tax. On that point we can only express gratification at the way in which public sentiment is crystalizing.

On Thursday of this week the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York adopted resolutions calling for the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment, immediate modification of the Volstead Act, and a return to the States of the power to regulate the production and sale of liquor within their borders. The daily papers says that the resolution was adopted by an almost virtually unanimous vote, only 4 or 5 scattering "noes" being heard when the resolution was put to the 311 members present.

The winter wheat crop to be harvested this year does not now promise as well as was indicated at the beginning of the winter, notwithstanding that the prospects then were considered much below previous years. At the date of the Government report issued in December last the area planted to winter wheat in the autumn was shown to be more than 10% lower and a comparatively low condition was reported. The progress of the crop during the past winter has not been entirely satisfactory, and a reduced yield is now promised. This may prove a blessing in disguise in view of the mix-up created in the market by the interference of the National Government with the natural order of things. Certainly the situation at this time could not have been worse than it is now, and has been for months past, if the politicians at Washington had kept their hands off altogether.

The spring report issued yesterday afternoon by the Department of Agriculture at Washington shows the April 1 condition to be 75.8% of normal. This compares with a condition of 79.4% of normal in December last, just prior to the beginning of the winter season, a loss during the winter of 3.6 points. The decline was not so great as some of the early reports indicated. Both conditions, that of December last and the estimate issued yesterday were very low, however. There have been a number of years in the past 10 or 20 in which the April 1 condition has been even lower than this year, but the area planted was very much larger than was planted

for this year, and in most instances there was some recovery later.

A year ago the April 1 condition of the winter wheat crop harvested last year was very high, at 88.8% of normal, and the progress during the preceding winter had been very good. The harvest was very heavy, far in excess of the earlier estimates. The indications for this year's winter wheat crop is now placed at only 458,000,000 bushels. Only in two years out of the past 18 or 20 years has the yield of winter wheat been below that figure. Last year was an exception. As stated above, the area harvested was very large, 41,009,000 acres, and the improvement was practically constant throughout the season. The April 1 estimate of yield was 644,000,000 bushels, but the harvest was 787,465,000 bushels, an average yield per acre of 19.2 bushels. It may be that this year's production will be much more satisfactory than is now indicated. Farm wheat stocks on April 1 this year are now estimated at 159,942,000 bushels compared with 115,673,000 bushels a year ago. These figures cover only stocks actually on the farms, for all purposes, including seed. The April 1 condition of rye this year is indicated by the Department at 79.0% of normal against 81.6% a year ago, and of pastures 73.8% against 76.1% on April 1 of last year.

The feature of the Federal Reserve statement this week is again the increase in the holdings of United States Government securities, though this week the increase in such holdings is larger than the contraction in the holdings of acceptances bought in the open market and the contraction in the holdings of discounts and of other securities. As a matter of fact, there is this time no contraction in the holdings of discounts (which reflect member bank borrowing), but rather a small increase, the total of such discounts having risen from \$633,255,000 March 30 to \$635,274,000 April 6. The holdings of acceptances, however, have been further reduced from \$66,362,000 to \$57,946,000, while the holdings of "other securities" have fallen from \$6,911,000 to \$4,321,000. As against this, the holdings of United States securities have been further increased from \$871,618,000 to \$885,014,000. The reader should note the magnitude to which the total of this item has now risen. The result of these various changes is that the total of the bill and security holdings (which constitutes a measure of the volume of Reserve credit outstanding) is a little larger the present week than it was last week, being \$1,582,555,000 April 6 against \$1,578,146,000 on March 30; 12 months ago, on April 8 1931, these bill and security holdings totaled no more than \$912,969,000.

The amount of Federal Reserve notes outstanding also this time shows expansion, it having risen from \$2,546,275,000 March 30 to \$2,561,573,000 April 6. Gold reserves record a further increase from \$3,017,757,000 to \$3,032,202,000. However, owing to the expansion in note circulation and some increase likewise in deposit liability, the ratio of total reserves to deposit and Federal Reserve note liabilities combined is slightly smaller, being 70.8% against 70.9% last week. While the amount of acceptances held by the 12 Reserve institutions on their own account has been further reduced in amount of \$8,416,000, as already noted, their holdings of bills for account of foreign central banks show only a trifling change, being reported at \$335,312,000 this week against

\$335,425,000 last week. The deposits held for foreign central banks are somewhat lower again, standing at \$29,712,000 this week against \$31,249,000 last week.

The Southern Railway Co.'s annual report for the late calendar year has been issued the present week, and, like the reports of all other great railroad systems, makes an unfavorable showing. The company failed to earn its fixed charges in amount of \$5,922,842, this being the first year in the company's entire history of failure to earn charges. It is, of course, unnecessary to inform anyone as to the reason for this unfavorable outcome, but as a graphic indication going to show the extent to which this great railway system's revenues have been reduced, it is worth noting here that for the calendar year 1931 the company received from freight, passenger and miscellaneous operations a total revenue of only \$97,715,111 as against \$118,868,608 in the calendar year 1930, \$143,183,948 in 1929, \$144,116,452 in 1928, and \$147,639,063 in 1927. In other words, in this four-year period gross revenues have shrunk, roughly, in amount of \$50,000,000. A paragraph in the report tells us that the Southern's freight revenue for 1931 was \$27,880,000 below the annual average for the preceding eight years; and as that year was notable for acute competition by automobile trucks, waterways and pipe lines with all the railroads in the Southern's territory, an effort has been made "to divide the explanation of the Southern's individual loss between competitive transportation agencies and reduced activity in production and distribution." "While no such division can be demonstrated mathematically, an analysis of sources of revenue during the period, made by the traffic organization of the Southern, supports a deduction that approximately 70% of the loss may be assigned to reduced business activity." "The remaining 30% of the loss is thus suggested as the measure of the current competitive efficiency of the new agencies."

He would be a bold man who would undertake to prophesy what the outcome for the current calendar year will be, but at least two favorable features stand out with more than ordinary prominence. The report tells us that the increases in certain freight rates authorized by the Inter-State Commerce Commission to be effective during the period from Jan. 4 1932 to March 31 1933 will, it is estimated, produce for the company an increase of two million dollars per year in gross revenue, and (2) that the wage adjustment negotiated with the organizations of employees, effective for a period of one year from Feb. 1 1932, together with reductions in the wages and salaries of unorganized employees and officers, will result in a decrease in payroll expense of approximately four million dollars during the year 1932. The report also tells us that since the turn of the year the cash working capital has been replenished by a loan of \$7,500,000 from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, repayable in three years, with interest at the rate of 6% per annum, secured by the pledge of \$18,750,000 principal amount of the company's development and general mortgage 4% bonds.

The stock market suffered a further collapse the present week. Prices have been almost continuously weak, violent declines occurring day after day. The character of the tax bill which the House of Repre-

sentatives at Washington finally put through on Friday of last week, with the heavy tax levy proposed on stock transfers or sales, was perhaps the most important factor in the new downward splurge. The break at the half-day session on Saturday last was particularly violent. A large number of prominent stocks, as a result, sold down to new low records, New York Central, for instance, dropping 2½ points to the lowest price in its history, Atchison selling down nearly 3 points to its lowest level since 1905, Union Pacific falling 4 points to its lowest price since 1903, while numerous other stocks declined 1 to 3 points, and Auburn Automobile fell off about 5 points. The rails were especially weak on new rumors as to the policy to be pursued by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in dealing with future applications for loans. Bonds were likewise weak, with United States Government issues, however, an exception. The downward movement was continued on Monday and succeeding days, with the exception only of an occasional rally influenced by buying by bear operators to cover their outstanding short contracts. Selling was persistent and proceeded day after day without abatement. Trade accounts continued poor, and there was apparently no inducement to buy stocks either for investment or speculative account.

On Wednesday quite a sharp rally occurred after further early declines, but the market succumbed again to fresh liquidation toward the close. On Thursday an early flurry with covering by shorts was followed by renewed liquidation, but towards the close the pressure lifted sufficiently to bring another moderate upward rebound. On Friday the market resumed its downward course, with sharp declines throughout the list carrying stocks to new low levels for the year. Toward the close of trading a slight recovery set in, with some stocks regaining some of their losses for the day. One of the distinctive features of the week was a further reduction announced on Tuesday in the dividend on the stock of the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Railway. The quarterly payment was reduced from 1½% to 1%, accompanied by an announcement saying: "The earnings statement shows a continuing decline. The continuance of dividends on common stock must depend upon an improvement in the corporation's earnings." On March 1 the quarterly dividend had been reduced from 2½% to 1½%. In other words, the dividend is now down to a basis of 4% per annum against the previous 10%, with future dividends depending upon earnings. Another feature of the week was the weakness of numerous public utility stocks, and as bearing on the utility situation a conference held here on Thursday between Samuel Insull and Owen D. Young regarding Middle West Utilities affairs attracted a good deal of attention. Another unfavorable development was cablegrams from Stockholm, Sweden, April 5, from the accountants engaged in investigating the affairs of Kreuger & Toll, saying that the company's balance sheet of Dec. 31 1930 "grossly misrepresented the true financial position of the company." Among the dividend omissions of the week may be mentioned the following: The American Smelting & Refining Co. omitted the quarterly dividend on its common stock, as also did the Cerro de Pasco Copper Co., while the Julius Kayser Co. on April 5 decided that consideration of dividends on the common stock be deferred until results for the year are ascertained. The Phil-

lips-Jones Corp. omitted the quarterly dividend on its 7% cum. pref. stock. No less than 641 stocks touched new low figures for the year during the week. Call loan rates on the Stock Exchange again remained unchanged all week at 2½%.

Trading has been moderately large. At the half-day session on Saturday last the sales on the New York Stock Exchange were 1,045,990 shares; on Monday they were 1,614,030 shares; on Tuesday, 1,483,230 shares; on Wednesday, 2,094,706 shares; on Thursday, 1,795,077 shares, and on Friday, 2,126,005 shares. On the New York Curb Exchange the sales last Saturday were 126,890 shares; on Monday, 237,335 shares; on Tuesday, 248,045 shares; on Wednesday, 306,825 shares; on Thursday, 328,280 shares, and on Friday, 429,270 shares.

As compared with Friday of last week, prices again show declines all around. General Electric closed yesterday at 14⅞ against 17¼ on Friday of last week; North American at 24½ against 28½; Pacific Gas & Elec. at 25⅝ against 31⅞; Standard Gas & Elec. at 14¾ against 20¼; Consolidated Gas of N. Y. at 50¾ against 57½; Columbia Gas & Elec. at 6⅞ against 11⅞; Brooklyn Union Gas at 70 against 77; Electric Power & Light at 6 against 8⅞; Public Service of N. J. at 40 against 50½; International Harvester at 17⅝ against 20½; J. I. Case Threshing Machine at 26 against 32½; Sears, Roebuck & Co. at 20½ ex-div. against 27¾; Montgomery Ward & Co. at 6¾ against 7⅝; Woolworth at 36½ against 39⅞; Safeway Stores at 43¾ against 48¼; Western Union Telegraph at 31⅞ against 35⅞; American Tel. & Tel. at 106¼ against 111; International Tel. & Tel. at 4¾ against 6½; American Can at 50½ against 61⅞; United States Industrial Alcohol at 21½ against 22⅞; Commercial Solvents at 5⅞ against 7⅞; Shattuck & Co. at 8½ against 10⅞, and Corn Products at 33⅞ against 40⅞.

Allied Chemical & Dye closed yesterday at 65⅞ against 73 on Friday of last week; E. I. du Pont de Nemours at 38⅞ against 44⅞; National Cash Register A at 8½ against 9⅞; International Nickel at 5¾ against 7¼; Timken Roller Bearing at 14¼ against 15⅞; Mack Trucks at 13 against 13¾; Yellow Truck & Coach at 1⅞ against 2¾; Johns-Manville at 12½ against 14¾; Gillette Safety Razor at 16¾ against 19⅞; National Dairy Products at 22⅞ against 25⅞; Associated Dry Goods at 3⅞ against 4⅞; Texas Gulf Sulphur at 17 against 20⅞; Freeport Texas at 14⅞ against 16; American & Foreign Power at 2⅞ against 4; General American Tank Car at 18⅞ against 28; United Gas Improvement at 15 against 18¼; National Biscuit at 31¾ against 37¼; Coca Cola at 104 against 106¾; Continental Can at 29⅞ against 35; Eastman Kodak at 63¾ against 70¼; Gold Dust Corp. at 13 ex-div. against 16¼; Standard Brands at 10 against 11⅞; Paramount-Public Corp. at 4⅞ against 6½; Kreuger & Toll at ⅞ against ¾; Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. at 22⅞ against 24½; Drug, Inc., at 41⅞ against 45⅞; Columbian Carbon at 27¾ against 28; American Tobacco at 67¼ against 75½; Reynolds Tobacco class B at 32¾ against 34⅞; Liggett & Myers class B at 48¼ against 53¼, and Lorillard at 13⅞ against 14⅞.

The steel shares have tumbled with the rest. United States Steel closed yesterday at 33⅞ against 39½ on Friday of last week; Bethlehem Steel at 13¼ against 16⅞; Vanadium at 8⅞ against 12, and Republic Iron & Steel at 3 against 4. In the auto

group Auburn Auto closed yesterday at $51\frac{1}{2}$ against $66\frac{1}{4}$ on Friday of last week; General Motors at 12 against $15\frac{1}{8}$; Chrysler at 9 against $10\frac{5}{8}$; Nash Motors at $12\frac{5}{8}$ against $13\frac{1}{2}$; Packard at $2\frac{1}{8}$ against 3; Hudson Motor Car at $4\frac{3}{8}$ against 5, and Hupp Motors at $2\frac{1}{4}$ against $2\frac{3}{4}$. In the rubber group Good-year Tire & Rubber closed yesterday at $9\frac{1}{2}$ against $10\frac{5}{8}$ on Friday of last week; B. F. Goodrich at 3 against $3\frac{1}{2}$ United States Rubber at 3 against $3\frac{3}{4}$, and the preferred at $5\frac{3}{4}$ against 7.

The railroad shares continued weak features. Pennsylvania RR. closed yesterday at $12\frac{5}{8}$ against $15\frac{1}{8}$ on Friday of last week; Atchison Tokepa & Santa Fe at 52 against $63\frac{1}{2}$; Atlantic Coast Line at $15\frac{1}{2}$ bid against 20; Chic. Rock Isl. & Pac. at $4\frac{5}{8}$ against 6; New York Central at $21\frac{1}{4}$ against 25; Baltimore & Ohio at $9\frac{1}{4}$ against $12\frac{3}{4}$; New Haven at $15\frac{3}{4}$ against $18\frac{7}{8}$; Union Pacific at $57\frac{5}{8}$ against $68\frac{1}{2}$; Southern Pacific at $14\frac{1}{2}$ against $17\frac{1}{8}$; Missouri Pacific at $3\frac{3}{8}$ against $4\frac{1}{4}$; Missouri-Kansas-Texas at $2\frac{7}{8}$ against $4\frac{1}{8}$; Southern Railway at 5 against $6\frac{3}{4}$; Chesapeake & Ohio at 14 against $17\frac{5}{8}$; Northern Pacific at $10\frac{7}{8}$ against $11\frac{3}{4}$, and Great Northern at $11\frac{1}{8}$ against $12\frac{1}{4}$.

The oil shares have moved with the general list. Standard Oil of N. J. closed yesterday at 26 against $27\frac{7}{8}$ on Friday of last week; Standard Oil of Calif. at $21\frac{1}{8}$ against 24; Atlantic Refining at $9\frac{1}{8}$ against $10\frac{5}{8}$; Texas Corp. at $10\frac{3}{8}$ against $11\frac{3}{8}$; Phillips Petroleum at $4\frac{1}{2}$ against 5, and Pure Oil at $3\frac{1}{2}$ against $4\frac{1}{8}$.

The copper stocks continued to sag, notwithstanding the low figures to which they have dropped. Anaconda Copper closed yesterday at $4\frac{5}{8}$ against 6 on Friday of last week; Kennecott Copper at 6 against $6\frac{7}{8}$; Calumet & Hecla at $2\frac{1}{4}$ against $2\frac{1}{8}$; American Smelting & Refining at 8 against $10\frac{1}{2}$; Phelps Dodge at 5 against $5\frac{1}{4}$, and Cerro de Pasco Copper at $6\frac{1}{4}$ against 7.

Stock exchanges in all the important European financial centers were somewhat irregular this week, with net changes for the series of trading sessions rather small. The markets in London, Paris and Berlin swung in a narrow arc, with modest upward and downward movements following each other in quick succession. The most important single factor during the week was undoubtedly the official statement in Stockholm to the effect that Kreuger & Toll accounts had been manipulated. Stock markets everywhere turned heavy in the mid-week sessions, as a result of this revelation. Great comfort was derived, on the other hand, from distinctly favorable indications in all the leading industrial countries of Europe. These indications took the form of a decidedly improved trend in the employment indices. Unemployment statistics for Great Britain, published Monday, disclosed a decrease during March of 146,000, to an aggregate of 2,567,332. French official figures, published weekly, showed a drop in unemployment last Saturday for the first time this year, the aggregate falling from 305,496 to 303,218. Statistics for Germany were published in Berlin, Thursday, when a decrease of 98,000 was disclosed for the latter half of March, to an aggregate of slightly over 6,000,000.

The London Stock Exchange was quiet and depressed at the opening, Monday, owing partly to unfavorable week-end reports from New York. Liquidation was expected from the Continent, but this did

not appear in any volume, and the aspect of the market soon brightened. British funds recovered after a bad start and finished with small gains. Industrial securities also were in demand toward the close, but the international list remained heavy throughout. The improved employment figures available at the opening, Tuesday, occasioned gains in almost all sections of the market during that session. British Government funds advanced in a broad market, and British industrial and the international issues also moved forward smartly. The tone turned heavy Wednesday, however, owing to the publication of the Kreuger charges. The securities directly concerned were marked sharply downward, and recessions also appeared in most other departments. British funds held close to earlier quotations. Prices drifted lower, Thursday, in the absence of any constructive developments. Discouraging news from New York and the continued influence of the Kreuger report were the primary factors, and recessions were the rule. British funds also were slightly easier, owing to disappointment regarding the unchanged bank rate. Recessions occurred in all sections, yesterday, owing largely to the quite unsatisfactory end of the Danubian conference.

The Paris Bourse started with a brisk advance, Monday, many issues showing surprising strength. All issues with the exception of metal shares joined in the gains, which continued throughout the session despite unfavorable reports from other markets. After a firm and active opening, Tuesday, prices on the Bourse turned soft, owing to a lack of public interest. Rentes remained firm, but share prices generally declined with international issues especially weak. The Bourse was dull Wednesday, prices drifting slowly downward owing to the unfavorable impression created by the Kreuger & Toll report. Losses in French stocks were quite unimportant, some even showing very small gains, but the international list was lower as a whole. Thursday's dealings on the Bourse were somewhat agitated, as wild rumors were current regarding the American monetary situation and the suspension of leading American banks. It was recognized in informed circles that such reports were absurd, Paris dispatches said, but they were published in a number of periodicals and served to unsettle the market. French bank stocks were heavily sold, but industrial issues resisted the trend rather better. International securities dropped sharply. The general tone was again soft on the Bourse yesterday.

The Berlin Boerse was dull and generally lower in the initial session of the week, little interest being taken in the proceedings owing to the imminence of the second ballot of the Presidential election. Impending negotiations on international affairs also caused hesitation among traders and investors, it was reported. Prices recovered slightly, Tuesday, largely because of increased professional interest based on an easier money trend. An announcement was made by Boerse authorities that when unrestricted trading is resumed April 12, 24 securities will no longer be listed, while 107 will not be quoted temporarily owing to lack of dealings. The opening, Wednesday, was uneasy because of the Kreuger report. Stocks were materially lower at first, but modest improvement followed when reports were circulated of excellent dividend prospects in I. G. Farbenindustrie and Siemens & Halske. The Boerse was unsettled, Thursday, by disquieting rumors re-

garding the Kreuger companies and by the reports of downward trends on other markets. Authoritative indications of an impending reduction in the Reichsbank discount rate offset these influences to a degree, but not entirely. A rally near the close of the session wiped out only a part of the early losses. Although the Reichsbank rate was reduced from 6% to 5½%, yesterday, prices on the Boerse again declined.

Disquieting charges of the manipulation of the accounts of his companies by Ivar Kreuger, who committed suicide in Paris on March 12, were made in Stockholm, Tuesday, by a committee which is conducting an official investigation into the present status of the Kreuger & Toll Co. and its numerous subsidiaries. A preliminary report of the Committee, reprinted in full in subsequent pages of this issue, states there was "gross misrepresentation" in the last published balance sheet of the parent concern. A survey by qualified accountants, now in progress, indicates that the Kreuger & Toll balance sheet of Dec. 31 1930, as well as the consolidated balance sheets accompanying it, are in agreement with the balances appearing on the books, the committee reported, but such figures nevertheless diverge materially from the true financial position of the company. Publication of the charges created a sensation in Stockholm comparable to the shock of Mr. Kreuger's death last month, a dispatch to the New York "Times" said. A statement containing the substance of the report was issued in New York the same day by Lee, Higginson & Co. Securities of the Kreuger & Toll enterprises reacted sharply on all markets in the sessions that followed.

The Committee remarked in its report that much additional time will be required to obtain a clear statement of the current position, and that a preliminary statement had therefore been requested of Price, Waterhouse & Co. On the basis of such findings, it was stated that "under the personal direction of the late Mr. Kreuger, entries were made in the books which on the one hand eliminated substantial balances shown to be owing to the parent company by him and by subsidiary and affiliated companies, and on the other hand entirely eliminated liabilities to other subsidiaries purporting to represent assets of substantial sums." Such evidence as is available is indicative that the balance sheet showed a much better position than the real one, it was added. "In some instances," the statement continued, "there is reason to believe that the assets so set up in the books were either greatly in excess of the items they purported to represent, entirely fictitious, or a duplication of assets belonging or appearing on the books of the associated companies. Moreover, even if some substance should lie behind these book assets and accounts, there are instances where the description and classification in the balance sheet are entirely misleading." The report concluded with the statement that the Committee and the Board of the company "are trying to find some way in the first place to liquidate the company in such manner that the interests of creditors will be looked after to the greatest possible extent, and in the second place to continue in some form the business of the industrial undertakings belonging to the Kreuger concern."

Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson will join in the discussions of the General Disarmament Confer-

ence at Geneva, next week, in the effort to enlarge the scope of the gathering and improve the prospects for a world treaty embodying some genuine steps toward disarmament. He sailed on the steamship Ile de France, last night, with the intention of proceeding directly to Geneva, where he will assume official guidance of the American group of delegates. The Conference will be resumed Monday, after an Easter recess of three weeks. It was started on Feb. 2, but as yet little has been accomplished other than a series of formal statements of exceedingly divergent views by the representatives of practically every nation of importance in the world.

Disclosure of Mr. Stimson's plans to visit Geneva at this time was first made at the White House in Washington, last Saturday, and a formal announcement was issued by the State Department later the same day. It was explained at the White House, dispatches said, that Mr. Stimson's mission has no other purpose than the work of the disarmament conference. The formal announcement of the State Department indicated similarly that he would spend a short time at Geneva with the American delegation to the conference. "His trip to Europe is concerned only with the work of the delegation, and he will go direct to Geneva for a very brief stay," it was said. In Washington reports it was made clear that the decision was reached after consultations with President Hoover and Norman H. Davis of New York, a member of the American delegation, who reported at length on the progress of the conference. Mr. Stimson's desire for a sea voyage to aid his recovery from an attack of influenza also influenced the decision, it was indicated.

Notwithstanding the emphasis laid upon the desire of Secretary Stimson to discuss only disarmament problems, much informal conjecture was indulged early this week regarding the possibility of conversations between the Secretary and European statesmen on the reparations and debts questions. State Department officials insisted, last Sunday, that Mr. Stimson will not participate in any formal discussion of reparations or other intergovernmental debts during his visit to Geneva. But it was commented, in a dispatch to the New York "Times," that it appeared problematical how far he could escape an informal exchange of views on the subject of debts in view of reports from abroad indicating that foreign statesmen were anxiously awaiting his arrival, apparently in the hope that he would discuss such problems.

A clarifying statement on the matter was issued by President Hoover, Tuesday, and again much emphasis was placed upon Mr. Stimson's intention to confine his activities to the disarmament conference. The statement, made at a meeting with representatives of the press, was intended partly to reaffirm the United States position on the intergovernmental debts problem, Washington reports said. There was also a desire to prevent the impression that the disarmament conference is on the verge of a sensational success, a dispatch to the New York "Times" added.

"Some two months ago," President Hoover said, "I presented to our delegation to the arms conference at Geneva certain ideas which I believe would contribute to a solution of some of the problems before the conference, and which were incorporated in the general program by our delegation to the conference. These ideas have been more fully discussed

and developed during the visit to Washington of Mr. Norman Davis and in consultation with the Secretary of State and our army and navy advisers, with a view of enlarging their scope and application. With the months that pass the economic burden and menace to world peace have, if anything, increased. The world needs the reduction of government expenditure and the spirit of peace that can come from some degree of successful issue by the disarmament conference at Geneva. I have, therefore, asked the Secretary of State to go to Geneva in order to explore with our delegates and those of other nations the possibility of taking more definite steps in that direction. It is the American desire to produce some concrete and definite results, even though they may not be revolutionary. The world needs, both economically and spiritually, the relief that can come from some degree of successful issue by the disarmament conference. This is the sole purpose of the Secretary's visit. There will be no discussion or negotiation by the Secretary on the debt question."

Several series of conversations were held in London this week by the statesmen of the leading European countries, with the problem of a Danubian Union in the foreground of discussion. Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald of Britain and Premier Andre Tardieu of France conferred at some length on this subject Sunday and Monday, but it was admitted readily that the informal talk also ranged over many other matters. A second meeting of representatives of Britain, France, Germany and Italy was convened, Wednesday, for discussion of the Danubian question alone, but this gathering terminated rather abruptly yesterday. So far as outward appearances go, little would seem to have been accomplished in these conferences, either in regard to the Danubian Union or any other matter. In diplomatic procedure, however, appearances are frequently misleading.

The rather widely acclaimed visit of Premier Tardieu and Finance Minister Flandin to London was the occasion for the usual protestations of good-will and solidarity. A short formal discussion took place last Sunday at 10 Downing Street, the official residence of the Prime Minister, and this was followed by long informal talks at the French Embassy, both on Sunday and Monday. Brief identical statements were given out by the two statesmen after the first day's discussion to indicate that no definite decisions would be reached on the Danubian question in advance of the four-Power conference. In a press conference late in the day Mr. MacDonald expressed keen pleasure over the renewal of his acquaintance with M. Tardieu, and reaffirmed his belief in the efficacy of personal contacts between statesmen. He maintained earnestly that the British Government is anxious to get the maximum amount of good-will and international co-operation brought to bear upon a solution of European problems. No preliminary agreement and no draft proposals on the Danubian problem would result from the meeting, he added. M. Tardieu, in a similar press conference, commented at length on the solidarity, the common responsibility and the identical aspirations of Britain and France.

After the conclusion of the visit, Monday, a joint communication was issued indicating that the discussions bore chiefly on the economic and financial difficulties of the Danubian States. "The Ministers

of the two countries were of the opinion," the announcement said, "that the problems they examined can be solved only by general agreements of an international character, and for this purpose close and cordial collaboration is essential as between the four Powers who meet on Wednesday. In view of the pending meeting of this conference they did not expect to reach any conclusions, but are convinced that this comparison of views will facilitate the work of the conference. The British and French Governments share the hope it may be possible speedily to agree on measures which, while respecting the legitimate interests of third parties, will render possible an economic rapprochement between the Danubian States and facilitate establishment of conditions calculated to restore equilibrium and stability in this part of Europe."

In a further talk to press correspondents, Monday, Mr. MacDonald admitted that the conversation ranged over a wide field. "In fact, it would be difficult to name any topic of world interest to-day which was not touched upon in the course of our various talks," he said. Other than this allusion, however, no specific comment was made regarding any matter other than the Danubian crisis. That problem was explored very thoroughly, Mr. MacDonald said. As a result of the exchange, Great Britain and France understood each other perfectly, he added, and were prepared to work in all possible ways for an agreement at the four-Power meeting. In a London dispatch to the New York "Times" the information was added, without any authority being given, that the meeting of the two Premiers was not uniformly cordial. "If they had been ordinary citizens instead of exalted heads of great Powers, their conversation might have been described as an altercation," the dispatch stated. There were sharp differences, it was added, on such questions as a renewal of the Entente Cordiale, the new French tariff on British coal, and the possible effects of the Imperial Conference at Ottawa next June. On the Danubian question, however, similar views were said to have been expressed with regard to several points. Both Governments believed, the "Times" dispatch indicated, that the Danubian States to be invited to a conference of their own should be confined to Austria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Rumania and Yugoslavia. The view was also held in common that the four great Powers shall not themselves be members of the proposed Union or seek any economic advantages from it, the report added.

The four-Power conference on the Danubian problem was started in London, Wednesday, with Prime Minister MacDonald presiding. Finance Minister Pierre Etienne Flandin headed the French delegation; Foreign Minister Dino Grandi the Italian negotiators, and Dr. Bernhard von Buelow, Secretary of State in the Berlin Foreign Office, the German contingent. "The outcome of the first session was a decided split, with Italy and Germany in opposition to Great Britain and France both as to procedure and as to the principle of the French proposal that the States to be rescued improve their trade by a preferential tariff arrangement among themselves," a London dispatch to the New York "Times" said. The French plan called for a lowering of tariffs by 10%, as between the various Danubian States, while import quotas and other devices now hampering international trade among them were to be abolished. In order to place this plan in effect, other countries

would have to renounce their rights under most-favored-nation clauses of treaties. A supplementary part of the plan calls for loans of \$40,000,000 to the Danubian countries, such advances to be guaranteed by the four Powers engaged in the London discussion. "This, in brief, is the French plan to which the British Government refused to agree in advance of the four-Power conference, but which it has now evidently adopted," the "Times" report continued. "It was the British Prime Minister himself who, as Chairman of the conference, placed these proposals before the delegates. Finance Minister Flandin merely sat back and indicated his approval of them."

The opposition of Italy and Germany to the procedure and the plan was immediately made apparent. Signor Dino Grandi insisted that there should be a joint conference of the four Powers with the Danubian States, rather than two meetings. Bulgaria, he added, should be included among the countries to benefit from the proposed scheme. Dr. von Buelow held that the French plan was entirely inadequate to solve the Danubian economic problem. In order to prove effective, the arrangement would have to include Germany, Italy, Poland and possibly Bulgaria, he declared. Some doubts were expressed by the German delegate regarding the advisability of including Czechoslovakia in the scheme, on the ground that she is chiefly an industrial State. A subcommittee appointed to reconcile these views made no progress whatever, and it was indicated Thursday that the conference would end the following day without any agreement. The meeting was virtually concluded Thursday, reports said, when Germany and Italy refused to waive most-favored-nation treatment in order to clear the way for the Anglo-French plan. Further discussion of the Danubian problem will take place at the special League Council meeting in Geneva next week, it was remarked. After the conference adjourned, sine die, at noon yesterday, a statement was issued by the Foreign Office in London to the effect that each of the four Powers had agreed to address to the other three, as soon as possible, a statement of its views on the points reserved and on the best means of advancing the proposals considered.

Numerous specific recommendations designed to alleviate the economic difficulties of Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria and Greece are contained in a report of the League of Nations Financial Commission, issued at Geneva late last week. This study summarizes the findings of a recent session of the Commission, held at Paris. In a general preliminary statement, the Commission contends that the strain on the four countries is a result mainly of world causes. By inference it deplors the postponement of the reparations and debts settlements, a dispatch to the New York "Times" states. A previous report of the Financial Commission, it is explained, was based on the hope that there would be prompt action on political debts, but instead "the Lausanne conference was postponed until June; meanwhile, the world situation has seriously deteriorated and this general deterioration has gravely affected the countries on behalf of which the Committee has been working." Because of the uncertainty of present conditions, a final solution of the problem presented by the four countries is not now possible, the Commission adds. It is urged emphatically, therefore,

that prompt action be taken "to gain breathing space" and to "arrest the tendencies to disaster." Creditor States are warned specifically that they must cease raising tariffs if they wish to avert additional national defaults. The world's trade, the Commission complains, "is being submitted to progressive strangulation."

In the more detailed recommendations that follow it is suggested that the salvation of the four countries depends largely on improved economic relations in Central Europe. The steps taken toward this end recently are noted with satisfaction, and general approval is expressed of the aim to create some form of economic rapprochement among the Danubian States. Bulgaria should be included in any economic federation, it is contended, as the country will otherwise suffer isolation. The League Council is urged by the Commission to appoint a special independent adviser "to render assistance in the technical discussions and negotiations" necessary for the elaboration of the scheme. The Commission urgently proposes "small help" to each of the four countries, with a view to preventing "the necessity for much more far-reaching and difficult assistance later."

Austria should receive a \$14,000,000 loan, of which \$8,000,000 would represent the unissued portion of a \$35,000,000 loan previously authorized, the Commission contends. For Greece a maximum loan of \$10,000,000 is recommended to solve that country's transfer problem, but it is suggested also that League control should be tightened in various ways. It is recommended also that Greece be allowed to suspend for one year the sinking fund payments on her foreign debt, the full sum to be deposited within the country in the meanwhile in drachmas. For Bulgaria the Commission recommends the reduction of foreign debt payments by 50% in the six months from April to September, with a re-examination of the position advisable thereafter. This suggestion is contingent on suitable action by the Sofia Government, in accord with the Commission recommendations for a balanced budget and stricter League control of finances. No need is seen for the formation of a Bulgarian transfer committee, provided the country's reparations payments continue to be suspended. With regard to Hungary the Commission makes few recommendations, as the Budapest regime has already declared a moratorium on foreign debts. The proposal is made that all private foreign creditors of Hungary follow the British example and grant "standstill" facilities. The Hungarian exchange and transfer position is considered "extremely grave," and it "threatens to become more difficult until the next harvest."

These recommendations of the Financial Commission will be taken up by the League Council at a special meeting scheduled to begin April 12. Serious consideration already is being given the suggestion for an independent adviser by the League Secretariat, a Geneva dispatch of Wednesday to the New York "Times" said. The Financial Commission was said to have had Norman H. Davis, of New York, in mind as the envoy extraordinary who might be best suited to foster the aims of the Commission. As Mr. Davis is now a member of the American delegation to the General Disarmament Conference, some doubt existed as to whether he would be able to engage in such activities.

The controversy between the London and Dublin Governments regarding the oath of allegiance to the British Crown and the Irish land annuities was carried a step further, Tuesday, when the Free State Government made a formal reply to a note of the London regime. The documents have not been published as yet, but intimations of their contents show clearly that the dispute will not be carried to the length of an open breach. In the note now dispatched by the Free State Government of President Eamon de Valera, objection is taken to further payments of land annuities, but the door is left open for subsequent negotiations, a Dublin report to the New York "Times" states. The oath of allegiance is described in the note as a purely domestic problem, it is added, and the question of treaty violation does not arise as the Free State Government does not propose to delete it from the Anglo-Irish treaty. The House of Commons in London was informed by J. H. Thomas, Secretary for the Dominions, Wednesday, that the Irish note had been received and was under consideration by the Cabinet. A statement will probably be made next Monday, it was said. In a Dublin dispatch of Sunday to the Canadian Press, it was confidently asserted that the Free State Government contemplates no severance of the link between Ireland and the British Commonwealth of Nations. Much interest was occasioned this week by the receipt of notes in Dublin from the Australian, New Zealand and South African Governments bearing on the dispute. In every instance these member States of the British Commonwealth expressed the hope that the Free State Government will not pursue any course that might jeopardize the Irish Free State's continued association with the Commonwealth.

A grave movement against the Newfoundland Government developed at the capital, St. John's, last Tuesday, when a mob of 10,000 infuriated citizens besieged the legislative building and belabored Prime Minister Sir Richard Squires until he promised to resign. The affair began as a peaceful demonstration, organized by a committee of respectable citizens. Marching through the streets behind a band, this group gathered together a small army of Newfoundlanders and proceeded to the Parliament buildings for the purpose of submitting resolutions demanding a full investigation of charges that Sir Richard had falsified Council minutes in order to conceal manipulations of public money. There was a long delay during which the anger of the crowd mounted, and the movement finally resolved itself into a violent attack on the building. Sir Richard was beaten and trampled upon, but he escaped despite the threats of the crowd that they would throw him into the harbor. The crowd dispersed after Peter Cashin, former Minister of Finance, announced that Sir Richard had promised to resign or else ask dissolution of the Assembly within 48 hours. The Prime Minister reappeared late Wednesday, and immediately announced that he had "absolutely no intention of resigning." Sir John Middleton, Governor of Newfoundland, declared Thursday that a Royal Commission would be appointed to inquire into "certain occurrences at the Colonial building." Among the matters to be investigated, it is indicated, will be the charges that Sir Richard falsified the Council minutes. Mr. Cashin, who resigned his portfolio Feb. 2 and severed his connection with the

Government party, preferred these charges in the Assembly on Feb. 4 and again on Feb. 16.

Revolutionary movements in Latin American countries, never far from the surface in recent years, again broke into the open in Chile and Ecuador this week. The Cabinet serving in Chile under President Juan Esteban Montero resigned early Thursday, after a run had started on the Central Bank of Chile which threatened to grow to uncontrollable proportions. A sense of uneasiness pervaded Santiago, the capital, dispatches said. Rumors of revolutionary movements in various parts of the country were circulated, guards at the Palace were reinforced, army commanders swiftly changed, and President Montero finally asked the Congress to proclaim martial law. The Government was defeated in the Chamber of Deputies on the method of solving the nation's monetary troubles, it was indicated, and the run on the central bank developed thereafter. In Ecuador a small military revolt against the Government was started Thursday, in opposition to the return to the country of General Leonidas Gutierrez, former President, who was exiled in 1925. The Ecuadorean navy, consisting of two vessels, mutinied and captured a nearby fort when a ship carrying General Gutierrez entered the harbor of Guayaquil. The guns of the fort were turned on the vessel and two sailors were wounded. The Government dispatched troops against the rebels, and as the fort has scarcely any land protection, it was believed the revolt would quickly be ended.

Armistice negotiations between the Chinese and Japanese have not yet been completed at Shanghai, but there is at present a reassuring absence of belligerent utterances on either side and the peaceful conditions bid fair to continue. The Foreign Office at Tokio again announced, Monday, that Japan will not resume hostilities at Shanghai, even if the present conferences fail, unless the Chinese forces attack. Difficulties encountered in the discussions relate to the precise terms under which the Japanese troops are to withdraw to the International Settlement. Regarding the basic principle of such withdrawal there is no dispute, it seems, so that the effort to save "face," or national dignity, probably accounts for most of the delay in reaching an accord. In the meanwhile a serious movement is reported on foot in Shanghai, supported by prominent American, British and French interests, for the creation of a free port at Shanghai under a charter from the Chinese Government. "The project has been drawn up in elaborate detail," a dispatch of Tuesday to the New York "Herald Tribune" states. "It provides for the establishment of a free port which would include the Chinese-administered districts of greater Shanghai, the International Settlement, the French Concession and all bodies of water lying entirely within the area, as well as a 20-mile neutral zone surrounding the free port." Insurgent Chinese troops continued their activities in Manchuria this week, and the Japanese Government decided to send additional forces to the area to cope with the irregulars. General Chiang Kai-shek, leading spirit in the loosely organized Nanking-Loyang Government of China, declared last Saturday that Manchuria is still a part of China, and that any further attacks by the Japanese would be resisted with arms.

The Reichsbank on Friday (April 8) reduced its discount rate from 6% to 5½% and its Lombard rate from 7% to 6½%, both changes effective Saturday (April 9). Rates are 11% in Greece; 8% in Hungary; 7½% in Lithuania; 7% in Austria, Rumania, Finland, Portugal, and 6½% in Spain; 6% in Italy, Danzig, Czechoslovakia, India and in Colombia; 5.84% in Japan; 5½% in Germany, 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 2 3-16@2¼ as against 2@2½% on Friday of last week, and 2 7-16@2½% for three months' bills as against 2 3-16@2¼% on Friday of last week. Money on call in London on Friday was 1½%. At Paris the open market rate continues at 1½%, and in Switzerland at 1½%.

The Bank of England statement for the week ended April 6 shows a gain of £5,569 in gold holdings and as this was attended by a contraction of £738,000 in circulation, reserves rose £743,000. Gold holdings now total £121,437,360 as compared with £147,023,368 a year ago. Public deposits fell off £17,238,000 while other deposits increased £24,239,138. The latter consists of bankers accounts, which increased £24,976,651 and other accounts which decreased £737,513. The reserve ratio is at 29.74%; a week ago it was 30.90%; and a year ago it was 46.56%. Loans on government securities rose £15,415,000 and those on other securities fell off £9,737,849. Other securities include discounts and advances and securities. The former increased £438,764 and the latter decreased £10,176,613. The discount rate remains at 3½%. Below we furnish a comparison of the different items for five years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1932 April 6.	1931 April 8.	1930 April 9.	1929 April 10.	1928 April 11.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation a.....	359,791,000	358,884,883	359,250,323	362,130,979	135,560,295
Public deposits.....	9,993,000	9,863,140	15,167,701	17,205,719	17,799,981
Other deposits.....	113,186,227	93,506,910	101,908,734	100,517,648	102,220,166
Bankers' accounts	79,542,470	59,506,768	65,251,317	63,900,072	-----
Other accounts.....	33,643,757	34,002,142	36,657,417	36,617,576	-----
Government securities	51,110,906	33,399,684	55,861,909	53,276,855	33,110,447
Other securities.....	53,074,407	39,498,988	17,351,549	28,763,947	62,689,493
Disct. & advances	12,164,130	10,889,986	6,288,218	12,671,742	-----
Securities.....	40,910,277	28,609,002	11,063,331	16,092,205	-----
Reserve notes & coin	36,645,000	48,138,485	61,531,155	53,351,721	41,892,884
Gold and bullion.....	121,437,360	147,023,368	160,782,478	155,482,700	157,703,179
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	29.74%	46.56%	52.55%	45.31%	34½%
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 statement of the Bank of France for the week ended April 1 reveals a loss in gold holdings (the first in twenty weeks) of 45,528,344 francs. Total gold is now 76,785,994,706 francs, as compared with 56,096,521,839 francs a year ago and 42,357,642,816 francs two years ago. Credit balances abroad gained 500,000,000 francs, while bills bought abroad declined 600,000,000 francs. Notes in circulation expanded 1,656,000,000 francs, raising the total of notes outstanding to 83,438,466,175 francs. Last year circulation aggregated 79,464,634,075 francs and the year before 71,575,901,795 francs. French commercial bills discounted and creditor current accounts decreased 1,073,000,000 francs and 1,999,000,000 francs while advances against securities rose 143,000,000 francs. The proportion of gold on hand to sight liabilities stands this week at 69.85%. Last year the item was 55.33% and the year before 49.89%.

A comparison of the various items for three years is shown below:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week. Francs.	Status as of		
		April 1 1932. Francs.	April 3 1931. Francs.	April 4 1930. Francs.
Gold holdings.....Dec.	45,528,344	76,785,994,706	56,096,521,839	42,357,642,816
Credit bals. abr'd.Inc.	500,000,000	4,348,096,705	6,940,740,703	6,913,222,800
a French commercial bills discounted.....Dec.	1,073,000,000	3,746,620,486	5,991,147,783	5,110,044,250
b Bills bought abr'd.....Dec.	600,000,000	8,183,857,344	19,372,294,259	18,757,509,904
Adv. agst. secur's.....Inc.	143,000,000	2,858,489,402	2,941,097,944	2,697,241,078
Note circulation.....Inc.	1,656,000,000	83,438,466,175	79,464,634,075	71,575,901,795
Cred. curr. acct's.....Dec.	1,999,000,000	26,489,565,590	21,916,421,933	13,323,443,327
Proportion of gold on hand to sight liabilities.....Inc.	0.18%	69.85%	55.33%	49.89%

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

The Bank of Germany statement for the last quarter of March reveals a gain of 1,562,000 marks in gold and bullion. The Bank's total gold is now 878,650,000 marks, which compares with 2,323,403,000 marks a year ago and 2,495,931,000 marks two years ago. The items of reserve in foreign currency, silver and other coin, notes on other German banks, investments and other liabilities record decreases of 369,000 marks, 69,633,000 marks, 5,016,000 marks, 2,000 marks and 53,152,000 marks, while deposits abroad remain unchanged. Notes in circulation rose 225,177,000 marks, raising the total of the item to 4,231,073,000 marks. Circulation a year ago was 4,455,670,000 marks and the year previous 4,805,581,000 marks. Increases appear in bills of exchange and checks of 98,532,000 marks, in advances of 155,005,000 marks, in other assets of 78,181,000 marks and in other daily maturing obligations of 86,235,000 marks. The proportion of gold and foreign currency to note circulation is this week 24.1%, which compares with 56.4% last year and 60% the year before. Below we furnish a comparison of the various items for three years:

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	Status as of		
		Mar. 31 1932. Reichsmarks.	Mar. 31 1931. Reichsmarks.	Mar. 31 1930. Reichsmarks.
Assets—				
Gold and bullion.....Inc.	1,562,000	878,650,000	2,323,403,000	2,495,931,000
Oth. of which depos. abr'd.....	No change	64,607,000	207,638,000	149,788,000
Res'v'n for'n curr.....Dec.	369,000	141,819,000	188,035,000	336,600,000
Bills of exch. & checks.....Inc.	98,532,000	3,317,855,000	2,249,098,000	2,067,462,000
Silver and other coin.....Dec.	69,633,000	139,083,000	157,157,000	130,761,000
Notes on oth. Ger. bks.....Dec.	5,016,000	2,797,000	10,144,000	3,918,000
Advances.....Inc.	155,005,000	289,874,000	274,072,000	201,309,000
Investments.....Dec.	2,000	361,751,000	102,802,000	93,245,000
Other assets.....Inc.	78,181,000	910,635,000	476,560,000	529,839,000
Liabilities—				
Notes in circulation.....Inc.	225,177,000	4,231,073,000	4,455,670,000	4,805,581,000
Oth. daily matur. oblig.....Inc.	86,235,000	577,688,000	397,452,000	729,648,000
Other liabilities.....Dec.	53,152,000	658,257,000	281,402,000	150,033,000
Proport. of gold & for'n curr. to note circula'n.....Dec.	1.3%	24.1%	56.4%	60%

The New York money market was a dull affair this week, with rates unchanged in every department. In the Stock Exchange section of the market call loans were quoted at the undeviating figure of 2½%, both for renewals and new loans. Banking house funds were offered every day in the unofficial outside market at 2% on stock market collateral, this figure also having prevailed previously. Time loans likewise were unchanged. Both the usual tabulations of brokers' loans were issued this week. The New York Stock Exchange total at the end of March indicated an increase of \$8,439,301 during that month. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York figures for the week ended Wednesday night reflected a decrease of \$9,000,000. Gold movements for the same weekly period consisted of imports of \$2,023,000 and a net decrease of \$2,985,000 in the stock of the metal held earmarked for foreign account. There were no exports.

Dealing in detail with call loan rates on the Stock Exchange from day to day, $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ was the rate ruling all through the week, both for new loans and renewals. The time money market continues unchanged. Rates are unchanged but nominal at $2\frac{3}{4}\%$ for all dates. The demand for prime commercial paper has shown some improvement this week. More paper is available and the demand has held fairly steady. Rates are unchanged. Quotations for choice names of four to six months' maturity are $3\frac{1}{4}\%$ to $3\frac{1}{2}\%$. Names less well known are $3\frac{3}{4}\%$ to 4% . On some very high class 90-day paper occasional transactions at 3% were noted.

Prime bankers' acceptances have been in demand this week, but first class paper has been very scarce and transactions were limited to the supply. Rates are unchanged. The quotations of the American Acceptance Council for bills up to and including three months are $2\frac{1}{4}\%$ bid, $2\frac{1}{8}\%$ asked; for four months, $2\frac{3}{8}\%$ bid and $2\frac{1}{4}\%$ asked; for five and six months, $2\frac{5}{8}\%$ bid and $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ asked. The bill buying rate of the New York Reserve Bank is $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ on maturities from 1 to 120 days, and 3% on maturities from 121 to 180 days. The Federal Reserve banks show a decrease this week in their holdings of acceptances, the total having fallen from \$66,362,000 to \$57,946,000. Their holdings of acceptances for foreign correspondents decreased slightly from \$335,425,000 to \$335,312,000. Open market rates for acceptances are as follows:

SPOT DELIVERY.					
		—150 Days—		—120 Days—	
		Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills.....		$2\frac{3}{4}$	$2\frac{3}{4}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{3}{4}$
		—90 Days—		—60 Days—	
		Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills.....		$2\frac{3}{4}$	$2\frac{3}{4}$	$2\frac{3}{4}$	$2\frac{3}{4}$

FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.

Eligible member banks.....	$2\frac{3}{4}\%$ bid
Eligible non-member banks.....	$2\frac{3}{4}\%$ 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 April 8.	Date Established.	Previous Rate.
Boston.....	$3\frac{1}{2}$	Oct. 17 1931	$2\frac{1}{2}$
New York.....	3	Feb. 26 1932	$3\frac{1}{2}$
Philadelphia.....	$3\frac{1}{2}$	Oct. 22 1931	3
Cleveland.....	$3\frac{1}{2}$	Oct. 24 1931	3
Richmond.....	$3\frac{1}{2}$	Jan. 25 1932	4
Atlanta.....	$3\frac{1}{2}$	Nov. 14 1931	3
Chicago.....	$3\frac{1}{2}$	Oct. 17 1931	$2\frac{1}{2}$
St. Louis.....	$3\frac{1}{2}$	Oct. 22 1931	$2\frac{1}{2}$
Minneapolis.....	$3\frac{1}{2}$	Sept. 12 1930	4
Kansas City.....	$3\frac{1}{2}$	Oct. 23 1931	3
Dallas.....	$3\frac{1}{2}$	Jan. 28 1932	4
San Francisco.....	$3\frac{1}{2}$	Oct. 21 1931	$2\frac{1}{2}$

Sterling exchange fluctuated rather widely during the week and while the high levels of last week were not touched, rates were firm and the pound was in demand both here and in Continental centres. The range this week has been from $3.74\frac{7}{8}$ to $3.81\frac{3}{8}$ for bankers' sight bills, compared with $3.71\frac{7}{8}$ to $3.83\frac{5}{8}$ last week. The range for cable transfers has been from 3.75 to $3.81\frac{1}{2}$, compared with 3.72 to $3.83\frac{3}{4}$ a week ago. In the main the underlying factors affecting sterling are unchanged. The steady Continental demand for sterling, though a favorable influence on British exchange, does not meet with favor in London banking circles. While the English people feel highly gratified over the renewal of confidence in the London market by all centres,

the City recognizes that it was the presence of the highly volatile short-term funds which was one of the fundamental causes of London's weakness last summer. These funds are now flowing back and London is taking all possible measures to prevent the position of the City from being vulnerable to sudden withdrawals. Some banks report that London is willing to accept Continental money for one year but sight or short-term deposits are not so welcome as before the September crash. In England it is felt that the renewal of confidence in the London market and the higher sterling rates are definitely depriving the country of advantages which from the trading viewpoint might have been derived from the decline from the old gold parity level. Efforts to revive British trade under cover of sterling depreciation are consequently meeting with discouragement.

The British also point out that the instability of sterling and the rapid fluctuations in the rate are acting as a brake upon export business. As a result of the higher sterling rates commodity prices have in general declined sharply. The present strength in sterling is attributed in some measure to the steady repatriation of British balances and to the continuance of speculation for a rise in the unit. The various influences pushing up the rate have temporarily at least created a position which the Bank of England is more or less powerless to resist. There is little doubt that as a result of the pronounced faith in England's financial position a large volume of foreign money will continue to seek employment in London until such time as other countries are able to show similar recovery in their economic condition. The Paris market is inclined to be critical of London's attitude toward sterling. The Bank of England maintains close and cordial relations with the Bank of France. The latter institution makes no secret of the fact that it often operates in Paris in the exchange market for account of the Bank of England, but the French say that it is impossible to draw from such operations any positive conclusion concerning the plans which the Bank of England has conceived for intervention in the exchange market. What is thought in Paris to be most probable is that the British Government, having as yet made no decision concerning future stabilization of the pound, would like to prevent appreciation in sterling, but in common with the Bank of England is unwilling to accumulate foreign exchange for the purpose.

According to Paris bankers, London is wrong both in ascribing the rise in sterling solely to speculation and in imagining that the speculators may be puzzled and discouraged by exertion of pressure on the market through intermittent intervention, yet that appears to be why the Bank of England, whenever it succeeds in depressing the sterling market after an advance, seeks to take advantage of the lower prices to buy back sterling bills previously sold. Such a procedure avoids accumulation of foreign exchange, but since there are other factors than speculation which are tending to cause the rise in sterling intervention of that character is having only a psychological effect. It has no power to put a complete brake on the advance and therefore despite the recent alternation of advances and declines in sterling the curve in rates continues generally upward, which only serves to encourage the speculators. Gold continues to sell in the London open market at around 109s. This week the Bank of England shows an increase in gold holdings of £5,569, the total standing at £121,437,360 on

April 6, which compares with £147,023,368 a year ago.

At the Port of New York, the gold movement for the week ended April 6, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, consisted of imports of \$2,023,000, of which \$997,000 came from Canada, \$996,000 from Peru, and \$30,000 chiefly from Latin-American countries. There were no gold exports. The Reserve Bank reported a decrease of \$2,985,000 in gold earmarked for foreign account. In tabular form the gold movement at the Port of New York for the week ended April 6, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, was as follows:

GOLD MOVEMENT AT NEW YORK, MARCH 31-APRIL 6, INCL.

<i>Imports.</i>	<i>Exports.</i>
\$997,000 from Canada 996,000 from Peru 30,000 chiefly from Latin-American countries	None
\$2,023,000 Total	

Net Change in Gold Earmarked for Foreign Account.
Decrease \$2,985,000.

The above figures are for the week ended Wednesday evening. On Thursday there were no imports or exports, but gold earmarked for foreign account increased \$1,399,700. Yesterday gold imports amounted to \$2,022,800, of which \$1,000,000 came from Uruguay, \$997,300 came from Canada and \$25,500 came from Mexico. Exports amounted to \$10,415,000, of which \$10,400,000 was shipped to France and \$15,000 to Canada. There was an increase of \$915,000 in gold earmarked for foreign account. During the week approximately \$2,674,000 of gold was received at San Francisco, of which \$1,703,000 came from China, and \$972,000 came from Australia.

Canadian exchange continues at a severe discount, although the rate has been steadier this week and on average more in favor of Montreal. On Saturday last, Montreal funds were at a discount of 10%, on Monday at 9 $\frac{7}{8}$ %, on Tuesday at 9 $\frac{7}{8}$ %, on Wednesday at 9 5-16%, on Thursday at 9 9-16% and on Friday at 9 $\frac{5}{8}$ %.

Referring to day-to-day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday last was active and inclined to firmness. Bankers' sight was 3.75 $\frac{1}{2}$ @3.77 $\frac{7}{8}$, cable transfers 3.75 $\frac{7}{8}$ @3.78. On Monday sterling was in demand and firmer. The range was 3.74 $\frac{7}{8}$ @3.80 $\frac{1}{2}$ for bankers' sight and 3.75@3.80 $\frac{5}{8}$ for cable transfers. On Tuesday sterling was in demand but easier. Bankers' sight was 3.76 $\frac{5}{8}$ @3.78 $\frac{1}{4}$, cable transfers 3.76 $\frac{3}{4}$ @3.78 $\frac{1}{4}$. On Wednesday exchange on London was strong. The range was 3.78 $\frac{3}{4}$ @3.81 $\frac{3}{8}$ for bankers' sight and 3.78 $\frac{7}{8}$ @3.81 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers. On Thursday sterling continued in demand. The range was 3.76 $\frac{3}{4}$ @3.79 $\frac{7}{8}$ for bankers' sight and 3.77@3.80 for cable transfers. On Friday sterling was easier, the range was 3.77 $\frac{7}{8}$ @3.79 for bankers' sight and 3.78@3.79 $\frac{1}{8}$ for cable transfers. Closing quotations on Friday were 3.78 $\frac{3}{8}$ for demand and 3.78 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 3.77; 60-day bills at 3.75 $\frac{1}{4}$; 90-day bills at 3.74 $\frac{1}{2}$; documents for payment (60 days) at 3.75 $\frac{1}{4}$, and seven-day grain bills at 3.77 $\frac{3}{4}$. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 3.77.

Exchange on the Continental countries, as during the past few weeks, is generally firm. French francs have been exceptionally firm, although fluctuating rather widely. In Wednesday's trading the franc was strong and touched 3.94 $\frac{3}{4}$ in New York, or

slightly above the gold export point to Paris. The high rates frequently quoted for the franc revived discussion among foreign exchange brokers as to the probability of renewed gold shipments to France. The firmness in the unit was not due so much to demand for francs here as to a certain apprehension shown in foreign markets over the Federal legislative programs here. Dollars were sold rather heavily in some centres abroad. The true gold export point is estimated here as about 3.9442, although it is not believed that shipments of gold will be made much below 3.9475. Yesterday Paris cable transfers went to 3.95. There is little demand for forward francs in New York because the exchange is so near the upper gold point. There is a premium of about 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ points above spot on 90-day francs, a quotation which is more or less nominal. The local market for francs is so thin at present that the sale of 25,000,000 francs to purchase the necessary dollar exchange with which to obtain approximately \$1,000,000 in gold at New York would at any time cause a sharp break in the franc rate. According to Paris dispatches the weakness of the dollar on several occasions during the week was due to the offering of dollars from New York against sterling and to a lack of demand on the French side. Several French bankers have asserted that there are no signs of nervousness on the part of either the banks or the French public with respect to the dollar. The current statement of the Bank of France shows a loss in gold holdings of 45,528,344 francs, the total standing on April 1 at 76,785,994,706 francs, which compares with 56,096,521,839 francs on April 3 1931 and with 28,935,000,000 francs in June 1928, when the franc was stabilized. However, the Bank's ratio of reserves to liabilities is at record high level, standing at 69.85% on April 1, which compares with 69.67% on March 25, with 69.81% on March 18, with 55.33% a year ago, and with legal requirement of 35%.

The present decline in gold holdings of the Bank of France is the first perceptible drop since July 3 1931. On July 10 and again on Sept. 18 1931 the Bank reported a decrease of 1,000,000 francs, but these changes were scarcely worthy of note, amounting to less than \$40,000 each. The current decline amounts to about \$2,000,000. The present drop in gold holdings is not to be interpreted as a complete reversal of trend, but it illustrates clearly the inability of the franc to attract gold any longer from abroad, partly because of inherent weakness and partly because of the almost universal abandonment of the gold standard or the employment of exchange control. France can still purchase gold in the open market or take gold from New York in exchange for its foreign balances, but gold movements under normal exchange transactions have become noticeably few and far between in recent weeks. During the period in which French gold holdings declined, the franc moved from a position below parity to the upper gold point, indicating that the release of metal from earmark by the Bank may have been used to strengthen the weakening franc rate.

German marks are steady though rates are largely nominal and transactions extremely limited. Local banking circles were particularly pleased with the statement of the Reichsbank for the week ended March 31 showing the effects of the month-end requirements and of the first quarter. End of the first quarter requirements a year ago resulted in a drop of 10.2% in the Bank's reserve ratio. This year the

decline was only 1.3%, or from 25.4% to 24.1%. Gold holdings increased for the second successive week, showing a gain of Rm. 1,562,000 on the week and bringing the total to Rm. 878,650,000. This increase was partly offset however, by a drop in foreign currency reserves of Rm. 369,000 to Rm. 141,819,000. Leading German authorities declare that the German situation is one which "must be nursed along." No particular concern is felt over the situation of the Reichsbank and the fact that no signs of inflation either in notes or loans have appeared is regarded as an encouraging factor. Large amounts of German capital are being held abroad for safe keeping which if returned would aid the Reichsbank in its exchange problem. The return of this capital, however, is held to be entirely dependent upon a general recovery of business.

Austrian schillings are largely nominal. The new President of the Austrian National Bank seems determined to work toward restoration of gold parity for the schilling. Energetic restrictions of credit are being introduced to make possible a reduction in the note circulation. In addition the greater part of the Kreditanstalt finance bills, which amount to 679,000,000 schillings of the Bank's 832,000,000 schillings total bill holdings, are to be taken over as a State debt, to be redeemed through internal loans. The annual interest burden of the State, including obligations to foreign countries, is estimated at 40,000,000 schillings.

Italian lire are steady. The statement of condition of the Bank of Italy as of March 20 shows a slight improvement in the reserve position of the institution compared with the previous statement as of March 10. The proportion of reserves to sight liabilities advanced to 46.92% from 46.61%, while the proportion of gold on hand to notes in circulation advanced to 41.22% from 40.66%. A feature of the past year with the Bank of Italy has been the steady decline in foreign currency reserves, which now amount to 1,610,000,000 lire compared with 4,074,900,000 lire a year ago. This drop, however, has been accompanied by a steady decline in circulation, which now amounts to 13,651,000,000 lire, compared with 15,021,000,000 lire a year ago, while deposits at the Bank have dropped similarly. On the other hand gold holdings have increased to 5,626,000,000 lire, compared with 5,310,400,000 lire a year ago, owing to the purchase of metal with some of the foreign currency reserves. Italy is on the gold exchange standard and the Bank of Italy is entitled, therefore, to sell either gold or foreign gold exchange upon demand and up to the present it has elected to sell gold exchange to meet import requirements. The drop in circulation and deposits is said to have been caused largely by lire payment for foreign currencies. It is for this reason that the Italian foreign trade returns are watched so carefully by Italian circles. Striking progress has been made in cutting down the visible import surplus, and thus relieving the strain on the exchange. In 1931 there was an import surplus of only 1,584,147,740 lire for the year as compared with an import surplus of 5,227,442,948 lire in 1930.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 95.78 on Friday of this week, against 96.37 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished on Friday at 3.94 $\frac{7}{8}$, against 3.93 $\frac{7}{8}$ on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 3.95, against 3.94, and commercial sight bills at 3.94 $\frac{3}{4}$, against

3.93 $\frac{3}{4}$. Antwerp belgas finished at 14.00 $\frac{1}{2}$ for bankers' sight bills and at 14.01 for cable transfers, against 13.96 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 13.97. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 23.71 for bankers' sight bills and 23.73 for cable transfers, in comparison with 23.76 and 23.78. Italian lire closed at 5.15 for bankers' sight bills and at 5.15 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers, against 5.18 and 5.18 $\frac{1}{2}$. Austrian schillings closed at 14.14 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 14.14; exchange on Czechoslovakia at 2.96 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 2.96 $\frac{1}{2}$; on Bucharest at 0.60 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 0.59 $\frac{7}{8}$; on Poland at 11.22 against 11.24, and on Finland at 1.76 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 1.69. Greek exchanged closed at 1.28 $\frac{3}{4}$ for bankers' sight bills and at 1.28 $\frac{7}{8}$ for cable transfers, against 1.28 $\frac{3}{4}$ and 1.28 $\frac{7}{8}$.

Exchange on the countries neutral during the war presents no new aspects of importance. Holland guilders and Swiss francs continue firm. The guilder was exceptionally firm in Wednesday's market this week, going as high as 40.51 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers, a gain of 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ points on the day. As a seasonal matter guilders should be firm with respect to the dollar from now until the end of autumn, but the firmness in the guilder in the last few weeks is due largely to the flow of funds to Holland for safekeeping. Scandinavian currencies have fluctuated rather widely. Exchange on Stockholm, however, was more erratic and inclined to weakness following upon unfavorable reports of the committee investigating the affairs of the Kreuger companies in Sweden. Spanish pesetas are ruling at close to the lowest of the year, but are steadier. A dispatch from Madrid on Monday stated that the central exchange bureau was seeking a technical means to improve the position of the peseta. The Spanish Treasury is offering a 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ % loan of 500,000,000 pesetas on April 12. Swiss francs are firm. Advices from Paris state that the Swiss banks do not intend to pay interest on deposits. This step has been made necessary, due to the tremendous inflow of foreign capital into Switzerland which, in the past few months, has assumed the role of a "refugee nation" for timid foreign capital. The extent of the movement is illustrated by the changes in the condition statement of the National Bank of Switzerland over the past year. Gold holdings of 2,458,261,000 Swiss francs were reported as of March 7, an increase of 1,805,305,000 francs during the year. Only 257,201,000 francs of this increase is accounted for by conversion of the Bank's foreign balances into gold. Foreign balances now amount to 108,396,000 francs, compared with 365,597,000 francs a year ago. Most of the rest of the increase is a direct result of the flow of capital into Switzerland for safekeeping, where it remains in a highly liquid condition. Currency circulation has not shown a corresponding increase as compared with gold. Notes outstanding amount to 1,481,306,000 francs, an increase of 545,956,000 francs during the year. Thus, while gold holdings have increased about 208% during the year, circulation has advanced less than 58%. Deposits of the national bank afford a good index of the movement of capital to Switzerland. This item stands at 1,162,853,000 francs, compared with 284,294,000 francs a year ago, an increase of 878,559,000 francs, or 308%. When conditions improve this capital may be expected to move out of the country to centers where it can be employed more profitably, while the new action on interest rates is intended to check the influx. The

par of the Swiss franc is 19.30. Meantime the unit is strong around 19.48.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at 40.51½, against 40.43 on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 40.52½, against 40.44, and commercial sight bills at 40.35, against 40.30. Swiss francs closed at 19.47½ for checks and at 19.48 for cable transfers, against 19.43½ and 19.44. Copenhagen checks finished at 20.73 and cable transfers at 20.75, against 20.83 and 20.85. Checks on Sweden closed at 19.74 and cable transfers at 19.75, against 20.42 and 20.44; while checks on Norway finished at 19.73 and cable transfers at 19.75, against 20.00 and 20.02. Spanish pesetas closed at 7.59 for bankers' sight bills and at 7.59½ for cable transfers, against 7.54½ and 7.55.

Exchange on the South American countries continues depressed owing to moratoriums and the control of exchange by Government boards. The outlook is indefinite in all these countries, not excepting Argentina. On Monday press dispatches from Santiago stated that the Chilean Chamber of Deputies approved the Government project for the temporary abandonment of the gold standard and sent the measure back to the Senate. The chamber modified the measure by permitting unrestricted sales of foreign exchange, as originally contemplated by the Government, and abolished any difference between Chilean and foreign banks regarding withdrawal of gold deposits. The Consul General of Colombia in New York issued a statement on Wednesday that the 30-day term for presentation to the Exchange Control Office of statements covering debts originating from merchandise imported prior to Sept. 24 1931, to obtain permission for periodical payments not exceeding 20% of any debt as provided for by the decree dated March 7, has been extended for another 30 days or until May 7. Article I of the decree reads: "Purchases of foreign drafts for the payment of debts originating from merchandise imported prior to Sept. 24 1931, will be permitted by periodical installments not exceeding 20% of any debt. Within 30 days after date of this decree interested parties should present to the Control Office a statement with authentic proofs of the debts covered by this article."

Argentine paper pesos closed on Friday at 25¼ for bankers' sight bills, against 25¼ on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 25.70, against 25.70. Brazilian milreis are nominally quoted 6.45 for bankers' sight bills and 6.50 for cable transfers, against 5.95 and 6.00. Chilean exchange is nominally quoted 12½, against 12½. Peru is nominally quoted 28.00, against 28.00.

Exchange on the Far Eastern countries presents irregular trends. The Chinese units are slightly easier due to a softer tone in silver quotations and lessened demand. Indian rupees are also displaying an easier tone. Normally the rupee should follow sterling closely but at present this does not seem to be the case. Bombay and Calcutta should follow sterling since the value of the rupee is fixed at 1s. 6d. This fact, bankers explain, furnishes added impetus to the movement of gold from India to London as exporters of the metal receive more paper rupees for the sterling derived from the sale of the gold. This gold movement is expected to last for as long as there is any sizable premium on gold. It is reported in reliable quarters that London bullion dealers are

gathering in India and shipments of gold are being made directly by the bullion dealers instead of by the banks as heretofore. Japanese yen are showing a firmer tone. The Japanese Government is making a shipment of 7,000,000 yen gold to the United States. Although the shipment of gold from Japan is prohibited the Government is buying the output of Japanese mines and sending the new metal to this side in order to create dollar balances. Partly as a result of the premium on gold it is said that the output of the Japanese mines has increased substantially in the past three months.

Closing quotations for yen checks yesterday were 33¼, against 33⅛ on Friday of last week. Hong Kong closed at 24¼@24 3-16, against 24¾@25 1-16; Shanghai at 31⅞@32, against 32⅞; Manila at 49⅝, against 49⅝; Singapore at 44⅜, against 44⅜; Bombay at 28.70, against 28.70, and Calcutta at 28.70, against 28.70.

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 522 of the Tariff Act of 1922, the Federal Reserve Bank is now certifying daily to the Secretary of the Treasury the buying rate for cable transfers in the different countries of the world. We give below a record for the week just passed:

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922. APRIL 2 1932 TO APRIL 8 1932, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York Value in United States Money.					
	Apr. 2.	Apr. 4.	Apr. 5.	Apr. 6.	Apr. 7.	Apr. 8.
EUROPE—	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Austria, schilling	.139437	.139437	.139437	.139550	.139550	.139550
Belgium, belga	.139584	.139726	.139780	.139850	.139873	.139946
Bulgaria, lev	.007200	.007200	.007200	.007200	.007200	.007200
Czechoslovakia, krone	.029634	.029629	.029630	.029631	.029631	.029634
Denmark, krone	.206815	.206784	.207076	.207715	.207030	.207076
England, pound sterling	3.759500	3.780750	3.770000	3.794250	3.781339	3.782500
Finland, marka	.016800	.016850	.016683	.016800	.016900	.017016
France, franc	.039401	.039395	.039424	.039449	.039476	.039482
Germany, reichsmark	.237596	.237328	.237121	.237221	.237042	.237153
Greece, drachma	.012884	.012888	.012888	.012891	.012880	.012886
Holland, guilder	.404226	.404300	.404367	.404889	.405010	.405085
Hungary, pengo	.174500	.174250	.174250	.174250	.174250	.174250
Italy, lira	.051735	.051707	.051620	.051626	.051613	.051546
Norway, krone	.197600	.197730	.197761	.197983	.197684	.197253
Poland, zloty	.111625	.111833	.111833	.112000	.111853	.111687
Portugal, escudo	.033800	.033325	.033925	.033750	.033875	.033875
Rumania, leu	.005954	.005964	.005958	.005970	.005960	.005962
Spain, peseta	.075392	.075360	.075435	.075378	.075355	.075375
Sweden, krona	.202784	.203161	.202866	.202246	.200666	.198369
Switzerland, franc	.194380	.194403	.194064	.194346	.194542	.194625
Yugoslavia, dinar	.017715	.017680	.017705	.017690	.017717	.017705
ASIA—						
China—						
Chefoo tael	.333125	.333125	.330625	.331875	.327500	.326250
Bankow tael	.329375	.329375	.326250	.327500	.324375	.323125
Shanghai tael	.321718	.319375	.317343	.317968	.316093	.314687
Tientsin tael	.335625	.336875	.333125	.334375	.330625	.329375
Hong Kong dollar	.242656	.240937	.239687	.239375	.239662	.238125
Mexican dollar	.230625	.229375	.228437	.226875	.226875	.225025
Tientsin or Pelyang dollar	.236250	.236250	.234375	.232500	.233750	.230000
Yuan dollar	.231250	.231250	.229375	.227500	.227500	.225000
India, rupee	.281750	.281000	.282060	.282000	.283250	.282875
Japan, yen	.329700	.330250	.328625	.329975	.330325	.330750
Singapore (S.S.) dollar	.426250	.427500	.427500	.430000	.429375	.429375
NORTH AMER.—						
Canada, dollar	.988802	.990052	.990781	.990368	.995779	.992916
Cuba, peso	1.000500	1.000500	1.000375	1.000281	1.000031	1.000031
Mexico, peso (Silver)	.335400	.336400	.335900	.334066	.334433	.334966
Newfoundland, dollar	.896250	.897750	.898250	.900875	.902870	.900250
SOUTH AMER.—						
Argentina, peso (gold)	.582283	.579704	.579865	.579919	.582473	.582473
Brazil, milreis	.062966	.063175	.063258	.063383	.063383	.063383
Chile, peso	.120500	.120500	.120500	.120500	.120500	.120500
Uruguay, peso	.471166	.473333	.471666	.471666	.471666	.471666
Colombia, peso	.952400	.952400	.952400	.952400	.952400	.952400

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

Banks of	April 7 1932.			April 9 1931.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 121,437,360	£ -----	£ 121,437,360	£ 147,023,368	£ -----	£ 147,023,368
France a	614,287,957	(d) -----	614,287,957	448,772,174	(d) -----	448,772,174
Germany b	40,702,150	c994,600	41,696,750	106,800,300	994,600	107,794,900
Spain	88,779,000	21,595,000	110,374,000	96,772,000	28,471,000	125,243,000
Italy	57,434,000	-----	57,434,000	57,385,000	-----	57,385,000
Netherlands	73,013,000	2,102,000	75,115,000	37,167,000	2,853,000	40,020,000
Nat. Belg.	71,777,000	-----	71,777,000	41,125,000	-----	41,125,000
Switzerl'd.	66,030,000	-----	66,030,000	25,712,000	-----	25,712,000
Sweden	11,440,000	-----	11,440,000	13,335,000	-----	13,335,000
Denmark	8,032,000	-----	8,032,000	9,547,000	-----	9,547,000
Norway	6,561,000	-----	6,561,000	8,134,000	-----	8,134,000
Total week	1159,493,467	24,691,600	1184,185,067	991,772,842	32,318,600	1,024,091,442
Prev. week	1173,837,025	24,467,600	1198,304,625	989,100,105	32,237,600	1,021,337,705

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 £2,230,350. c As of Oct. 7 1924. d Silver is now reported at only a trifling sum.

The Menace of Philippine Independence.

The action of the House of Representatives on Monday in approving the Hare bill granting independence to the Philippines is one of those Congressional performances which it is impossible to justify on any grounds either of rational legislative procedure or of sound national policy. To rush through after only forty minutes of debate, and by a heavy majority of 306 to 47, a highly controversial measure the substance of which has been for years under discussion, suggests either ulterior motives on the part of its promoters or a political crisis of some kind that had to be met without even an hour's delay. We are not disposed to emphasize particularly the ulterior motives, whatever they were, that may have influenced the majority in its action, but if any considerable number of members of the House felt that there was a political situation in the Pacific which the grant of independence to the Philippines would relieve, we can only say that what has been done is reasonably certain to make the Pacific situation worse rather than better.

There is nothing about the Hare bill that commends it from any point of view. The bill authorizes the Filipinos to adopt a Constitution and set up a government for a Commonwealth of the Philippine Islands, under which they will have complete autonomy in domestic affairs, subject to certain reservations intended to safeguard the sovereign rights and responsibilities of the United States during the interval before independence becomes effective. During that interim period the importation of certain Philippine products into the United States is to be limited by a quota system, and the immigration of Filipinos is not to exceed an annual maximum quota of fifty. On the July 4 immediately following the expiration of a period of eight years from the inauguration of the proposed new government, American sovereignty is to terminate and the independence of the islands formally recognized. The United States, however, reserves the right to keep and maintain military and naval bases and other reservations in the islands.

The abstract right of a people to political independence has little bearing upon the Philippine situation, although a good deal has been said about it by individuals and organizations in this country who for years have been insisting that the Philippines ought to be free. A grant of independence to a people who have not hitherto enjoyed it should, if it is not to be a mere idealistic gesture, take account not only of the cultural state of the people concerned, their experience with governmental institutions of a modern type, their economic resources, and their probable interest in maintaining and developing the new and independent government which they are invited to set up, but also of the probable effect of the creation of a new State upon international relations. Both of these considerations are of weighty importance in the present instance.

The Philippines comprise more than 7,000 islands, of which more than 4,600 bear no names. Eight different languages and 87 dialects are spoken. Conceding that the Filipinos, who constitute all but a handful of the estimated population of over 12,000,000, have made commendable progress in education and social life under a generation of American rule, it will hardly be denied that the maintenance of orderly government in a region so peculiarly consti-

tuted has been largely due to the centralizing influence of American authority, and that the difficulty of preserving and developing what has been achieved will be greatly enhanced once American control is withdrawn. The political outlook, moreover, cannot be divorced from the economic outlook. At the present time trade between the Philippines and the United States is free, with a duty of about 20% imposed by act of Congress on foreign imports into the Philippines. The United States takes virtually all of the Philippine exports of sugar, coconut oil and desiccated coconut, and embroideries, more than 40% of the hemp, nearly 80% of the copra, and about 43% of the tobacco. Once the Philippines are independent, the free American market will be closed and Philippine products will become subject to the same tariff that is applied to the products of other foreign countries. The most superficial look at the trade situation of the world to-day, with its obstructive tariffs impeding international trade in every direction, is enough to show how serious will be the problem of finding markets for the large proportion of Philippine products to which the American market is now open.

The international political outlook is even more threatening. Secretary Stimson's letter to Senator Bingham, dated Feb. 15 but not made public until it was read in the House on Monday, expressed clearly and forcibly the apprehension which many must feel. "Undoubtedly," he wrote, "the outstanding development, for good or ill, in the foreign relations of the United States during the remainder of this century will be that of our relations with the countries on the western side of the Pacific Ocean. . . . Whether we yet realize it or not, we are already a great Pacific Power, and as such will sustain a constantly increasing interest in the affairs of the Pacific." For the United States to withdraw from the Philippines now, and leave the islands without the help of American leadership and a free American market, would mean, in the "practically unanimous consensus of all responsible observers, that economic chaos and political and social anarchy would result, followed ultimately by domination of the Philippines by some foreign Power, probably either China or Japan."

"It needs no imagination," Secretary Stimson continued, "to grasp the effect which such a result would have upon the moral prestige and material influence of the United States in the Far East. To every foreign eye it would be a demonstration of selfish cowardice and futility on our part. No matter under what verbal professions the act of withdrawal were clothed, to the realist observers of that part of the world it would inevitably assume the aspects of abandonment of the wards we had undertaken to protect." What is more, American withdrawal would alter the basis of political equilibrium in the Far East, and "would inevitably have an unsettling effect in the relations to political thought of the various races or nations" in that part of the world, both among themselves and with others. "It would not be in the interest of world peace, but to the contrary. . . . It would throw additional burdens upon the stability of practically all other governments in that vicinity, and it would render more difficult the safeguarding of our own interests both in the Far East and throughout the world. "Every consideration which I have enumerated," Secretary Stimson declared, "applies with

tenfold force at the present moment, when the state of affairs in the Far East is chaotic, when every element of stability is threatened, and when out of the Orient may again come one of those historic movements which will disturb the whole earth. Agitation of a change in the status of the Philippine Islands at this moment can only inflame most dangerous possibilities."

It is difficult to understand how a warning like this, based upon actualities in the Far East, many of which are matters of general public knowledge, and dealing with possibilities of which every intelligent reader of the newspapers must be aware, should have left the House of Representatives unmoved. With the Sino-Japanese controversy at Shanghai still almost as far from settlement as it was when the League began its inquiries, with civil war threatening to break out in China, with Japan pushing relentlessly its occupation of Manchuria, and with Russia preparing for hostilities which it evidently fears even if it does not desire, the time seems extraordinarily ill-chosen for announcing that in a few years, if Congress has its way, the Philippines will be cut adrift and left to meet an ominous situation in the Far East without American guidance. Not much satisfaction is to be derived from the fact that what was done on Monday was only the action of the House, that the bill has still to be acted upon by the Senate, and that Mr. Hoover may conceivably interpose a veto. There is only too much reason to expect that the Senate will merely substitute its own measure, the Hawes bill, for the House bill, and that since the two measures are substantially alike save that the Hawes bill fixes a time limit of 15 years instead of eight, a compromise will be easily reached. As for a veto, the Washington correspondent of the New York "Times" put the situation with all needful clarity when he wrote on Monday that Mr. Hoover was reported to have "hesitated to declare in advance his opposition to the independence bills because he might be represented as an aggressive imperialist." If the Senate majority corresponds at all to the majority in the House, a veto will be entirely futile.

The country must apparently make up its mind to seeing American interests in the Far East jeopardized and complicated, for the next eight or ten years at least, by the lowering cloud of Philippine independence. Spokesmen for the Japanese Government may protest that Japan does not want the Philippines and would gladly join in a treaty guaranteeing their independence, but Japan is ambitious and powerful, and the prospect of a great territorial acquisition which it could make with comparative ease, if the intervention of other Powers were not forthcoming, or of an alliance which would give it the benefits of an additional base without the responsibilities of government, will certainly not be lost upon the Japanese mind. If the Philippines become independent, the United States will have played directly and deliberately into the hands of Japanese imperialism. It will have played no less directly into the hands of any other Power that cherishes political ambitions in the Pacific. It may be too late now for Mr. Hoover to do or say anything to stop the progress of either the House or the Senate bill or prevent a compromise measure from becoming law; the time to speak out was before the House started its pell-mell rush; but he should lose no time in clearing himself of all responsibility for an

action which, if it is consummated, will bring American foreign policy into contempt and expose the Filipinos to perils which they may well contemplate with dread.

The Vanishing Farm Dollar.

What has happened to agriculture in the past 13 years? It emerged from the war, just as industry did, with a capacity enormously expanded—that is to say, a capacity created to meet a world-wide war-time demand for food. To make conditions worse this same situation developed in practically every country of importance throughout the universe, so that in the world at large the food supply has risen faster than the population.

Most branches of industry are conducted so that production stops when demand ceases or prices become so low as to be unprofitable. That cannot be done in agriculture. In the farming industry production is in the hands of so many million individual units that changes in volume of production are slow even though prices may be unprofitable, and it must go on regardless.

The Jones resolution recently signed by the President, setting aside \$10,000,000 for the Secretary of Agriculture is to aid in the establishment of agricultural credit corporations. This gesture, coupled with that part of the \$200,000,000 farm loan fund expected from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, however, may be termed merely as palliatives which are necessary at the climax of a disease and not a cure for the disease itself.

In regard to the \$200,000,000 loan, the Secretary of Agriculture has stated that it is not humanly possible to extend aid in that amount at this time, even if it were available. He indicated a better plan might be to employ the money in cutting down farm surpluses rather than stimulate production.

HIGHER FARM PRICES ESSENTIAL.

The main trouble apparently lies in the fact that the farmer's income has not kept pace with his increased cost of living. His crops and his live stock, when converted into money, will not produce as much of this world's goods as they did in 1914.

The big problem of the American farmer, therefore, is one of getting more money for his products, as compared with industry in general. Until that is accomplished there can be no settlement of the agricultural question. The prevailing low prices have been a staggering blow to the farmer's income. Wheat on the farm is now quoted at 44c. a bushel, or nearly 44½c. below the price at the beginning of the World War. It is about 15c. below last year's price; corn is 26c. lower; potatoes, 42c., and cotton more than 31½c. a pound lower. The present price of butter is 5 1/5c. a pound lower than last year, and wool is now selling for approximately 31½c. a pound below last year's price.

FARMER'S PURCHASING POWER REDUCED.

Therefore the farmer who is compelled to sell his cotton for 5 4/5c. a pound and goes to make purchases naturally makes comparisons such as these: For the price of an ordinary \$20 suit of clothes he must sell more than 345 pounds of cotton. Or, putting it on another basis, it takes over 4½ pounds of cotton to buy a round of ice cream cones for a farm family consisting of five persons. The wheat farmer would have to sell more than 2½ bushels of wheat before he could buy enough stand-

ard-grade gasoline, with the State tax added, to make a hundred mile trip in an automobile.

When the farmer gets to town and cares to indulge in a movie, it takes a bushel of corn to defray this inexpensive diversion. If he smokes nickel cigars and desires to lay in a supply of five it takes the proceeds of the sale of nearly two pounds of wool. Going a little further, if he should care to buy himself or his wife a pair of five-dollar shoes, it would take one hundred and twenty pounds of beef cattle. If he should wish to pay for the shoes with potatoes it would take the proceeds from the sale of over 11 bushels.

Similar comparisons can be made relative to the purchasing power of other farm products. A 98c. cotton shirt can be purchased with the money received from the sale of seven dozen eggs; while in order to purchase a two-dollar bargain hat for his wife the farmer would be compelled to take the proceeds from the sale of nearly nine bushels of oats.

Startling as these comparisons may seem, they do not present a true picture of the seriousness of the farmer's dilemma. The real situation is that when the farmer is compelled to sell his commodities at such ridiculously low prices he has nothing with which to buy other necessities, for the simple reason that it has cost him more to produce the commodity than he gets out of it.

Nevertheless, these comparisons aid greatly in clarifying the situation when one takes the five-year period 1910-14 as the standard and places the valuations of that period at 100, and then says that the purchasing power of all farm products is approximately 51% of what it was previous to the war. This figure is 32% below what it was in 1921, when it reached the lowest point during the past two decades. This comparison is sometimes generalized by the statement that the farmer's dollar is now worth 51c. During the year 1917 it was as high as 118, declining thereafter each year to 1921. From 1921 to 1925 there was a gradual increase to 92%; however, the latest figures show it at 51%. In other words, the ratio of prices received for his goods to the cost of operation is 51%, or a loss of 49% compared with the 1913 average. If 49% is taken out of the net profits of any business in America to-day, that business cannot stay out of bankruptcy very long.

Until 1921 agriculture never received less than 20% of the annual national income. The latest report of the National Bureau of Economic Research estimates that only 9.3% of the national income of all individuals was drawn by persons following agriculture as a livelihood. This situation constitutes the farm problem in one brief paragraph.

THE FARM LABOR PROBLEM.

The farm labor problem is now tied up with that of agricultural overproduction. Distressing surpluses are now forcing retrenchment in production, in farm expenses, and in farm labor forces. As a consequence, a not unnatural cry of farmers caught in this predicament is for cheaper labor, in order to cut down expenses and lower costs of production.

As a result of the move for cheaper farm labor, farm hands are complaining about wages being lower than elsewhere; that farm perquisites, such as board, lodging, tenant houses, and farm products allowed are poor or inefficient; that personal relations with their employers are unsatisfactory; and social life is limited by isolation. Above all, sea-

sonal irregularity of employment appears to be the chief excuse for many of them entering other industries where employment is less severe.

Following the beginning of the World War, farm wages in this country rose from an index of 101 in 1914 to 239 in 1920, receded to 146 in 1922, and rose to 170 during 1927. At present the average is 98. During the same time the general wage level climbed from 100 to 222, slumped only to 197 in 1922, and at the present time is about 191. This situation explains the powerful attraction of non-agricultural wages to dissatisfied farm workers. They like most others, want to follow the dollar.

The total farm population in 1920 was 31,614,000, whereas at the present time it is only 27,222,000, a decrease of about 4,400,000, or nearly 15%. These millions of farmers have been forced into cities to compete with urban labor for jobs. Consequently, the wholesale abandonment of the farm is unquestionably a major factor in the present unemployment crisis.

FARM VALUE AND FARM INCOME.

The value of the properties of these 27,222,000 persons in our agricultural communities, together with the income derived therefrom, are important economic factors facing the country to-day.

In 1920 the United States Department of Agriculture estimated the value of farm property devoted to agricultural production at nearly \$79,000,000,000. In 1930 it was reported as \$54,000,000,000. This indicates a loss of value by the agricultural industry of approximately \$25,000,000,000, or nearly 30% from the 1920 value. This sum is almost as great as the national debt of the United States at the end of the World War.

In 1919 the farmer's gross income was slightly in excess of \$16,000,000,000, while in 1929 it was something less than \$12,000,000,000, a shrinkage of more than 25%. Moreover, during several years of the decade since 1919 gross farm income declined more than 30% under the income reported for that year. The report for 1930 indicates that the gross income for that year is \$9,350,000,000, a drop of 22% as compared with the preceding year. Considering the great price decline that took place during the whole of 1931, and with all of the crops marketed at the lowest price levels in a generation, it is practically certain that the farmer's gross income last year was only about \$6,920,000,000, which amount is considerably lower than that reached in the worst year of the 1921-22 depression.

Recent official estimates indicate that after deducting operating costs and expenditures, the average farmer had available \$598 as a balance for labor, management and capital investment. Any big reduction in farm income naturally reflects a corresponding shrinkage of that figure. It must not be inferred that the farmer received this sum in actual cash. The figure given includes the value of food and fuel produced and consumed on the farm. It must therefore be emphasized that the \$598 received by the average farmer was in full payment not only of his labor, but the labor of his wife and children, all of which indicates clearly that our urban population for years has been enjoying cheap food at the expense of the unpaid labor of women and children on the American farms.

TAXES A CRUSHING BURDEN.

Therefore while the farmers have been facing a terrible and ruinous deflation which has pushed

them closer and closer to bankruptcy and despair, their taxes have been increasing year by year, until they are now more than two and a half times as great as in 1914. His direct taxation alone is now taking about one-third of the annual net rent of his properties. He also pays a proportional share of the billion dollars of taxes indirectly collected through tariff and excise taxes amounting to about \$230,000,000, making his total tax burden in all more than \$1,130,000,000.

This tax is excessively high in comparison with taxes paid by other economic groups. According to a report issued by the Bureau of Internal Revenue, agricultural and allied industries paid taxes other than Federal income and excess profit taxes to the extent of 65.3% of their profits. This ratio was much higher than that reported for any other industry. Wholesale and retail trade paid 16% of their profits as State and local taxation, and all manufacturers paid only 13.9%.

Assuming that the gross value of our agricultural production this year will not exceed \$7,000,000,000, which might be termed a conservative estimate, then over one dollar and sixty cents out of every ten of all the wealth produced on our farms will go in the payment of taxes. No other industry has been required to pay such a constantly increasing amount of taxes while its resources have been so constantly shrinking.

WHAT TO EXPECT.

During the present year, farmers as a whole will be relatively worse off than the industrial and commercial population, because their aggregate gross income available for expenditures will be considerably reduced, however, their net is likely to gain through falling prices of equipment, clothing and other items they are compelled to buy. Here is an instance where the fall in commodity prices, which is looked upon with anxiety by the business world, is a real benefit to a large class in the community, comprising one-fifth of our population.

When considering these facts, the demand for farm relief is by no means confined to agriculture. Almost any plan that might seem economically sound would have the support of business. Neither is the situation to any degree free from emotionalism. We are all constantly thinking of what agriculture ought to be, and thereby keep alive the delusion that there is something to be done, if only someone could happily hit upon it—some plan to be conceived in a second of inspiration—that would all at once elevate its economic condition.

The time has evidently arrived when it is necessary for the farmer to show resourcefulness in meeting changes in world economic conditions. He needs to adopt every economy of production. He needs to recognize handicaps, natural and economic, that foredoom him to failure.

The day of the pioneer as a farmer has merged into the farmer as an industrialist. The pioneer was a dynamic figure. His life story was replete with drama and human interest. The story which he has written across the face of America is heroic in determination, in courage, and in accomplishment. Nevertheless, some of his effort was futile, some tragic. In spite of the fact that in the aggregate his beneficent accomplishments have been great, agriculture is to-day testing the bitter disappointment which has followed some of his misdirected and over-abundant energies. Therefore, in order to

secure equality for the industry it is essential that the farmer adopt some of the basic principles of other industries.

A Railroad Fights Depression.

The eighty-fifth annual report of the Pennsylvania RR., which will be presented to stockholders for approval on April 12, deserves more than casual attention at this time because of the unusual conditions encountered by the management last year, conditions adversely affecting both operation and financing which as yet have not been palliated. Relief measures, however, are under way which it is believed will be of benefit not only to the Pennsylvania but to other large systems of carriers.

The official report discloses that the Pennsylvania management evidently has no intention of abandoning its purpose of making New England railroads an important factor of its enlarged system if the tentative program for four trunk lines gains approval by the Inter-State Commerce Commission. Ownership of common and preferred shares of the New York New Haven & Hartford RR. has been increased to 469,925, or about 23% of the combined total. These large holdings are owned either by the Pennsylvania directly or by that company's affiliated corporations. For some of its early holdings the Pennsylvania paid \$200 per share. Last year the market value of New Haven common ranged from 94 $\frac{7}{8}$ in February to 17 on Dec. 14, closing the year at 20 $\frac{1}{2}$. The range on the market price of the preferred was from 119 $\frac{5}{8}$ in February to 52 in December. Purchases made last year, therefore, enabled the Pennsylvania to average down the cost of its large direct holdings of common, which were increased 54,900 shares to 319,925.

The Pennsylvania RR. also increased its holdings of stock of the Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis RR. by over \$20,000,000, this important controlled road being known as the "Panhandle."

As is generally known, the falling off in traffic last year caused a decrease in net earnings which brought about a reduction in dividends, the final declaration last year, which was disbursed in 1932, being only 50c. per share, and the fiscal year's payments to stockholders were only effected by drawing largely upon the company's surplus. By reason of the quarterly dividend already disbursed this year it will be possible for the railroad to make no further payments to stockholders in 1932 and still not break its long record of always paying some dividend yearly to the shareholders.

This, the eighty-sixth year of the company's operation, presents features never encountered in the same degree, but there are encouraging indications. General Atterbury, the President, pins his faith upon approval by the Inter-State Commerce Commission of the four-system trunk line plan, which is the result of discussions and concessions on the part of trunk line managements covering a period of 10 years.

Probably no railroad in the country has on hand a greater improvement undertaking than the Pennsylvania has been pushing and is anxious to bring to a conclusion so as to reap advantages in operation. Largely for this reason the company has asked the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for a loan of \$55,000,000.

A third measure of relief which is advocated is a co-ordination of the newer methods of transportation with those of the railroads.

One-quarter of the year has passed without anything definite being accomplished respecting the above named three measures of relief for the carriers. Adequate aid for the railroads is one of most pressing steps required not only to help the various managements and the millions of investors in railroad securities, but to clear up the whole badly muddled situation which brings distress to millions of households all over a land whose people ought to be prosperous and happy.

The Pennsylvania RR. management feels perfectly justified in asking for the hearty co-operation of all Federal authorities at this time because no stone has been left unturned by the officers and directors to afford self-help. Everything possible has been done to curtail operating costs without seriously impairing service for either passenger or freight traffic. Operating costs were reduced over \$74,000,000. All salaries were reduced 10%, and even payments to pensioners suffered a like cut. The railroad workers made a voluntary reduction in wages and the stockholders have shared in a loss of income by reductions in dividend payments. Wherever possible improvement plans are being held in abeyance. Under such circumstances co-operation is asked not only of the public but of the public's representatives to whom authority has been delegated.

Prompt salutary action on the part of public authorities is needed to turn the tide in the right direction for 1932.

An unusual number of changes has been made in the Pennsylvania board of directors during the past year. Vacancies caused by resignations have removed from the board Charles E. Ingersoll and M. C. Kennedy, Levi L. Rue and Charles Day died. The new members are Joseph Wayne, Jr., John E. Zimmermann, Thomas W. Hulme, all of Philadelphia, and Donald R. McLennan, of Chicago. Charles D. Young has been made a Vice-President.

Such are the conditions surrounding one of the country's foremost railroads, whose balance sheet foots up over two billion dollars, whose stock is owned by 248,000 shareholders, the largest number in the company's history, and whose 28,000 miles of operated tracks extend into the most populous States of the Union.

Banker-Railroad Relation Revealed by Inter-State Commerce Commission.

Can banking institutions refuse to renew railroad loans after profiting from such business in more prosperous times? This is the issue which recently came to light when the Interstate Commerce Commission approved an advance of \$12,800,000 to the Missouri Pacific Railroad, of which \$5,850,000 was to repay one-half of a loan due April 1 to J. P. Morgan & Co., Kuhn, Loeb & Co., and the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York.

The issue has now apparently assumed new proportions with the commission's recent authorization for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad to borrow \$7,000,000 from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to meet various forms of indebtedness during the next month. In authorizing this loan the Commission, however, deferred action on the \$1,000,000 requested to meet bank loans due April 26. The Baltimore & Ohio approval covers various debts due up to April 15, and \$975,000 worth of equipment trust obligations due April 26.

Commenting on the loan, the commission said consideration of the \$1,000,000 should be deferred pending further negotiations on the part of the applicant looking to additional financing.

Another case in which the commission deferred consideration of a loan to repay bank loans was that of the Erie, which had \$5,500,000 of 90 day loans from large New York

banks, including the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, and in that case the Commission suggested that they be asked to carry half the amounts. It has since been learned that \$2,550,000 of this amount came due on February 29, and was renewed for another 90 days, while \$2,050,000 came due on March 29, and \$950,000 was renewed in January until April 12.

Also the Denver & Rio Grande Western, which originally applied for a loan of \$4,000,000, withdrew its request as to \$1,500,000 of the amount representing a loan from the Chase National Bank due April 1, and a loan of \$2,500,000 was authorized by the commission on March 21. It is reported that the bank loan has been renewed to Oct. 1.

At present the commission must pass upon loans to the railways after their authorization by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and the commission indicated that it approved the Missouri Pacific loan, because the Reconstruction Finance Corporation had adopted a resolution setting forth that "all existing uncertainty as to the disposition on the April 1 maturities of the Missouri Pacific Railroad is detrimental to the general credit situation of the railroads," and that it was the opinion of the board "that the Missouri Pacific is unable to obtain funds through banking channels or from the general public in order to pay said loans."

Confronted with the opposition of the Commission to railroads borrowing government money to pay bank loans before their private resources were exhausted, Senator Couzens, who is Chairman of the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce, has introduced a resolution in the Senate asking that entire jurisdiction in such matters be transferred to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The measure proposed by Senator Couzens would set up a revolving fund of \$400,000,000 in the Treasury Department, out of which the Interstate Commerce Commission could make loans to the railroads at 6% interest, and all sections of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act relating to loans to the railroads would be repealed.

In submitting its recent quarterly report for period ended March 31, to Congress the Reconstruction Finance Corporation stated that it had already authorized \$60,787,757 in loans to sixteen railroads, and of this amount has advanced \$56,113,757. Repayments to date have aggregated \$1,147,952, leaving the total amount of loans outstanding at \$54,965,805. These same carriers originally applied for \$184,836,723.

The following tabulation sets out the list of loan applications approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation up to and including April 5.

LIST OF LOAN APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY THE INTER-STATE COMMERCE COMMISSION AND THE RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION.

Road—	Total Amount of Loan Applied For.	Amount Approved by Inter-State Commerce Commission	Amount Reconstruc'n Finance Corporation
Baltimore & Ohio	\$55,000,000	\$7,000,000	\$9,300,000
New York Chicago & St. Louis	33,000,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
Missouri Pacific	23,250,000	2,800,000	2,800,000
Chicago & North Western	26,000,000	12,800,000	12,800,000
Wabash	18,500,000	7,600,000	1,910,500
St. Louis-San Francisco	17,998,542	7,173,800	7,173,800
Minneapolis St. P. & S. S. Marie	12,717,814	2,805,175	2,805,175
Erie	15,329,609	*	*
Southern	10,350,000	2,300,000	1,318,082
Chicago & Eastern Illinois	10,000,000	4,458,000	4,458,000
Denver & Rio Grande Western	7,196,436	7,500,000	7,500,000
Central of Georgia	2,500,000	3,629,500	3,629,500
Western Pacific	2,583,322	82,080	\$2,080
New York Central	2,102,000	2,500,000	2,500,000
Florida East Coast	4,399,000	1,418,700	1,418,700
Kentucky & Indiana Terminal	918,375	2,102,000	2,102,000
Mobile & Ohio	800,000	4,399,000	4,399,000
Alabama Tennessee & Northern	785,000	918,375	*
Gulf Mobile & Northern	800,000	785,000	785,000
Fort Smith & Western	770,000	800,000	*
Mississippi Export RR.	250,000	785,000	785,000
	100,000	275,000	275,000
	100,000	260,000	*
	250,000	250,000	162,000
	100,000	100,000	100,000
Total	\$244,825,098	\$82,756,630	\$64,518,837

* Indicates that no action on loan or portion of loan as yet.

The Course of the Bond Market.

It is impossible to assign any single definite cause motivating the continued rapid decline of the bond market, where violent fluctuations with an increasingly sharp downward trend were recorded during the past week. Falling corporate earnings, decreased railroad traffic, lower utility output, the Insull difficulties, Congressional wrangling and failure to attain a balanced Federal budget—all played their respective parts in the unhappy drama. The price index for the 120 domestic corporate bonds stood at 67.07

on Friday night, as contrasted with 71.67 one week ago and 91.53 on April 8 1931.

All classes of bonds shared in the demoralized drop, with second-grade issues suffering most keenly. The only obligations that remained steady were U. S. Government certificates and bonds, and even this comparative strength was due more to despair at the lack of investment stability in corporate bonds than to optimism regarding the position of the Treasury. The foreign list was weak, although with little display of excitement. Swedish bonds were comparatively firm in the face of the latest unfavorable Kreuger & Toll report.

Turning to the domestic market, scant encouragement can be found in any classification. Municipals, it is true, showed small change as contrasted with last week, but were inactive. Detroit bonds were soft on Friday following the refusal of bankers to extend additional loans to that city. In the corporate section, rails, utilities and industrials all receded heavily. Sharpest declines, however, were observed in the carrier obligations. This was particularly true of the lower-rated issues, although many so-called "gilt-edged" bonds also made startling dips.

Erratic fluctuations both upward and downward occurred among second-grade, short-term railroad liens. Conspicuous examples were Nickel Plate and Cotton Belt issues. Within five hours one bond advanced from 28 to 38 and yet closed two points below the previous day's closing. Southern Pacific bonds were extremely weak as sentiment blew hot and cold. There seemed, indeed, to be a complete lack of strength in any section of the carrier list.

The market for secondary utilities has been demoralized for the past two weeks. Over the last seven days almost all second-grade utilities sold off violently but some of the higher-rated bonds were comparatively firm. Marked weakness was especially noticeable among all holding companies, including Standard Gas & Electric, Columbia Gas & Electric, and International Telephone & Telegraph. It might almost be said that medium and lower-grade utilities played leap frog over a cliff during the week just past. The average yield for ten Baa utility bonds rose from 9.14% last Friday to 10.45% at yesterday's close as prices plunged downward.

The feature of the industrial market was the absence of satisfactory bids for many issues and the marked discrepancy in quotations for issues of comparable quality. On Thursday two Inland Steel bonds with virtually identical security sold as far apart as eight points. Industrial obligations with Chicago antecedents were enrolled among the poorest performers, reflecting the unhealthy Insull situation. The industrial price index now stands at 71.38, against 73.65 one week ago.

Three substitutions were made in the domestic list last week, and the usual adjustments made. The changes follow:

Rating.	Bond Removed.	Bond Substituted.
	<i>Railroads—</i>	
A	Texas & Pacific 5s, 1977	Illinois Central col. tr. 4s, 1953
	<i>Utilities—</i>	
Baa	West Texas Utilities 5s, 1957	Iowa-Nebrasks Lt. & Pr. 5s '61
	<i>Industrials—</i>	
A	Paramount Broadway 5½s, '57	Texas Corp. 5s, 1944.

The regular price indexes and yield averages are given below:

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

1932 Daily.	All 120 Domes-tic.	120 Domestic by Ratings.				120 Domestic by Groups.		
		Aaa.	Aa.	A.	Baa.	RR.	P. U.	Indus.
Apr. 8	67.07	92.68	79.68	67.07	45.15	59.29	71.87	71.38
7	68.40	92.68	80.49	68.40	46.87	60.97	73.65	71.87
6	69.03	93.11	81.07	69.03	47.44	61.26	74.57	72.55
5	69.22	93.70	81.07	69.59	47.34	61.04	75.40	72.55
4	70.05	94.29	80.95	70.15	48.76	62.48	76.14	72.75
2	71.00	94.73	82.14	70.62	49.89	63.74	77.11	73.35
1	71.67	94.58	82.50	71.29	50.80	64.80	77.55	73.65
Weekly—								
Mar. 24	74.88	96.70	84.35	73.45	55.42	70.15	80.72	74.57
18	75.61	96.70	84.72	73.85	56.58	71.19	81.07	74.98
11	77.55	97.62	85.74	75.29	59.80	73.85	83.35	76.14
4	75.82	95.63	83.48	73.35	58.66	72.95	81.42	73.55
Feb. 26	74.57	94.29	82.02	72.26	57.57	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	72.05	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—								
April 8 1931	91.53	105.89	100.17	88.90	75.82	89.86	96.70	88.36
Two Years Ago—								
April 5 1930	95.63	102.81	99.84	94.73	86.64	98.00	95.18	93.85

*Note.—These prices are computed from average yields on the basis of one "ideal" bond (4¼% 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 Domes-tic.	120 Domestic by Ratings.				120 Domestic by Groups.			40 For-eign.
		Aaa.	Aa.	A.	Baa.	RR.	P. U.	Indus.	
Apr. 8	7.50	5.23	6.24	7.50	11.02	8.49	6.98	7.03	13.23
7	7.35	5.23	6.17	7.35	10.64	8.26	6.80	6.98	13.08
6	7.28	5.20	6.12	7.28	10.52	8.22	6.71	6.91	12.97
5	7.26	5.16	6.12	7.22	10.54	8.25	6.63	6.91	12.88
4	7.17	5.12	6.13	7.16	10.25	8.06	6.56	6.89	12.80
2	7.07	5.09	6.03	7.11	10.03	7.90	6.47	6.83	12.80
1	7.00	5.10	6.00	7.04	9.86	7.77	6.43	6.80	12.77
Weekly—									
Mar. 24	6.68	4.96	5.85	6.82	9.07	7.16	6.15	6.71	12.66
18	6.61	4.96	5.82	6.78	8.89	7.05	6.12	6.67	12.62
11	6.43	4.90	5.74	6.64	8.42	6.78	5.93	6.56	12.31
4	6.59	5.03	5.92	6.83	8.58	6.87	6.09	6.81	12.55
Feb. 26	6.71	5.12	6.04	6.94	8.74	7.00	6.24	6.82	12.86
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	15.88
Yr. Ago									
Apr. 8 '31	5.31	4.40	4.74	5.50	6.59	5.43	4.96	5.54	6.63
2 Yrs. Ago									
Apr. 5 '30	5.03	4.58	4.76	5.09	5.67	4.87	5.06	5.15	6.17

Constitutionality of Texas Anti-Trust Laws Upheld by Texas Court in Over-ruling Exceptions in Attorney-General's Action Against 15 Oil Companies.

The constitutionality of the Texas anti-trust laws were upheld on March 29 by Judge J. D. Moore of the Travis County (Texas) District Court in over-ruling exceptions in the suit of State Attorney-General James V. Allred, who last November brought ouster proceedings against 15 oil companies and two petroleum trade associations. The Attorney-General, charging violation of the State anti-trust laws, alleged the existence of "a Nation-wide conspiracy to control and dominate the business of marketing gasoline and petroleum products and to destroy independent filling station operators."

Regarding the District Court's ruling on March 29, the Houston "Post" in Associated Press advices from Austin March 29 said:

It was the fourth straight victory for James V. Allred, Attorney-General, Prosecutor of the suit, in which questions of law and constitution were involved.

The defendants contended that the State's anti-trust statutes were rendered unconstitutional when special exemptions were authorized by the Texas Legislature in favor of farmers and stock raisers who were authorized to organize co-operative organizations.

The State alleges that 15 oil corporations and two petroleum associations entered into conspiracy to dominate the marketing of gasoline and petroleum products in Texas. Fines aggregating \$17,850,000 and cancellation of charters and permits to do business were asked.

Consideration of law questions started last Feb. 2 and have occupied the Court's time intermittently since. Special exemptions were brought up after the Court handed down its ruling on constitutionality of the anti-trust laws and they were expected to occupy the tribunals' time the rest of this week.

Other law points won by the State were that it had a right to compel attendance of officers of the defendant or foreign corporations in Austin to testify in the suit, that defendant foreign oil companies not doing business in Texas either by charter or permit, but through subsidiaries were within jurisdiction of the Court and that the State was within its rights in suing all defendants jointly. The defendants had set up pleas in abatement and misjoinder, claiming they should have been sued separately.

Attorney-General Allred said a date to start the testimony probably would be set soon. The Court appointed George E. Shelley, Austin lawyer, a special commissioner to take testimony in the case, leaving it to the discretion of attorneys whether the witnesses appearing before him should be brought to Austin or he go to them to suit their convenience. Allred said he would insist on New York officials of defendant foreign corporations coming to Austin.

The defendants are:

- Socony-Vacuum Corp. of New York.
- Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey.
- Standard Oil Co. of California.
- Shell Union Oil Corp.
- Humble Oil & Refining Co.
- The Texas Co.
- Gulf Refining Co.
- Paso-Tex Petroleum Co.
- Continental Oil Co.
- Sinclair Refining Co.
- Magnolia Petroleum Co
- Simms Oil Co.
- Shell Petroleum Corp.
- Cities Service Oil Co.
- Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Co.
- Texas Petroleum Marketers' Association.
- The American Petroleum Institute.

Under date of February 23 Associated Press advices from Austin said:

Three major oil companies attacked in the anti-trust ouster suits of Attorney-General James V. Allred, barely escaped million-dollar fines to-day when they filed answers to the suits within a few minutes of the deadline set by District Judge J. D. Moore.

The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, the Socony Vacuum Corp. of New York and the Standard Oil Co. of California responded after Judge Moore had upheld the validity of writs of attachment obtained by the State on stock owned by the defendants' subsidiaries doing business in Texas.

Judge Moore had announced that unless the answers were filed by 2 p. m. he would grant a motion for default judgment in suits for penalties of \$1,074,000 against each of the defendants.

Advices from Austin to the "Wall Street Journal" of April 4 said:

Trial of the case in District Court here against 15 major oil companies and two National oil marketing associations for alleged violations of the anti-trust law has been adjourned until May 2 to allow the State time to amend its petition and the defendants time in which to prepare exceptions to the amended pleadings.

Presiding Judge J. D. Moore announced that R. C. Holmes, President, and other high officials of Texas Corporation, must appear in person in court May 3 to give their testimony.

Judge Moore held that the State must amend its petition to make it more specific and definite. He sustained numerous special exceptions of the defense attacking the matter and form of the petition. Defense attorneys had complained the petition was vague and indefinite. Exceptions that were in the nature of a general demurrer to the cause of action were overruled by Judge Moore.

Items regarding the suit appeared in our issues of Nov. 21 1931, page 3335 and Feb. 6 1932, page 931.

The New Capital Flotations During the Month of March and for the Three Months Since the First of January.

New financing in the United States during the month of March was on a somewhat larger scale than we have been accustomed to see in more recent periods, the total of the new issues brought out during the month having approached but not actually reached \$200,000,000. No erroneous deductions, however, should be made from that fact. The increase is entirely due to the circumstance that the awards of municipal bonds during the month were larger than usual. Over half the total of the new issues represented State and municipal issues, the contribution from that source, to be precise, having been \$107,270,155. As has been the case in all other recent months many issues of municipal obligations brought out during March failed of success, particularly in the case of the smaller municipalities, not a few of which found themselves financially embarrassed and the total of the municipal issues went above the \$100,000,000 mark chiefly by reason of the floating of several large issues, New York City having contributed \$14,278,000 to the total, owing to the issuance of that amount of certificates of indebtedness with which to make tax refunds to the banks because of a U. S. Supreme Court decision holding invalid certain taxes collected from the banks between 1923 and 1926. But while these certificates represent an addition to the City's funded debt, they did not really come to market, having been turned over directly to the banks themselves at par and of course they are desirable obligation since they bear 5% interest. However, there were several other issues of considerable size which did find a market during the month, including Rochester, Jersey City, Allegheny County, Nassau County, Minneapolis, &c.

And here it seems desirable to point out that the market for municipal issues was stimulated during March by tax legislation in Congress. While such legislation involved many controversial features and much conflict of opinion prevailed as to the best way of providing new sources of revenue, there was general agreement as to one thing, namely that the personal income tax, and more particularly the surtaxes, must be raised and as under the policy pursued by Congress the income from municipal issues is wholly exempt from Federal taxation, this meant that the advantage now possessed by municipal securities in that respect would be further increased. The surtax rates in particular are to be raised. The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Mills, has proposed that the surtax scale is to run to a maximum of 40% on the amount of income in excess of \$100,000, as against the existing maximum of 20% also on the incomes in excess of \$100,000. And when the House of Representatives got so completely out of hand during the consideration of the taxation bill an amendment was even adopted for raising the surtaxes to a maximum of 65% on amounts in excess of \$5,000,000, though this amendment was subsequently rescinded. At all events these propositions for higher tax rates on the part of the Federal Government had the effect of creating an extra demand for municipal issues. This made it easy to dispose of the \$107,270,155 of municipal issues which came to market during the month.

In addition \$25,000,000 of Federal Intermediate Credit banks 4½% debentures were brought out during the month. In other respects new financing during March was of the

same diminutive character as in preceding months, and with the general bond market again weak, as was the case during March, and all issues of securities suffering huge depreciation on the New York Stock Exchange, no other result was to be expected. The total of the corporate issues brought out during the month was only \$57,344,470. No foreign issues of any kind, were placed in the United States, either corporate or governmental. This remark applies also to new issues of the dominion of Canada.

Our compilations, as in other months, are quite inclusive and embrace the stock, bond and note issues by corporations, by holding, investment and trading companies and by States and municipalities, foreign and domestic, and also farm loan emissions—in fact everything except the obligations of the U. S. Government. The grand total of the offerings of securities in this country under these various heads of the month of March reached \$190,019,625, which compares with only \$94,497,344 in February, though with \$193,938,800 in January. How small, after all, the new financing the present year appears when we contrast the March total for 1932 at \$190,019,625 with earlier years and find that in March 1931 the new capital issues totaled \$701,421,681, in March 1930 \$821,754,968, and in March 1929 no less than \$1,056,806,121.

Proceeding further with our analysis of the limited volume of corporate offerings made during March, we observe that public utility issues at \$51,096,720 accounted for the bulk of the corporate total which was, as already stated, only \$57,344,470. The public utility total of \$51,096,720 for March compares with \$34,900,775 shown in February. Industrial and miscellaneous flotations totaled only \$2,822,750 during March as against \$4,700,000 in February. Financing for the account of railroads during March was limited to one small offering, namely: \$3,425,000 Reading Co. 4½% equipment trust certificates series K and L due Sept. 1 1932-April 1 1935, issued at prices to yield 4.50 to 5.25%, as compared with \$4,950,000 for the month of February.

Of the total corporate offerings of all kinds during March for amount of \$57,344,470, long-term bonds and notes comprised \$49,605,000; short-term bonds and notes aggregated \$5,001,500, while stock issues totaled only \$2,737,970. The portion of the month's financing raised for refunding purposes was \$9,097,320 or 15% of the total. In February the refunding portion was \$5,688,000 or 12% and in January it was only \$1,500,000 or slightly over 3%. In March 1931 the amount for refunding was \$132,199,200, or about 33% of the month's total. The \$9,097,320 raised for refunding in March (1932) represented \$4,700,000 new long-term to refund existing long-term; \$2,500,000 new long-term to refund existing short-term and \$1,897,320 new stock to retire existing short-term.

There were, as already stated, no foreign securities of any description offered in this country during March. It was announced during the month, however, that the United Fruit Co. had concluded an agreement with the Republic of Colombia on March 8, whereby the former will lend \$500,000 to the latter. The United Fruit Co. will retain the national banana export tax to amortize the loan with 6% annual interest.

Corporate financing during March, large enough to merit special mention, was mainly for the account of public utilities. The principal offerings were; \$10,000,000 Southern California Edison Co., Ltd. refunding mortgage 5s 1954, issued at 96 to yield 5.30%; \$8,700,000 New York Steam Corp. first mortgage 5s, 1956, issued at 94 to yield 5.45%; \$7,500,000 Public Service Co. of Indiana first mortgage and refunding "G" 6s 1952, issued at 87 to yield 7.25%; \$5,000,000 Duquesne Light Co. first mortgage 4½s 1957, issued

at 92 to yield 5.06% and \$5,000,000 The Syracuse Lighting Co., Inc., first and refunding mortgage 5s, "B" 1957, issued at 95 to yield 5.35%.

Included in the month's financing was an offering of \$25,000,000 Federal Intermediate Credit Banks 4½% collateral trust debentures dated Mar. 15 1932, and due in three and four months, priced at par.

There was but one issue marketed during March containing a convertible feature, namely:

BONDS WITH CONVERTIBLE FEATURES.

\$4,000,000 Virginia Electric & Power Co., convertible secured 5½s, 1942. (Each \$1,000 of bonds convertible into a like amount of 1st & ref. mtg. A 5s and \$50 in cash on or after March 1 1933 and up to 10 days prior to redemption.)

There were but two new fixed investment trust offerings in March. These were the following:

NEW FIXED INVESTMENT TRUST OFFERINGS.

First Commonstocks Corp. registered share certificates, offered by Rackliff, Whittaker & Loomis, Inc., New York, at market. "Forty Bond Syndicate" certificates, offered by McDonald-Callahan-Richards Co., Cleveland, at market (initial price, \$630).

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ISSUES.

The United States has become such a constant borrower that it seems desirable now to take account of Government issues a.s.o. The purpose would be mainly to note how much of the new issues represent strictly new borrowing and how much merely refunding to take care of maturing issues. Treasury bills are all the time maturing, being usually for 90 to 93 days, and have to be replaced with other issues, while Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness are another form of short-term borrowing which has to be periodically renewed without swelling the outstanding aggregate of indebtedness. So long as the Government was showing huge budget surpluses, and the Government indebtedness was as a result being steadily and largely reduced, the matter was of little consequence, but now that there is a deficiency running in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000,000 a year it is important to know the extent to which the Government itself is obliged to have recourse to the investment and money markets. During March the financing of the U. S. Government comprised both sale of Treasury bills and certificates of indebtedness.

On March 6 1932, Sec. of the Treasury Mills offered in the amount of \$900,000,000 or thereabouts two new issues of Treasury Certificates which were heavily oversubscribed. The first, (Series TO-1932) maturing in seven months (Oct. 15 1932), bearing interest at the rate of 3½%, the second, (Series TM-1933) maturing in one year (March 15 1933), bearing interest at the rate of 3¾%. Both issues are dated and bear interest from March 15 1932. Total subscriptions amounted to \$3,403,225,500 of which \$952,619,500 was for the seven months' issue and \$2,450,606,000 was for the 12-month certificates. The total amount of bids accepted for the 3½% or 7-month certificates was \$333,492,500 and for the 3¾% or 12-month certificates the total amount of bids accepted was \$660,653,500. Both issues were offered at par. The financing provided for the refunding of about \$624,000,000 Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness maturing March 15 1932.

On March 23 1932, a new issue of 91-day Treasury Bills to the amount of \$100,000,000 or thereabouts was offered by the Treasury Department. The bills were dated March 30 1932, and mature June 29 1932. The total amount applied for was \$360,198,000. The total amount of bids accepted was \$102,169,000. The average offering price of the treasury bills was 99.474, the average rate on a bank discount basis being 2.08%. Issued to replace maturing bills.

Announcement was also made during March of the offering of an issue of 2% United States Certificates (first series) with a view to attracting hoarded money and known as "baby bonds" because of their issuance in small denominations. The certificates are dated March 15 1932 and mature March 15 1933. Officials of the Treasury have issued no statements whatever as to the amount of certificates sold.

UNITED STATES TREASURY FINANCING DURING FIRST QUARTER OF 1932.

Date Offered.	Dated.	Due.	Amount Applied for.	Amount Accepted.	Price.	Yield.
Jan. 7	Jan. 13	91 days	\$169,337,000	\$50,175,000	Aver. 99.272	*2.875%
Jan. 17	Jan. 25	93 days	191,581,000	50,937,000	Aver. 99.358	*2.40
Jan. 25	Feb. 1	6 mos.	395,938,500	227,631,000	100	3.125
Jan. 25	Feb. 1	1 year	250,148,000	144,372,000	100	3.75
Jan. 31	Feb. 8	93 days	196,873,000	76,399,000	Aver. 99.314	*2.65
Jan. 31	Feb. 15	93 days	144,372,000	75,689,000	Aver. 99.287	*2.76
Feb. 7	Feb. 24	91 days	196,183,000	62,851,000	Aver. 99.315	*2.71
Feb. 16	Feb. 24	91 days	292,984,000	101,412,000	Aver. 99.369	*2.50
Feb. 24	Mar. 15	7 mos.	952,619,500	333,492,500	100	3.125
Mar. 6	Mar. 15	1 year	2,450,606,000	660,653,500	100	3.75
Mar. 23	Mar. 30	91 days	360,198,000	102,169,000	Aver. 99.474	*2.08

* Average rate on a bank discount basis.

USE OF FUNDS.

Date Offered.	Total Amount Accepted.	Refunding.	New Indebtedness.
Jan. 7	\$50,175,000	\$50,175,000	-----
Jan. 17	50,937,000	50,937,000	-----
Jan. 25	227,631,000	-----	-----
Jan. 25	144,372,000	-----	\$322,003,000
Jan. 31	76,399,000	76,399,000	-----
Feb. 7	75,689,000	75,689,000	-----
Feb. 16	62,851,000	62,851,000	-----
Feb. 24	101,412,000	101,412,000	-----
Mar. 6	333,492,500	-----	-----
Mar. 6	660,653,500	624,000,000	370,146,000
Mar. 23	102,169,000	102,169,000	-----

The point of importance with reference to these Government issues is, as already stated the extent to which this new financing by the Federal Government represents new issues, that is, new appeals to the investment market, and from the foregoing analysis it appears that the \$322,003,000 of the U. S. Government issues brought out in January represented new indebtedness and \$370,146,000 more in March represented new indebtedness, the two together making a total of \$692,149,000. Turning now to our own totals of new financing by corporations, municipalities &c., this account is actually greater than our own total for the calendar year to March 31. Our total of new capital issues for the first quarter of 1932 is no more than \$483,419,641. To the extent only that the U. S. Government issues represent actually new debt, rather than the taking up of outstanding issues about to mature, can such issues be considered additions to the Government debt. Even so, however, the amount is found to be \$692,149,000, or far above our own total.

Perhaps also the financing of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation ought to be taken into consideration, though thus far the entire capital of the Corporation has been supplied by the United States Treasury. On that point there is yet no data, though a statement has been given out the present week showing that up to March 31 the total of the advances by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for all purposes had been \$238,740,000, and then there is also the Railroad Credit Corporation, which to date has authorized loans aggregating \$14,538,452.

The following is a complete summary of the new financing, corporate, State and city, foreign government, as well as farm loans issued for the month of March.

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE, FOREIGN GOVERNMENT, FARM LOAN AND MUNICIPAL FINANCING.

1932.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.
MONTH OF MARCH—	\$	\$	\$
Corporate—			
Domestic—			
Long-term bonds and notes	42,405,000	7,200,000	49,605,000
Short-term	5,001,500	-----	5,001,500
Preferred stocks	212,500	-----	212,500
Common stocks	628,150	1,897,320	2,525,470
Canadian—			
Long-term bonds and notes	-----	-----	-----
Short-term	-----	-----	-----
Preferred stocks	-----	-----	-----
Common stocks	-----	-----	-----
Other foreign—			
Long-term bonds and notes	-----	-----	-----
Short-term	-----	-----	-----
Preferred stocks	-----	-----	-----
Common stocks	-----	-----	-----
Total corporate	48,247,150	9,097,320	57,344,470
Canadian Government	-----	-----	-----
Other foreign Government	-----	-----	-----
Farm loan issues	5,000,000	20,000,000	25,000,000
Municipal States, cities, &c.	106,959,655	310,500	107,270,155
United States possessions	405,000	-----	405,000
Grand total	160,611,805	29,407,820	190,019,625
3 MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31—			
Corporate—			
Domestic—			
Long-term bonds and notes	111,950,000	9,138,000	121,088,000
Short-term	12,751,500	5,250,000	18,001,500
Preferred stocks	6,775,275	-----	6,775,275
Common stocks	2,296,900	1,897,320	4,194,220
Canadian—			
Long-term bonds and notes	-----	-----	-----
Short-term	-----	-----	-----
Preferred stocks	-----	-----	-----
Common stocks	-----	-----	-----
Other foreign—			
Long-term bonds and notes	-----	-----	-----
Short-term	-----	-----	-----
Preferred stocks	-----	-----	-----
Common stocks	-----	-----	-----
Total corporate	133,773,675	16,285,320	150,058,995
Canadian Government	-----	-----	-----
Other foreign Government	-----	-----	-----
Farm loan issues	5,000,000	47,500,000	52,500,000
Municipal States, cities, &c.	279,378,021	790,625	280,168,646
United States possessions	692,000	-----	692,000
Grand total	418,843,696	64,575,945	483,419,641

In the elaborate and comprehensive tables on the succeeding pages we compare the foregoing figures for 1932 with the corresponding figures for the four years preceding, thus affording a five-year comparison. We also furnish a detailed analysis for the five years of the corporate offerings, showing separately the amounts for all the different classes of corporations.

Following the full page tables we give complete details of the new capital flotations during March, including every issue of any kind brought out in that month.

DETAILS OF NEW CAPITAL FLOTATIONS DURING MARCH 1932.
LONG-TERM BONDS AND NOTES (ISSUES MATURING LATER THAN FIVE YEARS).

Amount.	Purpose of Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$ 2,000,000	Public Utilities— Refunding, other corp. purposes..	91½	5.69	Blackstone Valley Gas & Electric Co. Mtge. and Coll Trust 5s B, 1952. Offered by Estabrook & Co. and Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc.
5,000,000	Additions, extensions.....	92	5.06	Duquesne Light Co. 1st M. 4½s, 1957. Offered by Chase Harris Forbes Corp.; Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co.; H. M. Byllesby & Co., Inc.; W. C. Langley & Co.; Lee, Higginson & Co.; A. C. Allyn & Co., Inc.; The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh; Hayden, Stone & Co.; J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp., and The N. W. Harris Co., Inc.
8,700,000	Capital expenditures.....	94	5.45	New York Steam Corp. 1st M. 5s, 1956. Offered by The National City Co.
2,500,000	Add'ns, impts., other corp. purp..	95	5.35	Pennsylvania Power Co. 1st M. 5s, 1956. Offered by Drexel & Co. and Bonbright & Co., Inc.
7,500,000	Refunding, add'ns, extensions.....	87	7.25	Public Service Co. of Indiana 1st M. & Ref. 6s G, 1952. Offered by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.
10,000,000	Refunding, add'ns, extensions.....	96	5.30	Southern California Edison Co., Ltd., Ref. M. 5s, 1954. Offered by Chase Harris Forbes Corp.; E. H. Rollins & Sons, Inc., and The N. W. Harris Co., Inc.
5,000,000	Additions, betterments.....	95	5.35	The Syracuse Lighting Co., Inc., 1st & Ref. M. 5s B, 1957. Offered by J. P. Morgan & Co.; Bonbright & Co., Inc., and Schoellkopf, Hutton & Pomeroy, Inc.
2,000,000	Additions, betterments.....	93	5.55	Utica Gas & Electric Co. General M. 5s E, 1952. Offered by J. P. Morgan & Co.; Bonbright & Co., Inc., and Schoellkopf, Hutton & Pomeroy, Inc.
4,000,000	Retire floating debt, capital expen.	95½	6.10	Virginia Electric & Power Co. Convertible Secured 5½s, 1942. (Each \$1,000 of bonds convertible into a like amount of First & Ref. M. A 5s, 1955, and \$50 in cash on or after Mar. 1 1933 and up to 10 days prior to redemption.) Offered by Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc.; Chase Harris Forbes Corp.; Bancamerica-Blair Corp., and Brown Brothers Harriman & Co.
2,000,000	Acquisitions, extensions, &c.....	78	8.25	Virginia Public Service Co. 1st M. & Ref. 6s C, 1952. Offered by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc. E. H. Rollins & Sons, Inc.; H. M. Byllesby & Co., Inc., and Blyth & Co., Inc.
148,700,000	Land, Buildings, &c.— Real estate mortgage.....	Placed privately	5.50	Sears, Roebuck & Co. 15-Year 5½% loan. Placed with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.
755,000	Real estate mortgage.....	100	5.50	School Sisters of St. Francis of St. Joseph's Convent (Milwaukee) Debenture 5½s, 1937-38. Offered by First Wisconsin Co., Milwaukee.
150,000	Real estate mortgage.....			
905,000				

SHORT-TERM BONDS AND NOTES (ISSUES MATURING UP TO AND INCLUDING FIVE YEARS).

Amount.	Purpose of Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$ 1,200,000	Railroads— New equipment.....	---	4.50-5.00	Reading Company 4½% Equipment Tr. Cfts., Series K, due Sept. 1 1932-Sept. 1 1933. Offered by Drexel & Co. and Evans, Stillman & Co.
2,225,000	New equipment.....	---	4.50-5.25	Reading Company 4½% Equipment Tr. Cfts., series L, due Oct. 1 1932-April 1 1935. Offered by Drexel & Co. and Evans, Stillman & Co.
3,425,000	Land, Buildings, &c.— Real estate mortgage.....	100	5.50	Northeast Corner of Harrison Ave. and Kingsland Place (Bronx, N. Y.) 5½% Guaranteed Mortgage Cfts., due Oct. 15 1936. Offered by Lawyers Mortgage Co., New York.
221,000	Real estate mortgage.....	100	5.50	North Side of Winthrop Street, 405 Feet East of Flatbush Ave. (Brooklyn, N. Y.) 5½% Guaranteed Mortgage Cfts., due Feb. 8 1937. Offered by Lawyers Mortgage Co., New York.
300,000	Real estate mortgage.....	100	5.50	Northwest Corner of Austin St. and 73d Road (Forest Hills, Queens) 5½% Guaranteed Mortgage Cfts., due Mar. 10 1937. Offered by Lawyers Mortgage Co., New York.
330,000	Real estate mortgage.....	100	5.50	West Side of Monterey Ave., 113 Feet North of East Tremont Ave. (Bronx, N. Y.) 5½% Guaranteed Mortgage Cfts., due Mar. 5 1937. Offered by Lawyers Mortgage Co., New York.
155,000	Real estate mortgage.....	100	5.50	
1,006,000	Miscellaneous— Working capital.....	---	5.00-6.00	Union Investment Co., Detroit, Collateral Trust Notes, due June 1 1932-Sept. 21 1932. Offered by company.
570,500				

STOCKS.

Par or No. of Shares.	Purpose of Issue.	aAmount Involved.	Price per Share.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$ 286,900	Public Utilities— Payment of notes.....	\$286,900	25	---	Brockton Gas Light Co. Capital Stock. Offered by company to stockholders
*126488shs.	Retire 4½% notes.....	1,897,320	15	---	North American Light & Power Co. Com. Stock. Offered by company to stockholders.
*5000shs.	Additional working capital.....	212,500	42½	---	Telephone Bond & Share Co. \$3 Preferred Stock. Offered by Telephone Securities Co., Chicago.
	Other Industrial & Mfg.— Working capital, expansion, &c...	2,396,720			
*105000shs.		341,250	3¼	---	Alice Foote MacDougall, Inc., Common Stock. Offered by Pringle, Price & Co., Inc

FARM LOAN ISSUES.

Amount.	Issue and Purpose.	Price.	To Yield About.	Offered by
\$ 25,000,000	Federal Intermediate Credit Banks Coll. Trust 4½% Debentures, dated Mar. 15 1932 and due in three and four months (refunding, provide funds for loan purposes)....	100	4.50	Charles R. Dunn, Fiscal Agent, New York.

* Shares of no par value.

a Preferred stocks of a stated par value are taken at par, while preferred stocks of no par value and all classes of common stock are computed at their offering prices

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.
Friday Night, April 8 1932.

Trade reports are still unsatisfactory. There is a slight increase in the retail business, but the heavy manufacturing industries are as dull as ever. The more seasonable weather has helped the sale of clothing and some other merchandise. But even the retail trade, though better, is smaller than at this time last year. Wholesale and jobbing trade certainly makes a poorer showing than then. Even then it was none too good. Low priced automobile displays attract some attention and more or less buying. But it goes without saying that there is plenty of room for improvement. What the ultimate demand for automobiles will be is as yet purely conjectural. Meantime in general trade banks are not lending money as freely as might be expected. The anti-hoarding campaign does not seem to have been wholly successful, though there appears to be some improvement. But credits are none too readily given in many sections if we may judge from current accounts. Collections throughout the United States are still slow. Many of the big department stores have been holding post-Easter special sales, but seemingly with indifferent success. The wholesale millinery business makes as good a showing as any and rather better than most. Women's ready-to-wear goods are in fair demand. Usually the sales of hardware, paints and house furnishings at this time increase but the present showing is what is described as "spotted." In fact Cleveland reports a decrease of 50%

in the sales of hardware. Some other cities report a fair demand for this commodity. It is not easy as a rule to sell men's clothing and furnishings or drygoods. Retail failures in this country were larger than in the previous week. Both wholesale and jobbing houses seem to expect nothing better for the time being than the old hand-to-mouth buying, which has prevailed for at least a year past. It has really gone on longer than that. Filling-in orders in other words are the rule. Leather has been dull and tending towards lower prices. The shoe production has fallen off sharply. Wool has been quiet. In the East, textile manufacturing has decreased; there is a fair amount at the South, though even there, there are complaints of unsatisfactory business including Charlotte, N. C. The big Amoskeag Co. at Manchester, N. H. has closed four of its cotton mills. The tobacco industry is reported to be doing very well. It makes a better showing than many others. Jewelry is still naturally very quiet. It is a time when luxuries are apt to be waved aside, and the buying confined to things actually necessary. The steel industry is still quiet, and iron is also dull. The feeling in the petroleum trade is better owing to recent advances in prices and the time is approaching for a larger consumption. Copper mining in Montana is very slow, and some companies have closed down altogether. In the copper districts general trade naturally suffers. Coal has been in fair demand but strikes interfere with the industry. The glass manufacturing trade of Pittsburgh is

still on a lower level than that of a year ago, except in special glassware, which makes a better showing than then. At Spokane there has been some decrease in unemployment as the salmon boats make ready for the usual season's work.

Wheat has advanced somewhat in spite of the decline in stocks and disturbing rumors as to the possibility of Farm Board's selling, for the crop reports from the Southwest continued to be bad owing to drouth and dust storms. The Government report this afternoon estimated the winter wheat crop at only 458,000,000 bushels, or 42,000,000 bushels less than the average private estimate, and about 330,000,000 bushels less than the crop last year of 787,000,000 bushels. The condition of winter wheat is 5% under the 10-year average, and 13% under that of a year ago. To-day there was a break of 3c. owing to the decline in stocks and a fear that the activities of the Farm Board might be transferred to the Department of Agriculture at Washington preliminary to the liquidation of the Farm Board's big stock of wheat. Corn has dropped sharply, pulled down by wheat, and the dullness of the cash trade as well as an increase in the crop movement. Cotton is off 10 to 20 points for the week under the liquidation of May cotton, and the disturbing effect of a steady decline in stocks for eight days past, as well as other disquieting reports. Cotton goods have been dull. Second hands cut under mill prices.

One of the things talked about to-day was a rumor that industrialists and bankers were coming to view prohibition in an unfavorable light. If this attitude continues it could conceivably have a marked effect on the grain trade, to go no further. Modification of prohibition would tend to help the grain business and this might react favorably on other branches of trade. Sugar has fallen to new low levels under the impact of steady selling by Cuba and other interests. Also the late returns seem to make it plain enough that the grinding of sugar cane in Cuba has run well ahead of the scheduled quotas. Refined sugar is down to 3.90c., and raw to 2.60c. delivered. Coffee has advanced 8 to 13 points on Santos, with cost and freight quotations stronger and with more or less buying attributed partly to Brazilian interests and partly to shorts. Rubber has got down to a new low with a decline for the week of 6 to 10 points. May rubber sold below 3c. Prices have been weak in London and Singapore, as well as in New York. Overproduction is still having its grim results. Hides have dropped 73 to 85 points, with spot hides quiet and a more or less persistent long liquidation in futures. Cocoa has declined 7 to 8 points. Silk is off 2 points. Silver is down no less than 181 to 206 points, the sequel of what looks like an overdone bull speculation. One of the signs of the times is that Stock Exchange "seats" have dropped to \$81,000, as against a high in 1929 of \$625,000.

In the stock market on the 2d inst. prices declined and then made some recovery with wheat advancing 2½ to 3c. The taxation of stock sales, which hits Wall Street's trading hard, evoked bitter comment. Of course no serious attention was paid to talk of removing the Stock Exchange to Toronto or Montreal. It merely illustrates the deep resentment felt at this new manifestation of the so-called "soak the rich" policy. The average prices of stocks at one time on the 2d inst. were down to the lowest, not merely for the present year, but for the past 10 years, though the average net decline for the day after considerable covering was small. But for all that, it was a grim day, hinting at worse to come. A straw not unimportant, was the sale of a Stock Exchange "seat" on the 2d inst. at \$98,000, a decline of \$3,000, or a drop in four days of \$19,000. And it may be added here that another sold on the 4th inst. at \$83,000, a decline of \$15,000 over Sunday, or \$24,000 in five business days or \$92,000 since February when the highest price of the present year was reached or \$175,000. The trading on Saturday was in some 1,045,000 shares, a total noticeably larger than on some recent Saturdays. Bonds were generally lower on domestic issues, especially railroads. Just why bonds should decline at this time was not altogether clear to many, especially, as the fall was from levels already illogically low. But lower they were. Yet the credit of the United States Government is better. Railroads are being effectively helped. Hoarding is decreasing. Banking resources are abundant. Bank failures have almost ceased and many have resumed business. Business in England and Germany is on the mend. In both, unemployment has decreased slightly. The start towards better times may be more plainly made in Europe than on this side, though the upward American momentum once it begins may prove the greater

force. Both in Europe and in the United States the business tone is better even though actual sales are little if any larger. The financial ground work is stronger, however unsatisfactory the situation in some respects still is.

On the 4th inst. stocks were irregular, declining early, but later rallying and ending at small net declines in some of the issues most traded in. Inactive stocks in a few cases fell 2 points. Lending rates to shorts were lower, with stocks attracted by the premiums on 45 issues. Small net advances occurred in American Telephone, New York Central, U. S. Steel and du Pont. Sterling rose to \$3.80¼, a rise of 5c., only to lose the advance later. Unaccountable declines in bonds in even the best issues overshadowed stocks. Railroads fell 2 to 5 points. Railroad earnings and traffic, to be sure, made no agreeable reading. But cotton ran up nearly \$1 a bale and wheat also advanced, though it was mostly on bad crop news from Kansas and Nebraska. The trading in stocks was still restricted by the fear of oppressive taxes. It is said that some are inclined to go out of business. One firm is reported to have done so. It is declared in some quarters that a firm might as well cease doing business in stocks and simply retire, buy the most remunerative bonds and await better times. Of course, there is nothing even approaching a general movement of this sort. But there is undoubtedly a profound feeling of disgust. On the 5th inst. prices declined here and there, mainly because the Atchison common dividend was cut from 6% to 4, and dividends even on this basis will depend on an improvement in the company's earnings. The declines were most noticeable in American Telephone, Atchison, Auburn, United States Steel, Union Pacific, Peoples Gas, Eastman, Allied Chemical and American Can, with a few others. The total trading was in about 1,480,000 shares. Bonds again declined. The shadow of the increased Federal tax on stock transactions was again the most depressing factor.

On the 6th inst., there was an irregular decline. A decline in domestic bonds was also a feature. The decline in stocks at the worst, as a rule, was moderate, that is an average of 1½ points. But domestic bonds fell in some cases 3 to 4 points. The trading in stocks rose to some 2,100,000 shares. United States Steel went to the new and seemingly incredible low of 34¾, closing at 35, a net loss of 1½. Stocks on the 7th inst. again declined, but the downward drift was slower. The sales were just short of 1,800,000 shares and the tone still exhibited the blue complex. Yet the last prices generally showed only a slight net decline. Yet there is no disputing the fact that United States Steel sold at a new low and the same was true of American Can, Bethlehem Steel, Lackawanna, du Pont, Eastman, General Motors, New York Central, Union Pacific and numerous others. But the net drop after an upturn of an apparently oversold market at the end of the day was a not too impressive 30 cents. United States Steel, in fact, ended ¾ point net higher, after touching a new low of 34½, from which there was a rally of ¼. American Can fell 2½ net, Bethlehem Steel and Lackawanna, 1¼; General Motors, ¾ on common and 3 on the preferred, and Union Pacific, ½ on the common and 7 on the preferred. Du Pont advanced ¼, Eastman, 1½, and New York Central, ¾. In the bond trading the big feature was a rise of 2-32 to 1 11-32 points, the latter on Treasury 3s, with total sales of Government issues up to the imposing total of \$4,143,000. There was good buying of tax-exempt Government and high-grade municipal bonds. Long New York State bonds were on a 3.60% basis. Railroad bonds fell to new lows in a fair amount of trading. Absurd as it sounds the prices of many domestic corporation bonds are cheaper than bonds of foreign countries whose credit ratings are not first class. Public utility and industrial domestic issues were lower without much rhyme or reason. Tobacco products of New Jersey 6½s., due in 2022, were a refreshing exception, advancing 1¾ points. Foreign bonds had a ragged decline. United Kingdom 5½s declined ½. French and Belgian bonds declined a little. Austrian advanced 1¾ to 3¼ points.

Stocks to-day declined 2 to 13 points falling for the eighth consecutive day. Grain plunged down 3 cents. Cotton was at one time lower. Sugar and silver dropped sharply. There was nothing stimulating in the other news. The decline in Stock Exchange seats to \$81,000, against the high of \$625,000, in 1929 was hardly calculated to help matters. Foreign exchange moved against the dollar. The trading in stocks was 2,100,000 shares. The government wheat report after the close was bullish and since its real date

April 1 the yield of winter wheat is believed to have fallen below yesterday's estimate of 458,000,000 bushels which itself was some 40,000,000 bushels below the average private estimate. There was a time when a poor crop like this, some 330,000,000 bushels under last year's yield of 787,000,000 bushels, would have been hailed as a distinctly bearish factor. But in the present glut of wheat the possible effect on prices of smaller crop is the chief consideration. The reports that the prohibition law is viewed with dawning disfavor by industrialists and bankers and covering in a short market accounted partly for something of a rally towards the close. In bonds prices were generally lower but U. S. Government issues continued to rise led by Treasury 3½s. The total sales of all kinds of bonds rose to \$15,720,000 which is a something new in recent trading. There is a persistent demand for bonds in a widespread hegira from taxes or in other words to get into something ex-Congress. One rumor to-day Congressional quiz of Stock Exchange trading. It would certainly seem far fetched especially at this time.

Fall River, Mass., wired: "No activity in the cloths last week but sales will probably run larger than for the previous week and prices have held fairly firm. Curtailment, however, has been heavy with the King Philip mills, Bourne mills, and Durfee mills completely closed and several other plants having shut down many of their looms, in the course of the week. The trading has centered in sateens, the wider construction being in the best demand and in both plain and fancy marquisettes. Print cloth 39-inch 40x32 was quoted at 23 to 24c.; 3½-inch 56x52, 41 to 44c.; 27-inch 56x52, 3c. At Manchester, N. H., the Amoskeag Mfg. Co. on the 4th inst. closed four mills, the Amory, Jefferson, No. 3 and No. 8 permanently retired 100 mechanics and dropped several executives. The drastic curtailment went into effect following rejection by workers of the management's wage reduction plan. Other units will be shut down indefinitely as work runs out. Salaried executives are included in the list of 500 employees just retired. The staff of the employment department also was reduced, together with a number of clerks in other divisions. Charlotte, N. C., reports that new business coming to Southern mills last week continued small, although manufacturers declared that the inquiry was considerably improved over the two previous weeks. Mills generally were inclined to disregard the lower trend of cotton prices and continued firm as to prices. On the 7th inst. Charlotte reported that the dull situation in textiles that had prevailed for the past several weeks, continued and mill men reported little buying interest with prices on about the same basis as heretofore, manufacturers feeling that even a sharp reduction in quotations would not stimulate buying at this time. At Wilson, N. C., the Wilson Cotton Mills which had been closed for the past four months resumed operations this week on medium and coarse yarns.

London cabled April 3 that at Manchester the holidays, cheaper cotton, and the sterling exchange movement all proved adverse factors in textile trading, while bids indicated that buyers have adopted lower price ideas and these are irregularly met by manufacturers. Many New York selling agents left on the 4th inst. for Spartanburg, S. C., to meet executives of a number of the mills engaged in manufacture of print cloths and to discuss the feasibility of a much sharper cut in production than now exists in order to keep it within the limits of demand. Providence, R. I., wired that with the rush of spring wear business now a thing of the past and with the trend of new season prices indeterminable, woolen and worsted mills here are running well below the pace of a month ago.

On the 4th inst., temperatures at New York were 31 to 51 degrees. At Boston they were 34 to 46; at Chicago, 32 to 60; at Cincinnati, 30 to 64; at Cleveland, 26 to 50; at Kansas City, 60 to 78 degrees, or 2 degrees above summer heat; at St. Louis, 48 to 78, and at Winnipeg, 28 to 36. On the 7th inst., the New York City temperatures were 37 to 62 degrees. The week has been springlike. The grass in the parks has greened up until it looks almost like summer. Shrubs are leaving out. Trees are taking on the faint greens of early spring. On the 7th inst., Chicago had 50 to 66 degrees; Cincinnati, 56 to 76; Cleveland, 36 to 68; Detroit, 34 to 54; Kansas City, 48 to 60; Milwaukee, 40 to 60; St. Paul, 40 to 56; Montreal, 34 to 44; Omaha, 46 to 64; Philadelphia, 40 to 64; Portland, Me., 42 to 60; San Francisco, 48 to 60; Seattle, 38 to 50; Spokane, 46 to 52; St. Louis, 60 to 64; Winnipeg, 30 to 46. To-day it was 44 to 51 degrees in New York. The forecast was fair for Saturday and fair and warmer for Sunday.

National City Bank of New York Finds General Course of Business Disappointing—Sees Improvement in Banking Position.

In its April monthly letter the National City Bank of New York states that "the failure of business to gain during the month is evidence of the formidable character of the obstacles which still stand in the way of recovery. However," says the bank, "some of the restraints upon the 'spring rise' appear to have been more accidental than otherwise, including the unseasonable weather and the postponement of automobile buying until the new Ford models are ready for inspection." The bank further says:

As time will remove these difficulties, the seasonal rise, to the extent that they are factors, can be regarded principally as deferred. The automobile industry is of this mind, now that the air is being cleared by the introduction of the new Fords and Plymouths; and it is encouraging to note that an organization of the importance of the General Motors Corporation takes the view that there is business to be done, and is employing a very large appropriation during the first week of April in a national advertising and selling campaign and exhibition of its products.

In surveying business and banking conditions the bank states:

The developments of the past month in the banking situation have been favorable, but the general course of business has been disappointing in view of the hopes raised by the financial improvement, and the usual seasonal expansion has not been realized. In the steel industry, although March is frequently the most active month of the year, operations continue at about the same rate as in January and February, namely 24 to 27% of capacity, and automobile output has similarly moved sidewise upon a low level, in contrast with the usual increase. Bank clearings and other general business indicators have failed to improve, and retail trade reports are mostly unsatisfactory, the decline of 22% in the dollar sales of the New York City department stores during the first twelve days of March, as compared with a year ago, being an illustration.

An unfavorable showing has been made by the securities markets and in basic commodity prices. The stock market has elected to follow the unsatisfactory trade reports, which imply unfavorable earnings statements to come, rather than the financial improvement, and sentiment here, and evidently abroad also, has been disturbed by the outbreak in the House of Representatives over the tax bill, leaving the Government's fiscal program uncertain. If the experience of the depression has demonstrated anything conclusively, it is that capital will flee a country which does not balance its budget. The threat of such a situation, which it is hoped has been removed by the most recent turn of events, has been responsible for the fresh fears in evidence. The fall in prices of some of the most important raw commodities, including sugar, rubber, corn, lead and zinc, to new low points for the depression, and the renewed decline in wheat and cotton, have been other unsatisfactory features of the situation.

Loading of Railroad Revenue Freight Still Declining.

Loading of revenue freight for the week ended on March 26 totaled 561,118 cars, according to reports filed by the railroads with the car service division of the American Railway Association and made public to-day. This was a reduction of 23,516 cars below the preceding week, 177,762 cars below the corresponding week in 1931 and 324,206 cars under the same period two years ago. Particulars follow:

Coal loading for the week of March 26 totaled 117,122 cars, a decrease of 13,945 cars below the preceding week, 9,109 cars below the corresponding week last year and 30,406 cars below the same week in 1930.

Miscellaneous freight loading totaled 186,842 cars, a decrease of 3,070 cars below the preceding week, 99,163 cars under the corresponding week in 1931 and 168,734 cars under the same week in 1930.

Loading of merchandise less than carload lot freight totaled 185,343 cars, a decrease of 1,853 cars below the preceding week, 37,014 cars below the corresponding week last year, and 59,922 cars under the same week two years ago.

Grain and grain products loading for the week totaled 27,107 cars, 2,760 cars below the preceding week, 9,808 cars below the corresponding week last year and 10,926 cars below the same week in 1930. In the Western districts alone, grain and grain products loading for the week ended on March 26 totaled 16,827 cars, a decrease of 6,560 cars below the same week last year.

Forest products loading totaled 20,307 cars, the same number as loaded the preceding week this year, but 14,487 cars under the same week in 1931 and 35,354 cars below the corresponding week two years ago.

ore loading amounted to 2,981 cars, a decrease of 286 cars below the week before, 3,203 cars under the corresponding week last year and 6,273 cars under the same week in 1930.

Coke loading amounted to 5,221 cars, 1,618 cars below the preceding week, 1,771 cars below the same week last year and 5,210 cars below the same week two years ago.

Live stock loading amounted to 16,195 cars, an increase of 16 cars above the preceding week but 3,207 cars under the same week last year and 7,381 cars below the same week two years ago. In the Western districts alone, loading of live stock for the week ended on March 26 totaled 12,857 cars, a decrease of 2,045 cars compared with the same week last year.

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

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

	1932.	1931.	1930.
Four weeks in January.....	2,269,875	2,873,211	3,470,797
Four weeks in February.....	2,245,325	2,834,119	3,506,899
Four weeks in March.....	2,280,672	2,936,928	3,515,733
Total.....	6,795,872	8,644,258	10,493,429

The foregoing, as noted, cover total loadings by the railroads of the United States for the week ended March 26. In the table below we undertake to show also the loadings for the separate roads and systems. It should be understood, however, that in this case the figures are a week behind

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES FOR WEEKS OF MARCH 5, 12, 19, 26 AND APRIL 2.

	Week Ending—				
	Mar. 5	Mar. 12	Mar. 19	Mar. 26	Apr. 2
All commodities	66.2	66.5	66.5	66.2	65.9
Farm products	50.9	51.9	51.6	50.5	49.5
Foodst.	62.7	62.9	62.4	62.4	61.7
Hides and leather products	77.9	77.9	77.7	76.3	75.8
Textile products	59.1	59.0	58.8	58.7	58.4
Fuel and lighting	67.9	68.7	69.1	69.1	65.5
Metals and metal products	80.6	80.8	80.7	80.6	80.2
Building materials	73.4	73.4	73.4	73.3	73.1
Chemicals and drugs	75.2	75.3	75.1	74.9	74.4
Housefurnishing goods	78.6	78.6	78.6	78.6	78.3
Miscellaneous	64.6	64.8	64.7	64.6	64.7

Production of Electricity Declined 11.9% During the Week Ended April 2 1932 as Compared with the Corresponding Period Last Year.

The production of electricity by the electric light and power industry of the United States for the week ended Saturday, April 2, was 1,480,208,000 kwh., according to the National Electric Light Association. The Atlantic seaboard, as well as New England taken alone, both show a decrease of 6.6% from the corresponding week last year. The central industrial region, outlined by Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, St. Louis and Milwaukee, registers as a whole a decrease of 15.7%, while the Chicago district alone shows a decrease of 12.6%. The Pacific Coast shows a decline of 15.2% 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	1,598,291,000	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	1,728,161,000	5.4%
Feb. 13	1,578,817,000	1,683,712,000	1,789,683,000	1,718,304,000	6.2%
Feb. 20	1,545,459,000	1,680,029,000	1,745,978,000	1,699,250,000	8.0%
Feb. 27	1,512,158,000	1,633,353,000	1,744,039,000	1,706,719,000	7.4%
Mar. 5	1,519,679,000	1,664,125,000	1,750,070,000	1,702,570,000	8.7%
Mar. 12	1,538,452,000	1,676,422,000	1,735,673,000	1,687,229,000	8.2%
Mar. 19	1,537,747,000	1,682,437,000	1,721,783,000	1,683,262,000	8.6%
Mar. 26	1,514,553,000	1,689,407,000	1,722,587,000	1,679,589,000	10.3%
Apr. 2	1,480,208,000	1,679,764,000	1,708,228,000	1,663,291,000	11.9%
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%.

Production of Electricity for Public Use in the United States Fell Off Approximately 5% in February.

According to the Division of Power Resources, Geological Survey, production of electricity for public use in the United States totaled approximately 7,009,205,000 kwh., a decline of 5% as against 7,159,882,000 kwh. in the corresponding period last year. Of the total for the month under review, there were produced by water power 2,977,976,000 kwh. and by fuels 4,031,229,000 kwh. The Survey, in its statement, shows:

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

Division.	Total by Fuels and Water Power.			Change in Output from Previous Years.	
	Dec. 1931.	Jan. 1932.	Feb. 1932.	January.	February.
New England	550,465,000	547,756,000	499,338,000	-5%	-4%
Middle Atlantic	2,193,509,000	2,050,219,000	1,920,226,000	-7%	-2%
East North Central	1,750,346,000	1,730,196,000	1,571,365,000	-7%	-7%
West North Central	538,229,000	518,579,000	480,916,000	+4%	+6%
South Atlantic	830,026,000	893,192,000	848,619,000	+5%	+9%
East South Central	316,653,000	309,506,000	290,574,000	-7%	-8%
West South Central	356,630,000	335,140,000	320,636,000	-11%	-4%
Mountain	253,220,000	233,942,000	216,962,000	-13%	-12%
Pacific	984,208,000	940,461,000	860,569,000	-6%	-4%
Total for U. S.	7,773,286,000	7,558,991,000	7,009,205,000	-5%	-5%

The average daily production of electricity in February was 241,700,000 kwh., about 1% less than the daily production in January. The decrease in the average daily production of electricity for public use in January and February from 1931 to 1932 was considerably less than that from 1930 to 1931.

The close interrelationship between the production of electricity by the use of fuels and the production by the use of water power is clearly indicated by comparison of the production by water power and by fuels for January and February, 1931 and 1932. The daily production by the use of water power in January and February 1932 was 32% greater than in 1931, but the daily production by the use of fuels for these months in 1932 was 21% less than in 1931.

The daily production of electricity by the use of water power in February 1932 was 40% greater than in October 1931. The daily production of electricity by the use of fuels in February was 24% less than in October 1931. As the production of electricity by the use of water power is affected by precipitation conditions, and as the precipitation has returned to normal and in some regions is above normal, the production of electricity by the use of water power should tend to increase, probably reaching a maximum in April and May, with a somewhat corresponding decrease in output by the use of fuels. In October 1931 water power output was 27% of the total production of electricity. In February of this year it was 42% of the total.

TOTAL MONTHLY PRODUCTION OF ELECTRICITY BY PUBLIC UTILITY POWER PLANTS IN 1931 AND 1932.

	1931.		1932.		Produced by Water Power.	
	Kw. Hours.	Kw. Hours.	1931 Under 1930.	1932 Under 1931.	1931.	1932.
January	7,946,776,000	7,558,991,000	8%	5%	30%	41%
February	7,159,882,000	7,009,205,000	6%	5%	30%	42%
March	7,875,967,000	-----	4%	-----	34%	-----
April	7,643,278,000	-----	5%	-----	41%	-----
May	7,639,075,000	-----	5%	-----	41%	-----
June	7,526,464,000	-----	3%	-----	38%	-----
July	7,765,780,000	-----	2%	-----	35%	-----
August	7,628,393,000	-----	4%	-----	32%	-----
September	7,532,328,000	-----	3%	-----	29%	-----
October	7,764,641,000	-----	6%	-----	27%	-----
November	7,405,950,000	-----	4%	-----	28%	-----
December	7,773,286,000	-----	4%	-----	35%	-----
Total	91,661,000,000	-----	4.5%	-----	33%	-----

a Adjusted to months of equal length.

The quantities given in the tables are based on the operation of all power plants producing 10,000 kwh. or more per month, engaged in generating electricity for public use, including central stations, both commercial and municipal, electric railway plants, plants operated by steam railroads generating electricity for traction, Bureau of Reclamation plants, public works plants, and that part of the output of manufacturing plants which is sold for public use. The output of central stations, electric railway and public works plants represents about 98% of the total of all types of plants. The output as published by the National Electric Light Association and the "Electrical World" includes the output of central stations only. Reports are received from plants representing over 95% of the total capacity. The output of those plants which do not submit reports is estimated therefore, the figures of output and fuel consumption as reported in the accompanying tables are on a 100% basis.

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

Business Conditions in Canada Show Slight Seasonal Gains According to S. H. Logan of Canadian Bank of Commerce—Tourist Trade Expected to Be Important Factor During Coming Summer.

"The seasonal upward swing in manufacturing which commenced at the first of the year has continued in most branches, though again, as was the case in January and February, at a much slower pace than in former years" states S. H. Logan, General Manager of The Canadian Bank of Commerce. "Basic conditions in primary industries, such as agriculture and fishing, have improved, and while there has been a continued rise in the production of steel, automobiles and sundry products, which are always in better demand at this time of the year, the improvement has been so slight as to keep operations well below capacity, except in respect of some footwear factories and textile mills." Under date of April 7, Mr. Logan further said:

One of the least favorable records for the current season is that of construction. While the volume of new contracts increased in January and February, there was, contrary to the usual trend, a decline in March, and taking the three months' figures as a whole the value of new work, after allowing for lower building costs, is about 40% less than that contracted for in the corresponding part of 1931.

Based upon an analysis of world economic conditions during the last three months, the upturn in Canadian industrial operations has been sustained for a longer time than elsewhere, except probably in Great Britain. It is true, of course, that the records compare poorly with those of preceding years, that lacking some fortuitous event we are some distance from the turn toward normal conditions, and that the deepening of depression in Continental Europe since the opening of the current year and the failure of American business to react favorably to the recent cheap money policy are disappointing features in international affairs, which, as we have so often stated, have a profound influence upon Canadian economy. But at last there are signs of a helpful spirit among some major nations whose policies have a great effect upon world business. This semblance of a change from purely nationalistic to internationalistic views may be the progeny of sheer necessity, but it might check any further financial disturbance in Continental Europe, and if allowed to develop fully, for which considerable time would be required, it would prove to be one of the strongest factors in the restoration of world prosperity.

An important factor during the coming summer will be Canada's tourist trade, the value of which now approximates \$250,000,000 annually.

Industrial Activity in Boston Federal Reserve District During February Approximately the Same as in January.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Boston in its April 1 "Monthly Review" states that "in New England during February the general level of industrial activity remained approximately the same as in January, and was about 17% lower during the first two months of the current year than in the corresponding months a year ago." The Bank further reviews conditions in the First (Boston) Federal Reserve District as follows:

The banking situation in this District, however, which was acute in December 1931, has shown steady progress in January and February, as evidenced by the fact that the number of bank suspensions in New England was restricted to three in January and one in February; furthermore, the volume of Federal Reserve notes in circulation in this district declined about \$30,000,000 between Dec. 23 1931, and March 16 1932, indicating a return of confidence in the general financial situation. During February the volume of raw cotton consumed in New England mills was about 7% larger than in January, but was less than in the corresponding month a year ago. Consumption of raw wool by mills in this district usually increases considerably between January and February, but this year there was a slight decrease between these months. The rate of silk machinery

activity in New England declined in February to an unusually low level. Boot and shoe production in this district during February increased by more than the usual seasonal amount, and preliminary figures for total production for both January and February this year exceeded those for the corresponding months a year ago. The building industry in this district, as well as in other districts, remained unusually quiet during February, and in New England, when allowances were made for customary seasonal changes, further declines took place between January and February in the volume (square feet) of residential building and commercial and industrial building contracts awarded. The total value of construction contracts awarded in New England during February was \$7,248,000, as compared with \$21,418,000 in February, 1931. In March there appeared to be some improvement from the low level of February. According to the Massachusetts Department of Labor and Industries, increases occurred between January and February in the number of wage-earners employed in Massachusetts manufacturing establishments, in the aggregate weekly payrolls, and in the average weekly earnings per person employed, amounting to 4.8%, 6.3%, and 1.4%, respectively. The amount of new ordinary life insurance written in New England during February was 5.2% less than in the corresponding month a year ago. During February the number of commercial failures in this district increased over the same month of 1931 by 2.4%, but total liabilities of these failures were 3.5% less this year. Total net sales of reporting New England retail establishments during the first two months of 1932 fell about 21% behind those of 1931.

Business Situation in the Industrial Field of the Cleveland Federal Reserve District Shows No Improvement—Wholesale and Retail Trade Better in February Than in January—Conditions in Rubber and Tire Industry.

According to the April 1 "Monthly Business Review" of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland:

That part of the business situation having to do chiefly with developments in the industrial field cannot be said to have improved in the past month in the Fourth (Cleveland) Federal Reserve District. Failure of operations at many factories to expand seasonally was chiefly attributed to the disappointing showing made by the automobile industry, which has been confronted not only by reduced buying in general, but also by other unfavorable conditions. This, of course, caused operations at parts and accessory plants, steel mills, glass and rubber factories, &c., to be curtailed at a time when they normally are producing at or near peak levels.

Continuing the Bank says as follows:

Steel ingot production in the third week of March was only at about 25% of capacity, which is about half the rate of last year. Normally at this season iron and steel production is at the highest level of the year, but lack of railroad orders and delays in automobile production have been very disheartening to the steel industry.

Some progress was shown, however, in a few scattered industries, and the improvement in sentiment commented upon last month has continued. In the first 29 days of March only three small bank failures occurred, as against six in February and 18 in January. Member bank demand for funds from the reserve bank declined and note circulation contracted contrary to seasonal tendencies.

The most noticeable improvement occurred in the shoe industry, output in February being 18.6% above a year ago and 25% above January. The seasonally adjusted index, however, was only 80% of the 1923-25 monthly average.

Coal production increased sharply in February and the first part of March, as unseasonably cold weather stimulated buying to replenish depleted domestic stocks. Industrial demand continues at very low levels.

Reports of increased activity, greater-than-seasonal, in the china and pottery industry, resulting from an upturn in orders, and also in the electrical supply industry were received in the past month.

Both wholesale and retail trade were better in February than in January, contrary to the experience of past years, but partly because of the sharp decline in prices in the period the comparison of dollar sales with a year ago was quite unfavorable, though better than a month ago.

We quote from the "Review" the Bank's further comments regarding conditions in the tire and rubber industry:

Rubber Tires.

Operations in the rubber and tire industry continued on a relatively higher level, compared with 1931, than in many in the district. Employment at concerns reporting to the Ohio State Bureau of Business Research increased 1% in February, while there was practically no change in this period of the past five years. Compared with a year ago, employment was down 3% but, as against two years ago the drop was about 30%.

Based on consumption of crude rubber, as reported by the Rubber Manufacturers Association, activity in the industry in February was more than seasonally higher than a month earlier and also above a year ago. Consumption in February was 30,011 long tons, compared with 27,962 long tons in January, and 28,797 long tons in February 1931. The contrary-to-seasonal increase of 7.3% compared with a decline of 3.5% shown in preceding years.

Output of tires in January, the latest month for which figures are available, increased 30.9% from December, compared with an expansion of 31% in the same period last year, and about 20% in 1928 and 1929. In 1930 an abnormal increase of 46% was reported. Output was 5.9% below January 1931. The Board's seasonally adjusted index advanced from 68% of the 1923-25 monthly average in December to 92 in January and compared with 94 a year ago. Shipments expanded about 17% in January, but this was not quite enough to absorb all the production increase and inventories at the end of January were slightly higher than a month earlier, but still 12% below one year ago.

Manufacturers reported little change in operations in late February and the first half of March. One large producer stated that a normal seasonal increase in replacement business had occurred, but cancellations in some orders for original equipment, as automobile production failed to show the seasonal increase, were an offsetting factor.

Imports of crude rubber to the United States in February were about on a par with the preceding month and slightly exceeded consumption. At 30,546 tons, however, they compared with 36,645 tons in February 1931. In the first two months imports were off 16% from a year ago. Stocks increased slightly in the month and, at 322,117 long tons, were 51% above last year. A recent survey of the industry revealed that world stocks of crude rubber increased about 130,000 tons in 1931, of which nearly 120,000 tons were added to holdings of crude rubber in this country. This is particularly significant in view of the decreasing proportion of total world consumption represented by takings of domestic corporations. In 1922 as much as 75% of the rubber consumed in the world was used domestically. This proportion has gradually declined as factories were established in other

countries until in 1931 only about 50% of the total rubber consumed was used in the United States.

Crude rubber prices receded slightly again in early March and on the 18th of the month were quoted 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents a pound as against 7.7 cents a year ago.

In its survey of retail and wholesale trade conditions the Bank says:

Retail Trade.

Retail sales at reporting department stores in the Fourth District in February increased more than seasonally on a daily average basis, in fact total sales for the month were 5.9% ahead of January. In only one other year for which figures are available, 1924, have February sales exceeded those of the opening month of the year. The seasonally adjusted index of sales was 70% of the 1923-25 monthly average, compared with 68 in January.

Compared with a year ago, sales were down 18% in February, and 22% in the first two months and the declines in the two-month period in the principal cities was fairly uniform, ranging from 20 to 27%. All individual departments of any consequence, except sports wear and sporting goods, showed declines from a year ago. Sales of women's apparel were off nearly 30%, and men's clothing sales were down about 20%. Furniture sales, usually important in February, were 29% below a year ago.

The dollar value of stocks increased 4.4% in February, but this was less than the average change of preceding years and the seasonally adjusted index dropped to 67.2%, compared with 71.4% at the end of January. The value of stocks was 15% below a year ago.

This decline closely approximates the reduction shown in the Fairchild retail price index which on March 1 was 17% below the corresponding date in 1931. In relation to current sales, stocks appear ample, for the stock turnover rate in the first two months was below the same period last year.

A greater proportion of February department store business consisted of cash sales than a year ago, for charge sales amounted to only 57% of the total, compared with 62% in February 1931. Collections on outstanding accounts, however, were slow, the decline in February from a year ago being 8%, the same as in January.

Chain grocery sales in February, per individual unit operated, were 3.7% below the same month last year and in the first two months were down 7.7%.

Chain drug sales were off 7% in February and 8.8% in the first two months from corresponding periods of 1931. They amounted to only 76% of the 1923-25 average in the latest month.

Wholesale Trade.

The volume of February sales as given by 74 firms in four reporting groups in the Fourth District was up slightly from January, contrary to the seasonal change of preceding years. The combined index, which shows dollar value of sales to be only about half as large as the average of three years 1923-25, was 53 in February, compared with 52 in January and 65 in February 1931.

Of the four reporting lines wholesale drugs have made a better showing than other lines all during the depression. Sales in February were 87% of the 1923-25 average and were only 9.5% below a year ago.

Dry goods sales were up 24% in February from the preceding month, but were still very much below other years and amounted to only 34% of the 1923-25 average. Compared with a year ago sales were down 27%.

Hardware sales were 26% below February 1931, and up only 5% from January, a less-than-seasonal amount.

Wholesale grocery sales were 1% smaller in February than in January, and down 17% from last year. The January-to-February decline was less than the average of preceding years.

Stocks in all lines were down sharply and collections have been rather slow

Decline Noted in General Business Activity in Philadelphia Federal Reserve District.

"While there has been some slight improvement in business sentiment in the Third (Philadelphia) Federal Reserve District in the last month, general business activity has declined instead of increasing as it should at this time," says the April 1 "Business Review" of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. "Production of manufactures in February decreased contrary to the usual seasonal tendency," the "Review" continues, "and there was little evidence of upturn in early March." The Bank further says:

The gain in the output of coal was larger than usual for February, while activity in building trades decreased. Retail and wholesale trade held up fairly well in February, but in March sales were affected by bad weather conditions. Business in all lines of trade and industry has continued at a much lower level than in many years. Commodity prices have shown no definite signs of strength. Collections have been less satisfactory than a year ago. Commercial failures decreased as usual in February but they were exceedingly large in comparison with other years.

Member banks report a further decrease in loans on securities, but net demand and time deposits were steady after months of pronounced declines. There were no bank suspensions in this district during the month and two banks opened. The principal factor making possible a substantial reduction in borrowings from this Bank was a gain in the settlements with other districts which reflected mainly the sale of securities by member banks.

Manufacturing.

There has been virtually no improvement in the market for manufactured products. While the demand for certain finished goods shows slight seasonal gains over the preceding month, total sales have continued at an exceptionally low level. Unfilled orders for various manufacturers have declined, except for a few lines such as thrown silk, shoes, paper, and cigars, which show small gains. In comparison with other years, current business continues in a very much reduced volume.

Wholesale prices of manufactured products declined a little further in February and weakness was still apparent in March. In comparison with a year ago, quotations have been 9% lower. The sharpest declines have occurred in textile products, house furnishings, and building material.

Numerous increases were reported in stocks of finished goods during the month, probably reflecting seasonal influences. Compared with a year ago, however, they were smaller; plant holdings of raw materials have declined more noticeably than those of finished commodities. Collections are less satisfactory than they were last month. A great majority of reports also indicate that settlements of accounts were relatively smaller than last year.

Factory employment in February showed a seasonal gain of 1%, while wage payments continued at about the same level as in January. The largest gains in employment of Pennsylvania factories 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 taking place in textiles, foods and tobacco, and leather and rubber products. The decline in wage payments of the metal group was due chiefly to steel works and rolling mills, and electrical apparatus. As these industries are the largest single industries included in the Pennsylvania factory payroll index, they depressed the average wage earnings most severely. In comparison with a year ago, the number of factory workers declined 14% and wage earnings were reduced by 28%.

Factory output in February declined instead of increasing as is usual for that month. Our preliminary index, which makes allowance for the number of working days and for changes in seasonal activity, stood at 67.5% of the 1923-25 average, showing a drop of 4% from January as compared with a decline of 3% for the country. Most pronounced decreases occurred in metals, building materials, textile products, and foods. Output of leather products, paper and printing, and radio and musical instruments showed marked increases.

Extra seasonal gains were reported in the output of knit goods, shoes, paper, and wood pulp, and in the construction of ships and boats. Exceptionally large declines, on the other hand, occurred in the output of steel products, electrical apparatus, broad silk, cigars, cement, lumber and brick. The gain in the receipts of raw sugar at the Philadelphia Port was substantially smaller than it should have been for February.

Compared with February 1931, local production of manufactures was 17% smaller, as against a decline of almost 20% in the national output. Most drastic curtailment took place in metals, building materials, and radio and musical instruments.

The output of electric power increased seasonally and was slightly larger than in February 1931. Industrial consumption of electrical energy increased and was below the quantity used per working day in February 1931.

Business Conditions in St. Louis Federal Reserve District—Moderate Expansions Noted in Several Important Industries.

“Trends in business and industry in the Eighth (St. Louis) Federal Reserve district during the past 30 days were irregular and spotty,” according to the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis in its “Monthly Review” released March 30. “Moderate expansion was noted in several important industries,” continues the Bank, “and in certain lines of wholesaling and jobbing, increased volume of dollar sales was reported as compared with the preceding month, and in a limited number of instances, unit volume exceeded that of a year ago.” Continuing the Bank says:

In all lines investigated, however the dollar volume of February sales fell below that of the corresponding period in 1931 and the average during the past ten years. In trade and industry as a whole gains were offset by decreases, so that the 30-day period was marked by a further slight recession in activities. As has been the case for the past several months, production and distribution of goods for ordinary consumption made a considerably better showing than commodities of the heavier and more permanent sort. Boots and shoes, dry goods, drugs and chemicals, some food products and hardware developed a moderately upward trend. Distribution of automobiles was seasonally larger in February than January. On the other hand, iron and steel, clay products, lumber, glass and the entire category of building materials showed no improvement over the dull conditions obtaining heretofore.

Retail trade in the large cities and in the country was disappointing, and failed to exhibit the usual seasonal pickup. The unusually high temperatures which had prevailed since last fall, continued through February, and served to hold down distribution of all descriptions of cold weather goods, particularly apparel and fuel. Clearances of such merchandise, even under inducements of price reductions and intensive sales effort, were incomplete and heavy carryovers were the rule. The first real cold spell of the winter came during the first half of March, too late to materially help the movement of winter merchandise. On the contrary the freezing weather had the effect of slowing down Easter shopping and interfering with preparations for planting spring crops. Considerable damage was sustained by fruits and early truck crops from the March freezes, and apprehension is felt in some sections that the growing winter wheat crop, which was unusually far advanced for this season, has been injured.

As against the failure of actual business to expand, reports from scattered sections of the district reflect moderate improvement in sentiment, and that since March 1 business has developed a more hopeful aspect. While purchasing of goods continues on an extremely conservative basis, there is more of a disposition than heretofore to replenish depleted stocks and fill out assortments. Inventories of consumer goods in all lines are of small proportions, and while the trend of commodity prices was still downward, the decline was at a slower rate, and in certain classifications, noticeable progress has been made in stabilizing values. Further marked improvement has taken place in the financial situation. The number of bank failures during February was much smaller than during recent months, and this record has continued during the first half of March. The rate of withdrawals of deposits from financial institutions receded, and for the first time in a number of months, there was an increase during early March in deposits of reporting member banks. An important development for this general area was the fall in the stage of the Mississippi River and practical elimination of the flood threat from that stream and its tributaries.

As reflected by department store sales in leading cities, the volume of retail trade in February was approximately 7% larger than in January, and 12% less than in February 1931; for the first two months this year a decrease of 14% was shown under the same time a year earlier. Combined sales of all wholesaling and jobbing firms reporting to this bank in February were 5.6% larger than in January and 16.5% smaller than in February 1931; for the first two months this year their total sales were 21% smaller than for the same period a year ago. The dollar value of building permits issued for new construction in the five largest cities was more than twice as large as in January, but 61% less than in February 1931. Construction contracts let in the Eighth District in February increased 25% over the record small total of January, but were 50% smaller than in February 1931. There was a decrease of 22% in charges to checking accounts in February as compared with January and of the same amount as compared with February 1931; for the first two months this year a decrease of 23% was shown as compared with the same time in 1931. The amount of savings accounts held by selected banks showed little change between February 3 and March 2, and on the latter date was 11% smaller than a year ago.

Generally throughout the district collections reflected little change as contrasted with the two or three months immediately preceding. Considerable spottiness exists, both with reference to the several lines and localities. In the cotton areas moderate improvement was indicated, and liquidation

in the tobacco sections was also in heavier volume than earlier in the year. Country merchants in some parts of the South reported that collections were hampered by interference with transportation occasioned by floods and muddy roads. Questionnaires addressed to representative interests in the several lines scattered through the district showed the following results:

	Excellent.	Good.	Fair.	Poor.
February 1932-----	1.7%	18.5%	51.0%	28.8%
January 1932-----	0.0	18.2	61.0	20.8
February 1931-----	0.0	13.1	57.2	29.7

Only Seasonal Changes Noted in Volume of Business in Richmond Federal Reserve District During February as Compared with Recent Months—Wholesale and Retail Trade Less Than in February 1931.

According to the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond “there were only seasonal changes in the volume of business done in February in comparison with business in other recent months, but the mental attitude of the people improved distinctly, apparently as a result of the creation of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and the passage of the Glass-Steagall bank bill. The Bank in its March 31 “Monthly Review,” further says:

Since the beginning of February the strain on the banks of the Fifth (Richmond) Federal Reserve District has lessened, with a resulting decline in bank suspensions. A similar situation is noted over the entire country. The marked decline in bank deposits which was in evidence through the last half of 1931 has slowed down appreciably, and there is some evidence of money which had been boarded being returned to circulation. But in spite of this partial restoration of confidence in certain basic factors, an examination of February statistics in comparison with the figures for January this year and February last year shows no noticeable improvement of a concrete nature. At the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, rediscounts for member banks declined at a season when needs of agriculture might be expected to increase the demand for reserve bank credit. However, rediscounts held on March 15 1932, were nearly double those held on March 15 1931. The circulation of Federal Reserve notes declined seasonally last month, but the volume of notes outstanding at the middle of March still showed the effects of hoarding, exceeding the circulation on March 15 last year by 23%. Outstanding loans by reporting member banks declined slightly between the middle of February and the middle of March, and deposits also declined during the same period, but by considerably less than the reduction in loans. Debits to individual accounts figures for four weeks ended March 9 1932, totaled 8.4% less than debits in the preceding four weeks, ended Feb. 10 1932, and 21.9% less than in the four weeks ended March 11 last year. Business failures in the Fifth district in February showed an increase over January failures, contrary to seasonal trend, and in fact made the worst record for any month since the spring of 1924. Labor conditions showed no material change during February and the first half of March. Bituminous coal production in February exceeded January production, but was approximately 11% below production in February last year. The textile industry is about the only industry which is operating at a higher rate of production than a year ago, and Fifth District mills consumed more cotton last month than in either January 1932 or February 1931. Average spindle hours of operation in both the Carolinas and Virginia were higher in February than the National average, and South Carolina led all States in number of hours of operation per spindle in place. Most of the auction tobacco markets in the district closed during February, after selling smaller crops for much lower prices than were sold last year from the yield of 1930. Tobacco manufactured in February was less than in February 1931, but the decline in this industry was much smaller than decreases in output shown by nearly all other industries. Building work provided for in February permits issued and contracts actually awarded was in smaller volume than in February 1931, and there are no indications that point to much increase in construction work in the near future. Retail trade last month, as reflected in department store sales, was 12.6% less than the dollar amount of sales in February last year, and the entire winter was unfavorable for retailing, weather having been so unseasonably mild that the demand for heavy clothing and other winter goods was the poorest experienced in years. Since March 1, cold weather has been unfavorable for the sale of Easter and early spring merchandise. Wholesalers have naturally experienced about the same unsatisfactory volume of business as the retailers, but most lines for which data are available showed moderate seasonal improvement in business during February. Farm work is well advanced for this season, but the outlook for agriculture is uncertain on account of the price situation and other factors.

Regarding conditions in wholesale and retail trade, the Bank reports as follows:

Department store sales in the Fifth Federal Reserve District in February 1932 averaged 12.6% less than sales in February 1931, but the decline is at least partly accounted for by generally lower prices this year. Thirty-three stores reported on their February business, and among the individual cities from which three or more reports were received Richmond made the best record with an average decline of 9.7%. In total sales during the first two months of 1932, the 33 stores averaged a decrease of 15.7% in comparison with sales in the first two months of 1931.

Stocks in the reporting stores increased seasonally during February, rising by 8.4% over those on hand at the end of January, but on Feb. 29 this year averaged 10.1% less than a year ago. Part of this decline was also due to price changes. The reporting stores turned their stock an average of .264 times during February, and between Jan. 1 and Feb. 29 stocks were turned .506 times, both of these averages being lower than those for the corresponding periods in 1931.

The percentage of collections in February 1932 to total accounts receivable on Feb. 1 was lower than the percentage for February 1931. Washington reported the highest collection percentage, while Baltimore reported the lowest chiefly because of a relatively large volume of installment accounts included in the Baltimore figures.

Wholesale Trade.

In February this year five lines of wholesale trade for which figures are available sold less than they sold in February 1931, the decreases in percentage ranging from 10.2% in shoes to 18.2% in dry goods. Total sales in the first two months of 1932 show about the same decline, business in January having been slightly worse than in February in comparison with the earlier year. Dry goods, shoe and hardware sales in February showed

a seasonal increase over January 1932 sales, but groceries and drugs declined during the later month.

Stocks of merchandise on the shelves of 24 reporting firms were lower on Feb. 29 1932, than on Feb. 28 1931, but dry goods and shoe stocks increased over those on hand at the end of January.

Collections in February 1932 were better than collections in January in hardware, exactly the same in groceries and dry goods, and slower in shoes and drugs. Grocery and shoe collections were slightly better last month than in February 1931, but dry goods and drug collections were slower, while hardware was the same in both years.

Merchandise in Both Wholesale and Retail Channels in Dallas Federal Reserve District at Stronger Demand.

In its district summary, compiled March 15, the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas states that "a stronger demand for merchandise in both wholesale and retail channels of distribution was in evidence in the 11th (Dallas) Federal Reserve District during the past month. Sales of department stores in larger cities reflected a gain of 11% over the previous month, and while 22% below those of a year ago, they showed a much better comparison than in January." The district summary, as given in the Bank's "Monthly Business Review" dated April 1 adds:

This bank's index of department store sales, adjusted for seasonal variation, rose from 65.8 in January to 73.8 in February. Distribution of merchandise at wholesale reflected more than the usual seasonal increase and comparisons with a year ago were much more favorable than in the previous month. There has been a gradual strengthening of sentiment and it is being reflected in better consumer buying. Retailers, however, show no disposition to make purchases beyond immediate needs. Collections continue generally slow.

Financial operations reflected no significant changes. Federal Reserve bank loans to member banks, which amounted to \$14,020,000 on March 15, were slightly lower than a month earlier, but considerably larger than on the corresponding date last year. The daily average of combined net demand and time deposits of member banks totaled \$665,682,000 during February as compared with \$664,954,000 in January, and \$813,053,000 in February 1931. The loans, investments, and deposits of reserve city banks were somewhat lower on March 9 than on Feb. 10. Subscriptions to the 3 1/2 and 3 3/4 Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, dated March 15, amounted to \$55,023,000 against which allotments of \$19,245,500 were made.

Farm work, which had been retarded considerably during the first six weeks of the year, proceeded fairly satisfactorily during the latter part of February and early March, yet there is still much land which is not prepared for spring planting. This situation was aggravated during the past 10 days when severe freezes damaged considerably early planted crops. Fruit and truck crops likewise suffered much injury. Although considerably behind schedule, farmers should be able to overcome this handicap in a short time in the event favorable weather prevails. A good season obtains in all sections of the district. Ranges and livestock showed a noticeable improvement in February and while ranges were set back by the March freezes, livestock generally held up well.

The valuation of building permits issued at principal cities amounted to \$1,566,729 which was 6% less than in January, and 59% below February 1931. Production of cement declined to a new low level but shipments were larger than in the previous month.

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

Wholesale Trade.

A general improvement in distribution of merchandise at wholesale was in evidence during the past month. In four reporting lines of trade sales were larger than in the previous month, and the declines in all reporting lines as compared with the corresponding month a year ago were smaller in February than in January. While the increased distribution was attributable in part to the necessitous buying following the small purchases made in January, there is a stronger undertone of confidence and consumer demand is quickening in some localities. As retailers are still adhering strictly to the policy of limiting purchases to well defined immediate needs, any improvement in consumer buying is quickly reflected in wholesale channels. Inventories of wholesale firms showed but little change from the previous month, but were considerably smaller than a year ago. Collections in some lines increased, but declined in other lines, reflecting largely seasonal trends.

Sales of wholesale dry goods firms during February evidenced an expansion of 6.7% as compared with the previous month, which was somewhat less than seasonal, yet the decline of 23.2% from the corresponding month last year was smaller than in January. Merchants bought sparingly at the opening of the buying season, but have been making frequent re-orders as consumer demand materialized. Prices on most items of merchandise have shown greater stability. Collections reflected a seasonal decline.

Although the buying of farm implements is still at a low level, February sales were 42.5% larger than those in the previous month. Sales were 53.9% less than in the same month of 1931, yet the comparison was the most favorable shown since last August. Due to the low purchasing power, farmers are limiting their implement buying to actual necessities, and are repairing old implements wherever possible to carry them through the crop season. Collections showed an increase over the previous month but were considerably smaller than a year ago.

The buying of groceries at wholesale during February was on practically the same scale as in the previous month, but was 20.7% below that in February 1931. The latter comparison, however, was better than in January. Business was somewhat spotty with sales showing a substantial increase in some sections but a decline in others. Collections were 3.6% larger than in the previous month and showed a considerably higher ratio to outstandings at the end of January.

Following the sharp decline in January, the sales of reporting wholesale hardware firms showed a gain of 6.7% in February, which was considerably larger than the usual seasonal increase. While sales were 24.8% smaller than a year earlier, this figure was lower than that shown for any month since last summer. The improvement was fairly general over the district. Reports indicate that seasonal items were in good demand. Collections were 6.0% smaller than in the previous month.

The demand for drugs at wholesale during February continued on practically the same level as in January. Sales were 15.5% lower than in February 1931, yet there was a considerable improvement over that shown in December and January. Reports indicate that there has been a noticeable pick-up in demand in some sections, but it continues slow in others. Re-

tailers are still buying to cover immediate needs. Collections were smaller than in either the previous month or the corresponding month last year.

Retail Trade.

Despite a smaller number of business days, a considerable improvement characterized the past month's trade developments in retail channels of distribution. February sales of merchandise were 11.2% greater than those in the previous month, and while a decline of 22.2% was recorded as compared with the corresponding month a year ago, this is much better than the showing made in January. Distribution during the first two months of 1932 was 26.1% less than in the same period last year. Although demand for spring merchandise was retarded considerably during the first half of March by the low temperatures, business is now being stimulated by favorable weather and the early date of Easter.

Inventories held at the close of February reflected a substantial seasonal increase of 10.2%, but were 18.1% less than those held on the same date a year ago. The rate of stock turnover during January and February of 1932 was 40 as compared with 44 in those months of 1931.

A seasonal decline was evidenced in collections during the month. The ratio of February collections to accounts receivable on Feb. 1 was 29.8%, as against 31.3% in January, and 32.1% in February 1931.

Lumber Order Excess 20%—Production Still Curtailed.

Although comparable statistics indicate a decline of as much as 44% in both lumber production and orders from levels obtaining a year ago, the lumber movement continued through the week ended April 2 to show a substantial excess of orders over production. The excess was not to great as it has been in many recent weeks, amounting to about 20%, according to telegraphic orders to the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association from regional associations covering the operations of 669 leading hardwood and softwood mills. Production of these mills amounted to 116,568,000 feet. Their shipments exceeded the cut by 36%. A week earlier 693 mills reported orders 35% above and shipments 37% above a production of 113,599,000 feet. Comparison by identical mill figures for the latest week with the equivalent period a year ago shows, for softwoods, 435 mills, production 44% less, shipments 28% less and orders 44% less than for the week in 1931; for hardwoods, 167 mills, production 49% less, shipments 44% less and orders 42% under the volume for the week last year.

Lumber orders reported for the week ended April 2 1932 by 487 softwood mills totaled 128,199,000 feet, or 21% above the production of the same mills. Shipments as reported for the same week were 145,704,000 feet, or 37% above production. Production was 106,285,000 feet.

Reports from 198 hardwood mills give new business as 11,595,000 feet, or 13% above production. Shipments as reported for the same week were 12,910,000 feet, or 26% above production. Production was 10,283,000 feet. The Association further reports as follows:

Unfilled Orders.

Reports from 418 softwood mills give unfilled orders of 437,236,000 feet on April 2 1932, or the equivalent of 11 days' production. This is based upon production of latest calendar year (300-day year) and may be compared with unfilled orders of 479 softwood mills on April 4 1931, of 689,743,000 feet, the equivalent of 16 days' production.

The 388 identical softwood mills report unfilled orders as 427,354,000 feet on April 2 1932, or the equivalent of 11 days' average production, as compared with 714,203,000 feet, or the equivalent of 19 days' average production, on similar date a year ago. Last week's production of 435 identical softwood mills was 101,427,000 feet, and a year ago it was 182,344,000 feet; shipments were respectively 139,783,000 feet and 193,219,000; and orders received 122,463,000 feet and 218,803,000. In the case of hardwoods, 167 identical mills reported production last week and a year ago 8,885,000 feet and 17,357,000; shipments of 11,204,000 feet and 19,955,000; and orders 10,247,000 feet and 17,551,000.

Softwood Reports.

The West Coast Lumbermen's Association wired from Seattle the following new business, shipments and unfilled orders for 217 mills reporting for the week ended April 2:

NEW BUSINESS		UNSHIPPED ORDERS		SHIPMENTS	
	Feet		Feet		Feet
Domestic cargo delivery	25,417,000	Domestic cargo delivery	96,500,000	Coastwise and coastal	26,430,000
Export	11,280,000	Foreign	52,749,000	Export	15,971,000
Rail	23,017,000	Rail	68,867,000	Rail	24,947,000
Local	8,005,000			Local	8,005,000
Total	67,718,000	Total	218,116,000	Total	75,352,000

Production for the week was 59,618,000 feet.

For the year to March 28, 171 identical mills reported orders 14.6% above production and shipments were 16.7% above production. The same number of mills showed a decrease in inventories of 6.8% on March 28 as compared with Jan. 1.

Southern Pine.

The Southern Pine Association reported from New Orleans that for 119 mills reporting, shipments were 16% above production and orders 2% above production and 12% below shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 24,633,000 feet (previous week 29,274,000 at 123 mills); shipments 28,077,000 feet (previous week 27,384,000); and production 24,238,000 feet (previous week 23,666,000). Orders on hand at the end of the week at 101 mills were 65,751,000 feet. The 105 identical mills reported a decrease in production of 29% and in new business a decrease of 31% as compared with the same week a year ago.

Western Pine.

The Western Pine Association reported from Portland, Ore., that for 128 mills reporting, shipments were 81% above production and orders 53% above production and 16% below shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 33,500,000 feet (previous week 36,956,000 at 128 mills); shipments, 39,709,000 feet (previous week 38,599,000), and production 21,905,000 feet (previous week 19,385,000). Orders on hand

at the end of the week at 128 mills were 172,017,000 feet. The 106 identical mills reported a decrease in production of 53% and in new business a decrease of 50% 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 1,792,000 feet and new business 1,634,000 feet. The same number of mills reported a decrease of 30% in new business compared with the same week last year.

Northern Hemlock.

The Northern Hemlock & Hardwood Manufacturers' Association of Oshkosh, Wis., reported production from 16 mills as 524,000 feet, shipments 774,000 and orders 714,000. The 15 identical mills reported production 65% less and new business 23% less than for the same week a year ago.

Hardwood Reports.

The Hardwood Manufacturers' Institute of Memphis, Tenn., reported production from 182 mills as 9,273,000 feet, shipments 11,602,000 and new business 10,156,000. The 152 identical mills reported production 44% less and new business 44% less than for the same week last year.

The Northern Hemlock & Hardwood Manufacturers' Association of Oshkosh, Wis., reported production from 16 mills as 1,010,000 feet, shipments 1,308,000 and orders 1,439,000. The 15 identical mills reported a 75% decrease in production and a 13% decrease in orders, compared with the corresponding week of 1931.

Lumber Output During the Four Weeks Ended March 26 1932, as Reported by an Average of 608 Mills, Fell 48.6% Below the Same Period Last Year—Shipments Declined 36.2%, While Orders Were 38.4% Lower.

We give herewith data on identical mills for the four weeks ended March 26 1932 as reported by the National Lumber Manufacturers Association:

An average of 608 mills reported as follows to the National Lumber Trade Barometer for the four weeks ended March 26 1932:

(In Thousand Board Feet.)	Production.		Shipments.		Orders Received.	
	1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.
Softwoods.....	374,377	728,947	502,002	786,495	513,519	826,351
Hardwoods.....	38,740	75,238	51,621	82,645	47,942	85,106
Total.....	413,117	804,185	554,223	869,140	561,461	911,457

Production in the four weeks of March 1932 was 48.6% below corresponding weeks of 1931, as reported by these mills, and 69% below the record of comparable mills for the same period of 1930. 1932 softwood cut was 48.6% below that of the same weeks of 1931 and hardwood cut was 48.5% below 1931.

Shipments in the four weeks ended March 26 1932, were 36.2% below those of corresponding weeks of 1931, softwoods showing 36.1% decline, and hardwoods, 37.5% decline.

Orders received during the four weeks ended March 26 1932 were 38.4% below those of corresponding weeks of 1931 and 55.7% below orders for corresponding weeks of 1930. Softwoods showed decline of 38% and hardwoods decline of 43.7%.

The production of the reporting mills in the four weeks ended March 26 1932 was only 21% of their rated capacity and 39.5% of their three-year average production (same weeks of 1929-30-31).

On March 26 1932, gross stocks as reported by 384 softwood mills were 3,727,071,000 feet or the equivalent of 98 days' average production of the reporting mills, as compared with 4,592,148,000 feet on March 28 1931, the equivalent of 121 days' average production.

On March 26 1932, unfilled orders as reported by 561 mills (cutting either softwoods or hardwoods or both) were 542,444,000 feet, or the equivalent of 13 days' average production, as compared with 823,112,000 feet on March 28, 1931, the equivalent of 19 days' average production.

The lumber situation shows a slight improvement in March over February but the improvement is far below the usual seasonal upturn.

President Hoover Urges Those Contemplating Purchasing Automobiles to Place Orders Now and Contribute to Relieving Unemployment Conditions.

In a statement issued April 1 President Hoover urged those contemplating the purchase of a new automobile to place their orders now as a "real contribution" to relieving unemployment conditions. The President's statement follows:

The motor manufacturing companies have all launched their spring models. There is nothing that provides widespread employment more than automobile construction.

Every person contemplating buying a new car this year can make a real contribution to employment by putting in his order now, even though he does not take immediate delivery.

Allard Smith of Union Trust Company of Cleveland Believes Business Sufficiently Stabilized to Spur Drive for Increased Sales of New Automobiles.

Developments of the last six weeks have resulted in a sufficient stabilization of business and financial conditions to indicate success for the intensive drive for increased sales of new automobiles, declared Allard Smith, Executive Vice-President of the Union Trust Co. of Cleveland and Chairman of the Industrial Development Committee of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce, in a radio address at Cleveland. The Government program to restore financial confidence and assist business in general is now in active operation, Mr. Smith pointed out. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation, the Glass-Steagall bill and the return of millions of hidden money into circulation have all helped to provide a firm

foundation for the recovery of business. Discussing the automobile outlook he said:

There never was a time when so many people needed cars as right now. The streets are filled with old cars, many of which are practically junk. During the past two years many people failed to buy new cars because they did not have the money or the credit. But many others with funds or credit put off buying because they were worried about conditions in general and did not want to commit themselves to future payments.

During the past six weeks that situation has changed considerably. Business has improved, at least from the standpoint of stabilization. There is no longer as much reason for people who have money put away or who have regular incomes to be worried about the future. This means that hundreds of families who have been putting off buying a new car for the last two years may now be ready to go ahead.

Federal Motor Tax Proposal Assailed by S. D. Bryce, Jr., of National Automobile Chamber of Commerce—Warns that Threatened Levies Will Retard Industry's Drive for Trade Recovery.

Inclusion of a sales tax on automobile products in the Federal revenue program was assailed as "Governmental folly" in a radio talk given by Stephen D. Bryce, Jr., manager of the Educational Department of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, over station WOR, on March 31. Mr. Bryce said:

While Congress sits debating on methods to release the nation's suffering our industry is swinging into action. Accepting the responsibilities of leadership in promoting trade recovery, automobile manufacturers have united in the most intensive campaign that the country has ever witnessed.

He declared that the action of the House of Representatives last week in adopting the amendment calling for taxes on automobiles, trucks and automotive parts and accessories throws a serious wet-blanket on the industry's plans.

For proof that added taxes would exert "a lethal influence" on the sale of cars, Mr. Bryce referred to conditions in Tennessee where one out of every three cars in the State has already been withdrawn from service following the enactment of higher taxes. In two other States, he related, it has been necessary to relieve the car owner's tax burden by permitting him to buy his automobile license on the down payment plan. Mr. Bryce further said:

The present proposal lists automobiles for excise taxes along with yachts, furs, chewing gum, cosmetics, jewelry, sporting goods, beverages, candy, radios, phonographs, mechanical refrigerators and safety deposit boxes. Our industry would expect to pay its share of any general taxation program, but we will object as vigorously as we legitimately can to being singled out for additional burdens when the average automobile is already carrying more than 18% of its value in State and local tax levies.

Efforts to Curb Rubber Production Abandoned Due to Difficulty of Regulating Dutch East Indies' Output.

From London April 4 Associated Press advices stated:

Low prices for raw rubber for some time seem assured, as nature's laws of supply and demand and the survival of the fittest are to have their chance to operate almost unopposed in the industry.

After years of effort to draw up a method of restricting production which would offset the two surest economic forces, British and Dutch producers of most of the rubber in the world have agreed to quit trying, and to let happen what will.

The immediate consequence of collapse of the prolonged negotiations will be that many plantations in the Malay States, Dutch East Indies and Ceylon will shut down production and go on a care and maintenance basis.

Perhaps 15% of the rubber plantations of the world will be affected in this wise immediately, to remain dormant and unproductive until the industry shall improve, perhaps a long while.

Efforts were made to bring all producers together in a restrictive scheme, but after nearly four years these have been abandoned—for all time, official circles state—because of difficulties in regulating native production in the Dutch East Indies.

Nearly half the world's rubber consumption is in the United States, and about 80% of all the rubber manufactured in the world goes for motor-car tires.

See Rubber Output Cut—Symington and Wilson Believe London Market Price Now at Bottom.

From its London bureau the "Wall Street Journal" of March 31 reported the following:

Symington and Wilson state that the London rubber market seems to have found a level around 2d. a pound spot, which is about half the cost of production on average estates and that it is thus not unreasonable to suppose that any further decline in price is unlikely.

They declare that it is too soon to judge the complete effect of existing prices on production. The recent closing of a few estates in the Dutch East Indies probably will be followed by similar action by numerous other companies within the next few weeks, but any real reduction in shipments is unlikely to develop before May, they state.

They believe, however, that the influence of low prices on Dutch native output is likely to become apparent at once and point out that in January and February Dutch native exports totaled 11,452 tons, against 14,730 tons in the like months of 1931. The effect on Malayan native output is more problematical, they state, but some decline is expected.

Raw Silk Imports Declined in March—Approximate Deliveries to American Mills Increased—Inventories Lower.

According to the Silk Association of America, Inc., imports of raw silk received during the month of March 1932 totaled

38,866 bales, a decrease of 32.3% as compared with the corresponding period last year, when imports amounted to 57,391 bales. The current figures also is a decrease from 53,574 bales, the figure for February of this year.

Approximate deliveries to American mills increased from 45,909 bales in February 1932 to 46,761 bales in March. The latter figure is a decrease of 15.6% as compared with 55,383 bales delivered during March of last year.

Stocks at warehouses on March 31 1932 were 62,675 bales, as against 47,407 bales a year previous and 70,570 bales on Feb. 29 1932. The Association's statement follows:

RAW SILK IN STORAGE APRIL 1 1932.
(As reported by the principal public warehouses in New York City and Hoboken.)

Figures in Bales—	European.	Japan.	All Other.	Total.
In storage March 1 1932.....	1,349	63,869	5,352	70,570
Imports, month of March 1932. x.....	1,548	36,648	670	38,866
Total available during March.....	2,897	100,517	6,022	109,436
In storage April 1 1932. z.....	2,132	55,921	4,622	62,675
Approximate deliveries to American mills during March 1932. y.....	765	44,596	1,400	46,761

SUMMARY.

	Imports During the Month. x			Storage at End of Month. z		
	1932.	1931.	1930.	1932.	1931.	1930.
January.....	52,238	49,294	43,175	62,905	51,814	76,264
February.....	53,574	47,827	42,234	70,570	45,399	68,646
March.....	38,866	57,391	39,990	62,675	47,407	57,773
April.....	---	29,446	37,515	---	35,497	53,704
May.....	---	42,264	22,596	---	32,688	35,477
June.....	---	46,825	22,369	---	37,352	28,450
July.....	---	37,315	47,063	---	29,921	35,565
August.....	---	58,411	51,147	---	41,878	44,973
September.....	---	48,040	58,292	---	36,099	47,621
October.....	---	70,490	65,594	---	49,921	51,278
November.....	---	67,999	55,293	---	67,275	49,238
December.....	---	50,617	64,616	---	69,460	58,430
Total.....	144,678	605,919	549,884	---	---	---
Average monthly.....	48,226	60,493	48,824	65,383	45,393	50,619

	Approximate Deliveries to American Mills. y			Approximate Amount of Japan Silk in Transit Between Japan and New York End of Month.		
	1932.	1931.	1930.	1932.	1931.	1930.
January.....	58,793	55,910	57,683	48,500	37,700	37,000
February.....	45,909	54,242	49,852	31,000	37,700	24,000
March.....	46,761	55,383	50,863	28,800	21,300	17,800
April.....	---	41,356	41,584	---	24,800	8,000
May.....	---	45,073	40,823	---	36,900	7,700
June.....	---	42,161	29,396	---	33,400	16,300
July.....	---	44,746	39,948	---	41,600	31,200
August.....	---	46,454	41,734	---	40,500	41,700
September.....	---	53,819	55,649	---	53,200	51,600
October.....	---	56,668	61,937	---	59,700	46,400
November.....	---	50,645	57,333	---	50,800	45,500
December.....	---	48,432	55,424	---	53,900	35,600
Total.....	151,463	694,889	582,226	---	---	---
Average monthly.....	50,488	49,574	48,519	36,100	40,958	30,233

x Covered by European manifests Nos. 10 to 15 inclusive, Asiatic manifests Nos. 47 to 67 inclusive. y Includes re-exports. z Includes 1,663 bales held at terminals at end of month. Stocks in warehouses include National Raw Silk Exchange certified stocks, 5,400 bales.

Sales of Fertilizer in Six Cotton Growing States in Four Months to March—Smallest in That Period for More Than Ten Years.

Sales of fertilizer in six cotton-growing States during the four months from December to March, inclusive, were the smallest in that period in more than a decade, according to the New York Cotton Exchange Service, which under date of April 5 said:

They totaled only 483,000 tons against 1,059,000 last year, a maximum of 2,071,000 in 1928 and a minimum in the past decade of 996,000 in 1922.

The total sales in the six States in the month of March alone aggregated only 259,000 tons compared with 626,000 in the same month last year and 984,000 two years ago. These sales are compiled on the basis of sales of fertilizer tags, sold by State control officials. The States covered by these figures are North Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Louisiana, and Texas.

Fall in Tin Price in Bolivia Prompts Central Bank to Restrict Foreign Drafts to Conserve Gold Reserve.

From La Paz, Bolivia, April 5 a wireless message to the New York "Times" stated:

In view of the new fall in the price of tin to £106 a ton the Central Bank is adopting drastic measures to protect its gold reserves by restricting the sale of drafts on foreign currency.

The new price of tin makes all work in Bolivian mines unprofitable and it is feared that the consequent cessation of balancing exports might permit drafts on London to deplete the gold reserves enormously in the near future.

Under the emergency law of Sept. 23 1931 the Central Bank is authorized to sell only foreign drafts bought from exporters and under no circumstances to dispose of its gold reserves. If the low tin prices last without bettering the worst situation on record is forecast for Bolivian import activities.

It is hoped that mining circles will start soon to begin the exploitation of other minerals, such as lead, tungsten, antimony and zinc for the United States market in order to avert increased unemployment.

Dutch, British and Other Tin Producers Said to Plan Further Production Restriction.

From Amsterdam April 5 a wireless message to the New York "Times" stated:

It is generally expected here that the Dutch, British and other tin producers will decide further to restrict production, as the present limitation has proved insufficient to prevent a heavy drop in prices.

The syndicate is expected also to take still larger quantities of tin off the market. So far 21,000 tons have been withdrawn.

Declines in New York Cocoa Exchange Incident to Tax Imposed on Trading on Commodity Exchanges.

The cocoa market moved along in a steady range during the week ended April 1 until news came out that the House of Representatives had passed the tax of 5c. per \$100 on commodities traded on produce exchanges. The effect, says the Exchange, was to bring out liquidation from Wall Street commission houses and prices declined on April 1. Net declines for the week ended April 1 were 14 to 18 points.

New York Cocoa Exchange—Total Arrivals in March 624,252 Bags, Compared with 388,328 in February.

The New York Cocoa Exchange reports that total arrivals of cocoa for March were 624,252 bags, compared with 388,328 bags in February and 266,170 bags in March 1931. Warehouse stocks on April 1 totaled 369,739 bags, compared with 192,528 bags a year ago.

The volume of trading on the Exchange for March was 3,186 lots, or 42,692 tons, compared with 1,217 lots, or 16,308 tons, for March 1931.

Petroleum and Its Products—Crude Oil Price Advances Spread Throughout Louisiana and Arkansas—Texas Company Announces Retroactive Increase—Seek Curtailment of Output in California.

The crude oil price advance continued this week, with other companies joining in the general 15c. per barrel increase posted April 1, and with the extension of the advance to include Louisiana and Arkansas oil fields.

The Texas Company on April 6 announced that, retroactive to April 1, it has raised Gulf Coast prices to conform with the higher levels in the Mid-Continent and Texas. The Texas Company boosted crude oil prices 10c. to 15c. a barrel in all of its southwest territory. The top price in Oklahoma, Texas and the Gulf Coast is now \$1 for 40 gravity and above, while a flat price of 98c. obtains in east Texas.

Effective on April 6, the Magnolia Petroleum Co. extended its recent 15c. advance to Louisiana and Arkansas, making the new price range 68c. for below 25 gravity to \$1 on 40 gravity and above. Eldorado east field and Smackover district, Arkansas, was advanced 10c. a barrel to 65c.

The California producing units have watched the advances in Mid-Continent and adjoining territories with much interest. However, it is the opinion of Ralph B. Lloyd, President of the Oil Producers Sales Agency of California, that "any improvement in the California oil industry must be predicated on curtailment of production to approximately 456,700 barrels daily." Last week's output averaged 497,100 barrels daily. Mr. Lloyd further states that "it is necessary that those in authority use their best endeavors to bring about a more stabilized and satisfactory condition. On the other hand, it is just as important that the producer do his part in keeping curtailment within reasonable limits of demand, for the purchasing companies have not the money to buy and store crude oil at the present time."

The price advance in Southwestern oil fields has not been met unanimously, some companies apparently taking the attitude that such a sharp mark-up is not warranted under present conditions. Wholesale gasoline prices have advanced about 2c. a gallon from the low point holding at the close of last year, while quotations at refinery in the Group 3 (Mid-Continent) area are even lower than they were on Nov. 2 of last year when the last previous crude advance was posted. However, it is the general feeling in the trade that as soon as the influence of mounting retail consumption is felt, the companies who have not met the advance will fall in line.

The Humble Oil & Refining Co. has not posted a new price for east Texas crude, but will pay on a basis of a flat price of 83c. a barrel for all oil it purchases in the district. Heretofore Humble has paid the average price for east Texas area products.

Price changes follow:

April 4.—Effective retroactively as of April 1, the Texas Company to-day posted higher crude oil prices as follow: 15c. advance per barrel in Oklahoma, north Texas, north central Texas, central Texas, west Texas, Gray County, north Louisiana and Darst Creek 10c. advance in Smackover, Carson and Hutchinson countries, east Texas on a flat basis of 98c. a barrel; Gulf Coast prices advanced 10c. to 15c. a barrel, making the new schedule in this area begin at 80c. for below 25 gravity, with a 1c. advance for each higher degree of gravity to 36 degrees at 92c., and thence 2c. advance for each higher degree to 40 and above at \$1.

April 7.—Magnolia Petroleum Co., effective as of April 6, extends its 15c. advance in crude oil prices to Louisiana and Arkansas fields. New prices range from 68c. on below 25 gravity to \$1 on 40 degrees and above. Eldorado east field and Smackover district, Arkansas, advanced 10c. a barrel to 65c.

April 7.—Humble Oil & Refining Co. will not post price for east Texas crude, but will pay on basis of flat price of 83c. a barrel for oil purchased in that area. Hitherto this company has paid the average price for east Texas crude.

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.-----	\$0.78
Corning, Pa.-----	.80	Rusk, Texas, 40 and over.-----	*.83
Illinois-----	.80	Salt Creek, Wyo., 40 and over.-----	.85
Western Kentucky-----	.75	Dart Creek.-----	.90
Mid-Continent, Okla., 40 and above	1.00	Sunburst, Mont.-----	1.05
Hutchinson, Texas, 40 and over.-----	*.81	Santa Fe Springs, Calif., 40 and over	.75
Spindletop, Texas, 40 and over.-----	*.81	Huntington, Calif., 26.-----	.72
Winkler, Texas.-----	*.86	Petrolia, Canada.-----	1.75
macro ver., Ark., 24 and over.-----	.77		

* Effective April 1 1932.

REFINED PRODUCTS—GASOLINE PRICES UP IN TEXAS—
KEROSENE FIRMER HERE—LIGHT FUEL OILS STRONGER
IN METROPOLITAN AREA.

Gasoline prices in Texas and Oklahoma were advanced this week as a result of further extension of the higher postings for crude oil. Gulf Oil Corp. and Humble Oil & Refining Co. advanced gasoline 1c. a gallon in Houston, Texas, quoting 19c for Ethyl, service station; 16c. for regular, and 11c. for third grade, all including 4c. State tax.

Tank-wagon prices in Oklahoma have also been boosted, many companies following the lead of the Continental Oil Co. in posting a 1c. per gallon advance, making the new State structure 17c., 15c. and 12c. for the three grades handled, all prices including State tax of 4c. Service station prices are 19c., 17c. and 14c., respectively. Empire also advanced tank-car prices at Tulsa 1/4c., making United States Motor 4 1/2c., 5c. and 5 1/4c. for the three grades.

Spot gasoline prices in Chicago are firm, but hold to last week's levels. It is believed that the trade will await definite action by several major purchasers on the matter of higher crude prices before lifting the general market prices for refined products. Chicago is expecting an advance in tank-car prices as soon as the \$1 per barrel crude price becomes definitely established.

Refined products have been firm and steady in the New York area, although no further price changes were noted this week. United States Motor gasoline, below 65 octane, ranges from 5 3/4c. to 6c. a gallon, while above 65 octane is held at 6 1/4c. to 6 1/2c. Increased activity is reported in export gasoline demand. Kerosene has been in better call this week, and a more definite trend toward higher postings noted. Tank-car price for 41-43 water white kerosene holds to 5 1/4c. to 5 1/2c. per gallon at refinery. Grade C bunker fuel oil at New York has not yet been advanced from its 65c. per barrel position, although Philadelphia is now firmly established at 70c. Diesel oil continues firm and moderately active at \$1.30 a barrel, refinery.

Due to the fact that stocks of light fuel oil are reported to be comparatively small, prices are well maintained in this group. Pennsylvania lubricating oils are in better demand.

Price changes follow:

April 4.—Continental Oil Co., Tulsa., advances gasoline 1c. per gallon throughout Oklahoma. New tank-wagon prices for the three grades handled follow, service station being 2c. higher: 17c., 15c. and 12c., all inclusive of State tax of 4c.

April 4.—Empire advances gasoline tank-car price structure at Tulsa, Okla., 1/4c. per gallon, new prices for three grades being 4 1/4c., 5c. and 5 1/4c.

April 4.—Gulf Refining Co. and Humble Oil & Refining Co. advance gasoline prices 1c. per gallon at Houston, Texas, new prices being 19c., 16c. and 11c. for three grades, including 4c. State tax, thus meeting similar advance posted April 1 by Magnolia Petroleum Co.

Gasoline, Service Station, Tax Included.

New York-----	\$.16	Cincinnati-----	\$.17	Kansas City-----	\$.149
Atlanta-----	.195	Cleveland-----	.17	Minneapolis-----	.162
Baltimore-----	.159	Denver-----	.19	New Orleans-----	.118
Boston-----	.175	Detroit-----	.13	Philadelphia-----	.13
Buffalo-----	.163	Houston-----	.16	San Francisco-----	.17
Chicago-----	.15	Jacksonville-----	.19	St. Louis-----	.129

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

N. Y. (Bayonne) \$0.05 1/4-.05 1/2	Chicago-----	\$.02 1/4-.03 1/2	New Orleans, ex.-----	\$.03 1/2	
North Texas-----	.03	Los Ang., ex.-----	.04 1/4-.06	Tulsa-----	.04 1/4-.03 1/2

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

N. Y. (Bayonne)-----	California 27 plus D	Gulf Coast "C"-----	\$.55-.65
Bunker "C"-----	\$.75-1.00	Chicago 18-22 D.-----	.42 1/2-.50
Diesel 28-30 D.-----	1.30	New Orleans "C"-----	.50
		Philadelphia "C"-----	.70

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 Octane) Car Lots, F.O.B. Refinery.

N. Y. (Bayonne)-----	N. Y. (Bayonne)-----	Chicago-----	\$.03 1/4-.04
Standard Oil, N. J.-----	Pan-Am. Pet. Co.-----	New Orleans, ex.-----	.05-.05 1/2
Motor, 60 oc.-----	Shell Eastern Pet.-----	Arkansas-----	.04-.04 1/2
tane-----	.05 1/4	California-----	.05-.07
Motor, 65 oc.-----	New York-----	Los Angeles, ex.-----	.04 1/4-.07
tane-----	Colonial-Beacon.-----	Gulf Ports-----	.05-.05 1/2
Motor, standard-----	Crew Levick-----	Tulsa-----	.04 1/4-.05 1/2
Stand. Oil, N. Y.-----	z Texas-----	Pennsylvania-----	.05 1/2
Tide Water Oil Co.-----	Gulf-----		
Richfield Oil (Cal)-----	Continental-----		
Warner-Quin. Co.-----	Republic Oil-----		

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

Weekly Refining Statistics for the United States.

Reports compiled by the American Petroleum Institute for the week ended April 2, from companies aggregating 3,661,600 barrels, or 95.1% of the 3,852,000 barrel estimated

daily potential refining capacity of the United States, indicate that 2,198,000 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, 46,519,000 barrels of gasoline, and 124,110,000 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 2,922,000 barrels of cracked gasoline during the week. The complete report for the week ended April 2 1932 follows:

CRUDE RUNS TO STILLS, GASOLINE AND GAS AND FUEL OIL STOCK
WEEK ENDED APRIL 2 1932.
(Figures in barrels of 42 gallons each)

District.	Per Cent Potential Capacity Report- ing.	Crude Runs to Stills.	Per Cent Oper. of Total Capacity Report.	Gasoline Stocks. a	Gas and Fuel Oil Stocks.
East Coast-----	100.0	3,072,000	69.3	7,015,000	5,848,000
Appalachian-----	91.8	628,000	65.3	1,858,000	1,114,000
Ind., Illinois, Kentucky Okla., Kans., Missouri.	98.9	2,217,000	73.4	6,510,000	4,040,000
Texas-----	89.6	1,499,000	49.2	3,953,000	2,986,000
Louisiana-Arkansas-----	91.3	3,496,000	65.2	8,764,000	8,700,000
Rocky Mountain-----	98.9	1,117,000	69.2	1,901,000	4,287,000
California-----	89.4	212,000	21.1	2,027,000	637,000
	96.7	3,145,000	50.8	14,491,000	96,498,000
Total week April 2-----	95.1	15,386,000	60.0	46,519,000	124,110,000
Daily average-----		2,198,000			
Total week March 26-----	95.2	15,232,000	59.4	46,726,000	124,173,000
Daily average-----		2,176,000			
Total April 4 1931-----	95.7	15,623,000	62.5	645,603,000	126,433,000
Daily average-----		2,231,900			
c Texas Gulf Coast-----	99.8	2,825,000	75.9	7,195,000	6,088,000
c Louisiana Gulf Coast-----	100.0	817,000	79.1	1,778,000	3,627,000

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 basic 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 April 2 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."

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 manufacture to the ultimate consumer. While it might appear to some that these quantities represent newly found stocks of this product, the industry itself and those closely connected with it, have always generally known of their existence. The report for the week ended Aug. 22 1931, was the first time that definite statistics had ever been presented covering the amount of such stocks. The publication of this information is in line with the Institute's policy to collect, and publish in the aggregate, statistical information of interest and value to the petroleum industry.

For the purpose of these statistics, which 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.		
	April 2 1932.	March 26 1932.	April 4 1931.	April 2 1932.	March 26 1932.	April 4 1931.
East Coast-----	9,143,000	9,261,000	9,226,000	1,176,000	1,136,000	1,930,000
Appalachian-----	273,000	296,000	249,000	-----	-----	-----
Ind., Ill., Ky-----	2,139,000	2,137,000	989,000	-----	66,000	-----
Okla., Kans., Mo.-----	944,000	893,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
Texas-----	166,000	289,000	196,000	-----	-----	18,000
La.-Ark-----	327,000	270,000	474,000	28,000	-----	35,000
Rocky Mountain-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total east of Calif.-----	12,992,000	13,146,000	11,134,000	1,204,000	1,202,000	1,983,000
Texas Gulf-----	126,000	194,000	171,000	-----	-----	18,000
Louisiana Gulf-----	281,000	214,000	450,000	28,000	-----	35,000

Crude Oil Output in the United States Falls Off.

The American Petroleum Institute estimates that the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended April 2 was 2,154,000 barrels, as compared with 2,163,050 barrels for the preceding week, a decrease of 9,050 barrels. Compared with the output for the week ended April 4 1931, of 2,252,100 barrels per day, the current figure represents a decrease of 98,100 barrels daily. The daily average production east of California for the week ended April 2 1932 was 1,656,900 barrels, as compared with 1,670,950 barrels for the previous week, a decrease of

14,050 barrels. The following are estimates of daily average gross production by districts:

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION (FIGURES IN BARRELS).

Weeks Ended—	Apr. 2 '32.	Mar. 26 '32.	Mar. 19 '32.	Apr. 4 '32.
Oklahoma.....	408,100	435,900	421,150	511,550
Kansas.....	96,350	98,750	99,600	108,950
Panhandle Texas.....	47,200	46,750	47,050	51,400
North Texas.....	49,650	49,650	50,050	57,650
West Central Texas.....	24,500	24,950	24,700	25,350
West Texas.....	181,750	174,450	179,800	245,050
East Central Texas.....	55,150	55,250	55,100	47,500
East Texas.....	331,050	327,750	329,350	144,700
Southwest Texas.....	53,750	54,300	52,150	61,150
North Louisiana.....	28,350	27,900	27,250	39,250
Arkansas.....	34,900	34,150	34,150	47,200
Coastal Texas.....	110,900	109,050	107,400	153,800
Coastal Louisiana.....	30,600	28,300	26,100	26,650
Eastern (not incl. Michigan).....	103,150	103,050	98,900	101,050
Michigan.....	35,600	35,800	34,500	8,450
Wyoming.....	39,600	39,800	34,500	42,650
Montana.....	6,650	6,300	6,500	8,700
Colorado.....	3,500	3,550	3,500	4,150
New Mexico.....	37,900	37,150	37,450	41,800
California.....	497,100	492,100	508,000	525,100
Total.....	2,154,000	2,163,050	2,157,200	2,252,100

The estimated daily average gross production for the Mid-Continent field, including Oklahoma, Kansas, Panhandle, North, West Central, West, East Central, East and Southwest Texas, North Louisiana and Arkansas, for the week ended April 2, was 1,311,250 barrels, as compared with 1,329,800 barrels for the preceding week, a decrease of 18,550 barrels. The Mid-Continent production excluding Smackover (Arkansas) heavy oil was 1,287,550 barrels, as compared with 1,306,750 barrels, a decrease of 19,200 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—		—Week Ended—	—Week Ended—
	Apr. 2.	Mar. 26.		Apr. 2.	Mar. 26.
Oklahoma—			Southwest Texas—		
Bowlegs.....	11,550	12,400	Chapman-Abbott.....	1,450	1,500
Bristow-Slick.....	11,350	11,400	Darst Creek.....	15,600	16,250
Burbank.....	11,950	10,950	Luling.....	7,350	7,400
Carr City.....	15,500	15,300	Salt Flat.....	9,600	9,400
Earlsboro.....	14,000	13,400	North Louisiana—		
East Earlsboro.....	12,800	12,000	Sarepta-Carterville.....	800	800
South Earlsboro.....	3,800	3,500	Zwolle.....	6,050	5,600
Konawa.....	5,050	5,250	Arkansas—		
Little River.....	13,300	17,300	Smackover, light.....	2,900	2,900
East Little River.....	2,000	1,900	Smackover, heavy.....	23,700	23,050
Maud.....	2,050	2,100	Coastal Texas—		
Mission.....	6,750	7,500	Barbers Hill.....	18,400	17,400
Oklahoma City.....	83,050	111,750	Raccoon Bend.....	4,900	4,900
St. Louis-Pearson.....	17,050	17,400	Refugio County.....	10,000	10,300
Searight.....	3,500	3,200	Sugarland.....	10,050	10,100
Seminole.....	11,300	10,650	Coastal Louisiana—		
East Seminole.....	1,250	1,150	East Hackberry.....	7,650	4,800
Kansas—			Old Hackberry.....	600	600
Ritz.....	10,500	12,200	Wyoming—		
Sedgwick County.....	14,500	14,500	Salt Creek.....	22,300	23,800
Voshell.....	7,700	7,950	Montana—		
Panhandle Texas—			Kevin-Sunburst.....	3,450	3,450
Gray County.....	28,500	28,200	New Mexico—		
Hutchinson County.....	12,500	12,150	Hobbs High.....	31,300	31,300
North Texas—			Balance Lea County.....	4,350	3,650
Archer County.....	10,900	10,900	California—		
North Young County.....	5,900	5,900	Elwood-Goleta.....	16,700	15,800
Wilbarger County.....	9,650	9,650	Huntington Beach.....	21,900	21,700
West Central Texas—			Inglewood.....	13,500	13,800
South Young County.....	3,600	3,700	Kettleman Hills.....	61,800	55,500
West Texas—			Long Beach.....	80,500	80,500
Crane & Upton Counties.....	19,900	20,050	Midway-Sunset.....	48,300	49,900
Ector County.....	5,550	5,500	Playa del Rey.....	19,100	19,000
Howard-Glassecock.....	23,500	23,600	Santa Fe Springs.....	65,300	64,900
Reagan County.....	22,400	23,350	Seal Beach.....	12,400	12,400
Winkler County.....	32,100	32,100	Ventura Avenue.....	30,400	30,400
Yates.....	65,000	56,300	Pennsylvania Grade—		
Balance Pecos County.....	2,400	2,500	Allegheny.....	7,150	7,300
East Central Texas—			Bradford.....	28,750	27,900
Van Zandt County.....	48,900	49,050	Kane to Butler.....	8,000	6,850
East Texas—			Southwestern Penna.....	2,950	3,200
Rusk County: Jolner.....	106,500	105,900	Southeastern Ohio.....	4,800	4,950
Kilgore.....	103,200	102,150	West Virginia.....	11,500	12,850
Gregg Co.: Longview.....	121,350	119,700			

Secretary of Interior Wilbur Opens Public Lands to Oil Prospectors—Issues Order Calling for Unit Operation, After Shutdown Since 1929.

Authorization for reopening to oil prospectors the public lands of the Federal Government under regulations requiring unit operation in the event of discovery of an oil pool was announced on April 4 by Secretary of the Interior Wilbur, in making public an order issued to the Commissioner of the General Land Office. A Washington dispatch, April 4, from which we quote, likewise said:

Unit operation is expected to discourage speculation in permits. Secretary Wilbur's order recalled that no permits to prospect for oil or gas have been issued since March 13 1929. In the resumption of prospecting, 60 days will be allowed for reappliation for persons who at that time had on file applications for permits. The Administration's decision to reopen the public lands was based on several months' experience under the Walsh bill authorizing unit operation under Government leases.

Basis of Exploration

"Our experience under it," Secretary Wilbur declared in instructing the general land office to issue permits, "affords a basis for renewed exploration on the public domain without injuring conservation of our irreplaceable oil and gas resources."

The new regulations bind permittees to submit for approval of the Secretary of the Interior within two years from the date of the permit an acceptable plan for the prospecting and development as a unit of the pool, field or area affecting the permit land, with evidence either that such plan has agreed to by the parties in interest and will insure effective unit operation if oil or gas is discovered, or that in the failure to so agree the parties will conform to such plan as the Secretary may prescribe.

"The applicant is to agree that in the event of a discovery he will promptly apply for leases on the entire permit area and that there will be no production except under an approved unit or other co-operative plan. In addition, the applicant is to agree to abide by any State or Federal laws including State limitations of production."

In the "Wall Street Journal" Secretary Wilbur is quoted as saying:

"Unit operation of the oil pools offers the most substantial realizable basis yet developed for constructive handling of oil conservation. Authority to permit this manner of operation was placed within the department by legislation secured in the last session of Congress under the leadership of Senator Thomas J. Walsh of Montana. It now seems wise to open the public domain to oil development under this authority.

"The objective of the plan under which prospecting is again permitted will be the protection of the correlative rights of all permittees, whether large or small, through requiring the operation of fields as units with a division of the output in proportion to holdings. Under the stipulations that go with the instructions, the bona fide prospector will find no difficulty, but the speculator will find little encouragement. The plan will also require that every permittee on a structure has an equal opportunity to recover the oil and gas underneath his land under conditions which will protect the government and will insure against wasteful methods and overproduction with its unnecessary losses."

Oklahoma Commission Raises Oil Output Limit—Allows 12,500-Barrel-a-Day Increase.

Associated Press advices to the New York "Times" from Oklahoma City, March 31 state that an oral order calling for an increase of 12,500 barrels a day in the allowable production of Oklahoma oil fields to 443,000 barrels a day was issued to-day by the Corporation Commission. Continuing, the advices say:

Elimination of the 10% restriction on production of stripper wells was ordered by the commission. Allowable for the Oklahoma City field for the next fifteen days was set at 103,000 barrels daily, compared to 115,000 barrels for the last eight days of March, due to the fact that the Sinclair Company which had been calling for 11,000 barrels daily, made no nomination.

East Texas Oil Field Extended.

East Texas oil field was extended one mile east, says Houston advices, March 30, to the New York Evening "Post", when the Carroll-McIntyre well on Charles Dickerson lease, south of Overton, in Rusk County, was brought in for production as yet ungauged. Total depth of the hole is 3,672 feet. Forty feet of oil sand, with some broken shale was drilled.

Texas Oil Proration—Railroad Commission Asks Gulf Coast Operators to Distribute Daily Allowable Among 40 Fields.

Austin (Texas) advices to The "Wall Street Journal", April 1 state that operators in the 40 fields of the Gulf Coast region have been requested by the Texas Railroad Commission to have the 110,000-barrel daily allowable of that area distributed among these fields and the figures ready to be submitted to the commission for consideration at a hearing in Houston, April 15. The advices add:

The new proration order, which will be amended from time to time, will give the state a maximum of approximately 860,000 barrels daily. Actual production at this time is approximately 852,000 barrels daily.

Beginning April 1, the daily well allowable of the East Texas field was cut one barrel, bringing it down 71 barrels daily a well.

Increase of 9,304 Barrels in Daily Output of Oil in East Texas Field.

The East Texas oil field continues its rapid drilling campaign, the past week recording 90 new wells completed, six more than in the week preceding and bringing the total to 4,659 according to Houston advices April 4, to the "Wall Street Journal."

Daily average production last week was 337,050 barrels, a gain of 9,304 barrels daily over the week previous.

Peru Plans Oil Monopoly—Bill in Congress Would Authorize Seizure of Present Companies.

The Peruvian Congress is considering a bill to create in Peru a gasoline monopoly which would be required to build refineries at Lima, said a cablegram, March 27, from Lima to the New York "Times" which further said:

Under the bill companies now operating here would be compelled to surrender their properties and the new corporation would be required to sell at a price based upon cost in the United States plus freight and other charges. Profit would be limited to 10% of the capital of 10,000,000 soles plus a bonus for increased sales.

The bill would authorize the President to expropriate oil properties here and to negotiate purchases abroad on a basis of "buy from those who buy from us."

The new corporation would be allowed to issue bonds up to 20,000,000 sales to indemnify the owners of expropriated property and construct necessary new plants. The monopoly would be required to guarantee to the treasury a daily payment of not less than its present income from petroleum but it would be freed of all other taxes and customs duties.

Although the bill was introduced Wednesday it was not published until today.

Hobbs Townsite Firm Asks Damages Against Midwest Refining Co.—Alleged Failure to Produce Well at Capacity.

The Hobbs Townsite Co. of Denver has filed suit at Lovington, N. M., against the Midwest Refining Co. (Stand-

ard of Indiana), seeking to collect \$556,000 damages for alleged failure to produce an oil well in the townsite at capacity and to drill up the acreage on the basis of one well to each 10 acres. Denver advices to the "Wall Street Journal", April 5, from which the foregoing is taken add:

The action, which indirectly hits at proration in the Hobbs pool, has been transferred from the state court to the federal District Court at Santa Fe. Thirty days were allowed for transcribing the records and 30 days for pleading.

Subsequently additional suits of the same nature were filed by royalty owners against the Skelly Oil Co., the Amerada Petroleum Corp., the Shell Petroleum Corp. and the Landreth Production Co. More suits by other royalty owners against other operators in the field are likely. The issues raised may bring up for legal determination important questions affecting other fields in the country where the spacing of wells has followed a practice similar to that at Hobbs.

Wells in Hobbs pool have been produced under a proration agreement between operators and the State of New Mexico since July 10, 1930, or practically since the marketing of the output began.

Russian Soviet Reported Opposing Oil Output Curb—Willing to Come in Line with Foreign Groups' Plan for Price Stabilization.

From the New York "Evening Post" we take the following from London, April 5:

The Royal Dutch Co. and other interests are reported as urging the Soviet Government to agree on a measure of stabilization of the oil industry. The agreement with the interests owned by the Soviet expired on April 1, since when Soviet products have been sold at competitive prices.

It is learned that while the Russian companies are prepared to come in line upon price fixing, they will not agree to any limitation of the quantity to be marketed. Sir Henry Deterding of the Royal Dutch Company is the chief negotiator in behalf of the big oil groups.

Uruguay Raises Gasoline Tax.

Associated Press accounts from Montevideo (Uruguay), March 31 stated:

The National Administrative Council has approved an additional tax of two centavos a liter on gasoline to increase the public revenue.

Newfoundland Plans Oil Import Monopoly.

It was announced March 24, by the Department of Commerce at Washington that a measure has been introduced into the Newfoundland Assembly providing for a petroleum monopoly, according to a report to the Department from Assistant Trade Commissioner Herbert W. Barrett, Ottawa. The Department says:

This legislation proposes to make it unlawful for any interest other than the Petroleum Products Board to import petroleum products, except under license, and license holders would be required to pay a royalty of a sum which when added to the landed cost per gallon will amount to the wholesale price as determined by the Governor in Council.

Humble Oil & Refining Co. Posts 83 Cents Crude Rate.

The following is from the New York "Evening Post" of April 8:

Doubt whether conditions in the East Texas field warranted the recent increase of 15 cents a barrel to 98 cents arose to-day following announcement by the Humble Oil & Refining Co. of a flat rate of 83 cents for the field.

In other sections, however, the recent strength in prices spread. An increase of 15 cents for crude oil and an upward revision in gasoline prices were announced for Louisiana and Arkansas.

The Magnolia Petroleum Co., a subsidiary of the Standard Oil Co. of New York, posted the increased schedule which brought the highest price for oil of 40 degrees gravity to \$1 a barrel. The rise was accompanied by an advance of 1/2 cent a gallon for gasoline at wholesale in the Mid-Continent, fixing the new price at 4 1/4 cents.

Copper Price Changed to 5 3/4 Cents, Equaling Record Low.

Custom smelter agencies are willing to sell copper at 5 1/2c. delivered, equaling the record low made in December 1931, and 3 1/4c. a pound below any price at which copper sold prior to 1931. The price was 9c. in 1894, says the "Wall Street Journal" of last night (April 8), adding:

Producers are out of the market and only limited tonnages are available at 5 1/2c. delivered.

Electrolytic copper for domestic shipment is 5 1/2c. delivered to the end of July. European destinations are unchanged at 6c. c.i.f. Hamburg, Havre and London on special offerings. The official price of Copper Exporters, Inc., remains unchanged at 6 1/4c.

Governors of 12 States Urge President Hoover to Propose Legislation for Tariff on Foreign Copper.

According to Associated Press advices from Phoenix (Ariz.), April 5, Governors of 12 States joined that day in urging President Hoover to advocate immediate legislation for a tariff on foreign copper. The dispatches said:

The Executives charged the domestic industry is in "extreme distress as a result of stagnating effects of cheap labor metal brought in from Africa and South America."

Those signing the petition were George W. P. Hunt, Arizona; George H. Dern, Utah; Henry H. Horton, Tennessee; Wilbur M. Brucker, Michigan; C. Ben Ross, Idaho; A. M. Clark, Wyoming; J. E. Erickson, Montana;

F. B. Balzar, Nevada; Arthur Seligman, New Mexico; James Rolph, Jr., California; Roland H. Hartley, Washington, and Julius L. Meier, Oregon.

Copies of the petition, drafted by the Arizona Copper Tariff Commission, were mailed to the various Chief Executives for their approval by Governor Hunt.

Copper Production Cut—International Nickel Head Reports 90% of Companies at 20% of Capacity.

The following, from Toronto, is from the "Wall Street Journal" of March 30:

Directors were re-elected at the annual meeting of stockholders of the International Nickel Co. of Canada, Ltd.

R. C. Stanley, President, said that a week ago 90% of the world's copper producers reduced output to 20% of capacity from 26 1/2%.

Commenting on the distribution of International Nickel stock, the President said that 43% was held in the United States against 46% a year ago; 22% in Canada against 21%, while English holdings were unchanged at 32%. Distribution of shareholders was: Canada 44% against 47%, Great Britain 19% against 21%, and the United States 36% against 31%. These figures showed that 54% of the outstanding stock was held in the Empire by 63% of the total shareholders.

The Non-Ferrous Metals—Copper Reflects Weakness in Finance Market.

Another sinking spell in security markets and its emphasis of disappointment over the general state of spring trade did the non-ferrous metals market no good in the week just closing, "Metal and Mineral Markets" states under date of April 7, adding:

Copper sold abroad yesterday on the basis of 6c., c.i.f. terms, and the metal was available here at 5.75c., delivered Connecticut, a decline of 1/4c.

Tin and silver declined as the result of liquidation by weak holders of these metals. Lead, however, sold in fair volume at unchanged prices, with the undertone steady in nearly all directions. Zinc was well maintained on confirmation of reports that production during the current month will be reduced by at least one producer. Antimony was dull and somewhat lower. In quicksilver, competition for business resulted in some scattered sales at concessions.

The weakness that crept into the copper market was largely in sympathy with the unfavorable developments in financial markets. Producers appear satisfied that they are making steady progress in bringing production below the current rate of consumption. Stocks of refined copper declined by approximately 3,000 tons during February, and another moderate reduction is expected for March. Actual demand for copper products registered little or no improvement in the last few weeks, but operators at this juncture are expecting little aid in reducing holdings from this score. The uncertainty over what Washington may do in respect to a copper tariff seems to be the only discordant note in the copper situation.

Slab Zinc Output and Shipments Slightly Higher in March.

Accord to the American Zinc Institute, Inc., slab zinc output increased from 21,516 short tons in February 1932 to 22,493 tons in March. Shipments during the latter period amounted to 22,576 tons of slab zinc as compared with 21,896 tons in the preceding month and 35,224 tons in March 1931. Inventories at March 31 1932 totaled 129,451 tons as against 129,534 tons a month previous and 141,493 tons a year ago. The Institute's statement follows:

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

Month.	Produced During Month.	Shipped During Month.	Stock at End of Month.	x Shipped for Export.	Retorts Operat'g. End of Month.	Unfilled Orders. End of Month.	Daily Aver. Prod.
1930.							
January	52,010	40,704	86,736	20	59,457	39,017	1,678
February	44,628	41,296	90,068	6	57,929	32,962	1,594
March	48,119	41,820	98,367	17	51,300	29,330	1,552
April	44,435	40,597	100,265	26	50,038	29,203	1,481
May	44,558	38,681	109,080	31	52,072	30,515	1,437
June	43,458	36,448	118,090	37	52,428	28,979	1,449
July	40,028	35,389	117,724	31	46,030	34,135	1,291
August	41,012	31,901	126,835	17	48,004	28,972	1,323
September	40,470	32,470	134,835	11	42,574	27,108	1,349
October	40,922	32,430	143,327	0	38,604	29,510	1,321
November	32,097	30,285	145,139	0	35,092	24,481	1,067
December	32,733	34,254	143,618	0	31,240	26,651	1,054
Total for year	504,463	436,275		196			
Monthly aver.	42,039	36,356		16	47,064	30,072	1,355
1931.							
January	32,522	31,064	145,076	1	33,235	30,251	1,049
February	29,562	30,249	144,389	0	33,115	33,453	1,056
March	32,328	35,224	141,493	0	31,821	31,218	1,043
April	29,137	27,418	143,212	0	26,672	36,150	971
May	25,688	25,851	143,049	20	20,624	31,146	829
June	23,483	27,604	138,928	0	19,022	33,086	783
July	21,365	28,460	131,833	20	19,266	24,815	689
August	21,467	23,599	129,701	0	19,305	20,503	692
September	21,327	20,860	130,168	0	20,417	15,388	708
October	21,548	21,181	130,535	0	21,374	18,365	695
November	20,548	19,963	131,015	0	19,428	21,355	681
December	21,868	23,041	129,842	0	19,875	18,273	705
Total for year	300,738	314,514		41			
Monthly aver.	25,062	26,210		3	23,680	26,166	822
1932.							
January	22,516	22,444	129,914	31	22,044	24,232	723
February	21,516	21,896	129,506	0	21,752	23,118	742

x Export shipments are included in total shipments.

Average Retorts During Month—	1932.	1931.
January	21,001	32,737
February	30,629	34,423
March	21,078	30,647

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

Steel Cartel Ends; Belgium Blamed—Demand for Larger Quota Is Reported to Have Caused Powers to Drop Union—New Agreement Sought.

A cablegram as follows from Paris April 1 is taken from the New York "Times":

A great international industrial combination ceased to exist to-day when the countries belonging to the European Steel Cartel allowed the day to go by without renewing their agreement.

No official notice is being taken of the demise, however, for it is still hoped that a new accord may be patched up and negotiations are continuing to that end.

The Steel Cartel was created in 1926 by France, Germany, Belgium and Luxemburg. It represented 29% of the world's production of steel, and its members, taking the 1925 production and exports as a basis, worked out quotas which, with changes, reductions and renewals, lasted until yesterday.

The pathway of the cartel was relatively smooth for the first three years, despite complaints by Belgium and Germany that their quotas were too small, but when the world economic depression started in 1929, troubles began, for competition was intensified and markets were restricted.

France, for instance, which did not even fill its export quota at first, found its allotment too small later.

Things gradually went from bad to worse, until the cartel completely lost its ability to affect the price of steel in European markets, and, though theoretically remaining in force, the agreement really meant little. Nevertheless, the critical state of the steel market led the members to make every effort to revive the accord. Last year was an extremely bad one for steel producers, being made worse for Europeans by the ability of Great Britain and Sweden to sell cheaper after abandoning the gold standard.

The last important effort to get together occurred here in January, when negotiations were under way to form a new international sales organization, but nothing came of that conference, and since then efforts have continued to be in vain.

It is generally charged that the Belgians are to blame for the inability to reach an agreement. Belgium wants a larger quota than originally was allotted to her.

Steel circles here hold out little hope for the present, foreseeing lengthy negotiations at best.

Steel Operations Unchanged—Pig Iron Output at Lowest Point Since August 1921—Further Decline Recorded in Price of Litter.

Steel ingot production is barely holding at 22%, which was last week's rate, reports the "Iron Age" of April 7. A slight gain has occurred at Cleveland, but the Pittsburgh rate has declined to 20%, with Chicago only a little above that.

Pig iron production in March fell to the lowest point since August, 1921, the daily rate of 31,201 gross tons having been only a little above the minimum of the 1921 depression, which was 27,889 tons daily in July of that year. Last month's loss, on a daily basis, was more than 6% from February. The February gain was not only erased, but the March rate went 424 tons below that of last December, the previous low month of this depression period. The "Age" further goes on to say:

The loss in steel-making iron during March was almost 8%, thereby confirming the apparent downward trend in steel ingot production. Merchant pig iron fell off only slightly—94 tons a day against 1906 tons a day for steel-making iron. There was a net loss of four furnaces during the month 60 having been in service on April 1 against 64 on March 1. The Steel Corp. had a net loss of three furnaces, but independent companies gained two, while merchant interests had a net loss of three. In the nadir of the 1921 depression 69 furnaces were in operation, but the rate per furnace then was about 408 tons against 485 tons on April 1 and 514 tons on March 1.

The March total production of coke pig iron was 967,235 gross tons, only slightly above the 964,280 tons of February, although last month had two more working days. In March, 1931, output was 2,032,248 tons. The total for the first quarter of this year was 2,904,299 tons, or almost 47% below the 5,453,135 tons produced during the corresponding period of 1931.

Although conditions still seem to favor some rise in steel production this month, the orders that are being depended upon to bring about such improvement have been delayed. This is particularly true of automobile and railroad tonnage. Pig iron releases for the automobile industry have gained at Cleveland and Detroit, and the Fisher Body plant at Cleveland, after a shutdown of several days, has resumed production with the largest schedule in several weeks. Otherwise, there is no significant change in the automobile situation.

The chief difficulty in the Ford program is the stepping up of production of the 8-cylinder motor, output of which is running only 250 a day, while stocks of parts have been built up considerably in excess of the number of motors available for assembly. It now seems unlikely that volume production can be attained before May 1, in which case sizeable steel releases will not be given out until after April 15.

The intense public interest that has been aroused by the automobile industry's spring sales drives may indicate a belated rise in automobile production. More than 5,600,000 persons visited Ford showrooms on the first day of the public showing of the new cars, while in the first two days of the General Motors exhibits in 55 cities upwards of 1,250,000 visitors were registered. In several cities the attendance ran ahead of that at the regular automobile shows earlier in the year.

Payrolls at the Rouge plant and branch assembly plants of the Ford company now total about 100,000 men. First deliveries of the new cars will be made in about two weeks. Orders are on hand for more than 200,000 mostly the 8-cylinder type.

Railroad buying is also dilatory. The New York Central, for example, has issued a release of only 2,000 tons of rails against its 1931 contract and has not signed a new contract for 30,000 tons, as was expected. Purchases may be confined to small lots from time to time. This road and many others have unused rails lying along rights of way that will be laid before important new orders are placed. The only railroad equipment inquiry is one for 100 steel underframes for the Pacific Fruit Express.

Building construction, which also has been backward, shows signs of improvement. Lettings of structural steel in the week have totaled 17,000 tons, and new work that has come into the market calls for 17,200 tons. Two of the largest new projects are in New York, one an extension of the

General Post Office, which calls for 5,000 tons of steel, and the other a building for the Insurance Co. of North America, requiring 4,800 tons. The "Iron Age" compilation of structural steel awards for March is 66,100 tons, against 40,550 tons in February and 40,100 tons in January.

Notwithstanding that the higher steel prices for second quarter are firm, not many buyers took advantage of the opportunity to specify against lower-priced first quarter contracts at the end of March. The aggregate of such specifications are surprisingly small, most buyers preferring to await developments. A concession of \$2 a ton has been granted at Cleveland on bars used by drop forgers making automobile parts.

Pig iron has declined 50c. a ton at Chicago, bringing the "Iron Age" composite down to \$14.35 a gross ton from \$14.43 last week. Finished steel is unchanged at 2.087c. a lb. and steel scrap remains at \$3.21 a ton. A comparative table follows:

Finished Steel.		Based on steel bars, beams, tank plates, wire, rails, black pipe and sheets.	
April 5 1932, 2.087c. a Lb.	2.087c.	(These products make 87% of the United States output.)	
One week ago.....	2.037c.		
One month ago.....	2.128c.		
One year ago.....	2.128c.		
1932.....	2.087c.	Mar. 29	2.037c.
1931.....	2.142c.	Jan. 13	2.052c.
1930.....	2.362c.	Jan. 7	2.121c.
1929.....	2.412c.	Apr. 2	2.362c.
1928.....	2.391c.	Dec. 11	2.314c.
1927.....	2.453c.	Jan. 4	2.293c.
1926.....	2.453c.	Jan. 5	2.403c.
1925.....	2.560c.	Jan. 6	2.396c.

Pig Iron.		Based on average of basic iron at Valley furnace foundry irons at Chicago; Philadelphia, Buffalo, Valley and Birmingham.	
April 5 1932, \$14.35 a Gross Ton.	\$14.35		
One week ago.....	14.47		
One month ago.....	15.79		
One year ago.....	15.79		
1932.....	\$14.81	Jan. 5	\$14.35
1931.....	15.90	Jan. 6	15.79
1930.....	18.21	Jan. 7	15.90
1929.....	18.71	May 14	18.21
1928.....	18.59	Nov. 27	17.04
1927.....	19.71	Jan. 4	17.54
1926.....	21.54	Jan. 5	19.46
1925.....	22.50	Jan. 13	18.96

Steel Scrap.		Based on heavy melting steel quotations at Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Chicago.	
April 5 1932, \$3.21 a Gross Ton.	\$3.21		
One week ago.....	8.25		
One month ago.....	11.08		
One year ago.....	11.08		
1932.....	\$3.50	Jan. 12	\$3.21
1931.....	11.33	Jan. 6	8.50
1930.....	15.00	Feb. 18	11.25
1929.....	17.58	Jan. 29	14.08
1928.....	16.50	Dec. 31	13.08
1927.....	15.25	Jan. 11	13.08
1926.....	17.25	Jan. 5	14.00
1925.....	20.83	Jan. 13	15.08

"Steel" of Cleveland, in its weekly summary of the iron and steel markets on April 4 stated:

A pall of uncertainty overhanging the steel industry for months appears to have been lifted, at least partially, with the retail automobile sales drive now being made by Ford, General Motors and Chrysler, on which the industry's attention is focused. Steel-makers enter the second quarter in a moderately cheerful frame of mind, convinced some improvement is impending. A number of factors are tending to stimulate automobile sales, not the least of which is the prospective excise tax.

Early this week, on receipts of definite sales reports from "key" cities, Ford will shape up a production program, which will be synchronized with actual demand. Material requirements at the outset probably will be conservative, but even so represent some gain. On hand and partly fabricated are sufficient materials for 50,000 bodies, a carryover from last December when the decision to concentrate on the eight instead of a four was made. At the moment, Ford is releasing a moderate volume of parts business. When Ford buys steel, the orders will be distributed widely.

Steelworks operations show considerable resistance to breaking through 23% at which rate they have held for two consecutive weeks. April begins with operations 2 points below the level at the opening of March, but from present schedules it appears this week will register a slight gain, and prospects for improvement are considered much better. For the first quarter, operations averaged 25.6%, compared with 27% in the fourth quarter, and 46% in the first quarter, last year.

Although there were two more operating days in March than in February pig iron production last month, 958,480 gross tons, was 2,070 tons, or 0.2% below that of February. Daily average output dropped 6.6%, from 33,122 tons in February to 30,919 tons in March. Both in total and daily average, March production was the lowest of any month since August, 1931. Output for the three months this year, 2,890,467 tons, represents a loss of 48% compared with the first quarter of 1931. Four fewer furnaces were active March 31 than Fe. 29, bringing the number operating to 60.

British and Dutch pig iron is becoming a more formidable factor in eastern markets, with 15,000 tons entering at Philadelphia. Germans have booked 8,000 tons of steel for American importers, and 300,000 tons for Russia. It appears American mills will not participate in the 150,000 tons for the Irak pipe line, the distribution going to French, German and British producers. The Texas Co. is in the market for 75,000 boxes of tin plate for export.

Structural steel projects are more impressive in prospect than in actual awards, which for the week amounted to 9,395 tons, compared with 17,000 tons in the week preceding. Four pending projects will require 16,000 tons. Bids are to be called for this summer on 60,000 to 70,000 tons of plates for a tunnel at Hoover dam, Boulder City, Nev. In line pipe practically the only new project of consequence is that for the Southern Counties Gas Co., Los Angeles, bids being taken for 8,000 tons. New Haven has placed 10,000 tons of rails.

Producers of heavy finished steel are making a determined effort to obtain the new prices for the second quarter. On flat-rolled products these efforts may be less successful, but producers believe they will at least have the effect of preventing concessions. One large buyer of steel has covered, on the theory that price will go no lower.

"Steel's" iron and steel composite is unchanged this week at \$29.81; the finished steel composite remains \$47.62, but the steelworks scrap composite is down 6 cents to \$7.87.

Steel ingot production in the week ended Monday (April 4) is placed at about 22 1/2% of capacity, according to the "Wall Street Journal" of April 5. This compares with a shade under 24% in the previous week and a little below 25% two weeks ago. The "Journal" further reports as follows:

U. S. Steel is credited with a rate of between 23 1/2% and 24%, against around 25% in the preceding week and 26% a fortnight ago. Independents

Two mines, said to have been closed down when the miners went out to celebrate the anniversary of the eight-hour day, will resume to-morrow, company officials said.

Both operators and union officials agreed that full effect of the strike call would not be known until to-morrow.

Operators Act to Cut Wages of Illinois Coal Mine Workers 50%—50,000 Miners Strike as Contract Expires.

A wage scale representing approximately a 50% reduction was offered to union representatives by the Illinois coal producers in the joint subcommittee wage conference of producers and miners on March 22 according to the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of March 23. The subcommittee which was formed on March 15 consists of W. J. Jenkins, St. Louis; D. D. Buchanan, M. F. Peltier, G. H. Hamilton and F. H. Woods, all of Chicago; Paul Weir, Centralia; F. S. Pfahler, Gillespie; and W. F. Davis and C. J. Sandoe of St. Louis, who represent the operators. J. D. Zook, President of the operators' association, was made an ex-officio member.

The miners representatives are: John H. Miller, Springfield; Fox Hughes, Herrin; Walter Nesbit, Belleville; John Sampson, Hillsboro; Jack Reid, Springfield; Wilbur H. Leitch, Harrisburg; John Moulin Zeizler; William J. O'Brien, Peru, and John Taylor, West Frankfort. The paper quoted adds:

The offer is the first announcement the producers have made of their views on a new wage contract to take the place of the one expiring March 31. The unions are demanding an increase of about 50%.

In Effect in West Virginia.

Producers offer the union wage scale now in effect in Northern West Virginia as a substitute for the existing agreement. About a year ago the United Mine workers of America signed a wage contract with several of the producers in Northern West Virginia, where non-union production largely prevails.

Some time afterward the union modified the scale to meet competitive conditions. A reduction of approximately 20% was voluntarily taken. The Illinois coal producers' proposal is on the basis of the contract as it stands to-day with the reduction.

From the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of March 24 we take the following:

Union representatives of the Illinois miners had little to say March 23 on the proposal by the producers in the joint sub-committee wage negotiations on the substitution of the present scale in the state for the union agreement now in effect in the northern West Virginia fields. A joint conference will be held to-day for a second discussion of the problem.

The producers made it plain that the offer of the northern West Virginia union agreement was not an arbitrary demand.

It was explained that the proposed scale, which is approximately 50% less than the mine owners in Illinois are now paying, is more in the nature of a yardstick on which to begin the actual negotiations for a new contract to take the place of the one expiring March 31.

In its issue of March 25 the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" states that "the joint wage conference of Illinois coal producers and miners had a second proposal before it from the mine owners March 24. It followed refusal of the union representatives to consider the offer by the producers to substitute for the present agreement on wages the one now in effect in northern West Virginia. The paper quoted adds:

The new proposal offers the United Mine Workers of America in Illinois a scale that is approximately 10% higher than the average wage paid in all the competing fields, not including Indiana, which state is negotiating its own agreement.

The offer by the Illinois mine owners was given to another sub-committee of the producers and union representatives when the full conference adjourned. The sub-committee has the problem of calculating the average wage scales paid in the competitive districts, both union and non-union, located east of the Indiana-Ohio state line and south of the Ohio River.

Although exact figures are not available, it is believed that such a basis would result in a basic wage scale in Illinois of between \$3.90 and \$4 a day, as contrasted to the present rate of \$6.10 a day.

The new sub-committee, composed of W. J. Jenkins, St. Louis, Mo., and D. W. Buchanan, Chicago, for the producers; and John H. Walker, President of the state miners' union and John Moulin, Zeigler, Ill., for the miners, has full power to act. The committee was named with the understanding that it would report back to the joint conference as promptly as possible.

New Contract Expected.

Well informed observers feel that the action may finally result in a new contract being made which will permit the Illinois coal industry to survive. The agreement may not be reached by the end of the month, when the present contract expires, but it is thought that it will follow soon after.

While this means that a suspension of mining will take place April 1, the shutdowns will probably not disturb Illinois coal consumers to any great extent.

Chicago advices, March 31, to the New York "Times" said:

About 150 mines of the Illinois Coal Operators Association, employing close to 50,000 men, suspended work at midnight with the expiring of the contract between the operators and District 12 of the United Mine Workers of America.

The shutdown is not to be construed as a lockout or a strike, the operators asserted. They said the old contract was "written during a time of inflation and high living costs and proved to be both inflexible and non-competitive."

The miners, sticking to resolutions passed at Springfield, insisted on an increase in the present scale. The operators demanded a reduction to

permit competition with the Kentucky and West Virginia fields, either working on a non-union basis or under a lower union contract.

While the mine tie-up in the Illinois and Indiana coal fields was complete April 1 negotiations for a settlement of the wage dispute continued in Illinois says the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of April 2, which adds:

There appeared, however, to be no deliberations between the Indiana producers and the union representatives of that State.

It was learned that Indiana is prepared to post a new scale at the pit heads of the shaft operations within a few days calling for a base rate of pay at the bottoms of \$4 a day, \$3.50 a day at the top and 60 cents a ton as the pick mining rate. This will represent a reduction of approximately 33% from the old scale.

Coal Miners' Strike in Pennsylvania Ended Abruptly—Insurgents Ordered Back to Work April 2.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa. advices, dated March 31, to the New York "Times" of April 1 stated that the strike called by insurgent miners three weeks ago ended abruptly March 31 when the insurgents' committee adopted a resolution ordering the miners back to their posts April 2. There will be no work in any colliery April 1. The advices add:

The collapse of the movement began March 29, when most of the miners who had walked out in sympathy, or who had been intimidated, broke from the ranks and resumed work.

The insurgents voted to call a meeting of miners from idle collieries next week, when a new program will be mapped out.

District and company officials had assured the strikers that while they were doing everything to provide employment it was impossible at this time to re-open old workings.

Thomas Maloney, the insurgent leader, advised the general body to take the action it did. He told the men their cause was hopeless in view of the defection of many of the strikers. His own local union voted this morning to return to work.

United Press advices from Wilkes Barre, Pa., March 12 to the "Wall Street Journal" stated that "a call for miners in District No. 1, United Mine Workers of America, to go on strike March 14, was issued by Thomas Maloney, insurgent leader. The advices added:

44 locals of the 120 in the district met and adopted a program of five demands to the operators of the Glen Alden, the Pittston, the Lehigh Valley, the Hudson and the Temple anthracite coal companies and several independent operators.

The demands were:

1. Reopening of abandoned collieries and equalization of work.
2. Fulfillment of the five-year agreement by coal companies and discontinuance of wage slashing.
3. Restoration of wage scale where cuts have been made.
4. Abolition of the contract system of mining.
5. A general strike for Monday, March 14, for the district, unless demands are met immediately.

The strike call is not sanctioned by the United Mine Workers of America.

According to Associated Press advices from Wilkes Barre, Pa., March 14 "25,000 mine workers in Luzerne and Lackawanna Counties on that day ignored the general strike call issued last week by anti-administration members of District No. 1, United Mine Workers of America." Continuing the advices said:

Less than 7,000 men who could have worked were idle, either as a result of successful picketing by strike agitators or of their own volition. The idle operators comprised four in Luzerne county and two in the Scranton area, in addition to two mines in the Pittston field, which worked with curtailed forces.

The following advices from Wilkes Barre, Pa., March 15 are from the "Philadelphia Record" of March 16:

5,000 anthracite miners in Luzerne and Lackawanna counties March 15 joined the unauthorized strike led by insurgents, more than doubling the number in the walkout.

The spread of the strike to Northumberland county looms with a meeting at Mahanoy Plane of 42 of that district's 60 unions, called by John Dusick, insurgent leader.

Union officials continued to minimize the results of the strike call. Operators admitted growth of the strike, but declared sufficient forces remained at work in the collieries to maintain a supply of coal sufficient to meet consumers' demands.

Union leaders and coal operators claimed that the insurgent strike of anthracite miners in District No. 1, United Mine Workers, virtually had collapsed said United Press advices to the "Wall Street Journal" March 17:

The South Wilkes-Barre colliery of the Glen Alden Coal Co., which had been idle two days, resumed operations.

"The number of men who heeded the strike call of the insurgent leaders in Districts 1 and 9 of the United Mine Workers of America was set on March 17" said Scranton advices to the "Philadelphia Record," by union and company officials at 12,000. Leaders of the strike said 50,000 was closer to the correct number. Further revealing the advices said:

Michael Hartneady, acting chairman of the union's tri-district board, issued a statement characterizing the insurgents as enemies of the miners and appealed to the union members not to join the strike. He declared the union was doing "everything in its power" to bring about equalization of work, the chief demand of the insurgents.

The Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company announced that all its collieries which had been scheduled to work March 18 were in production. The Maple Hill, Allan Gow and the Kelley Run collieries were closed.

Associated Press advices from Scranton, Pa., on March 27 to the "Philadelphia Record" said:

The insurgent strike agitation in District No. 1, United Mine Workers of America, appeared nearing the end as additional local unions, made idle for brief periods by persuasion of pickets, voted to return to their posts after the Easter holiday.

Following custom, there will be no work at any of the mines in the anthracite region Easter Monday, March 28, but it is expected that additional men will report for duty in the strike region on March 29.

Weekly Bituminous Coal and Anthracite Output Declines.

According to the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, production during the week ended March 26 1932 amounted to 7,260,000 net tons of bituminous coal and 1,060,000 tons of Pennsylvania anthracite, as compared with 7,509,000 tons of bituminous coal and 1,076,000 tons of anthracite during the corresponding period last year and 7,738,000 tons of bituminous coal and 1,260,000 tons of anthracite during the week ended March 19 1932.

During the coal year to March 26 1932 it is estimated that a total of 357,839,000 net tons of bituminous coal were produced as against 440,257,000 tons during the coal year ended March 28 1931. The Bureau's statement follows:

BITUMINOUS COAL.

Production of bituminous coal in the week ended March 26 1932 registered another decrease, remaining, however, above the seven-million mark. The total output, including lignite and coal coked at the mines, is estimated at 7,260,000 net tons, a decrease of 478,000 tons, or 6.2%, from the preceding week. Production during the week in 1931 corresponding with that of March 26 amounted to 7,509,000 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.
March 12.....	8,046,000	342,841,000	8,371,000	425,338,000
Daily average.....	1,341,000	1,173,000	1,395,000	1,457,000
March 19.....	7,738,000	350,579,000	7,410,000	432,748,000
Daily average.....	1,260,000	1,176,000	1,235,000	1,452,000
March 26 b.....	7,260,000	357,839,000	7,509,000	440,257,000
Daily average.....	1,210,000	1,176,000	1,252,000	1,448,000

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

The total production of soft coal during the present coal year to March 26 (approximately 304 working days) amounts to 357,839,000 net tons. Figures for corresponding periods in other recent coal years are given below:

1930-31.....	440,257,000 net tons	1928-29.....	506,719,000 net tons
1929-30.....	516,452,000 net tons	1927-28.....	474,945,000 net tons

As already indicated above, the total production of soft coal for the country as a whole during the week ended March 19 1932 is estimated at 7,738,000 net tons. Compared with the preceding week, when output was the highest since October, this shows a decrease of 308,000 tons, or 3.8%. In Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania and northern West Virginia the activity of the preceding week was sustained, and substantial gains were shown. These were offset by decreases in practically all other sections of the country.

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 April 6, as reported by the Federal Reserve banks, was \$1,600,000,000, an increase of \$1,000,000 compared with the preceding week and of \$598,000,000 compared with the corresponding week in 1931. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

On April 6 total Reserve bank credit amounted to \$1,599,000,000, an increase of \$12,000,000 for the week. This increase corresponds with increases of \$19,000,000 in money in circulation and \$31,000,000 in member bank reserve balances, offset in part by increases of \$8,000,000 in monetary gold stock and \$26,000,000 in Treasury currency, adjusted, and a decrease of \$5,000,000 in unexpended capital funds, non-member deposits, &c.

Holdings of discounted bills declined \$7,000,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and increased \$9,000,000 at Cleveland, \$4,000,000 at Chicago and \$2,000,000 at all Federal Reserve banks. The System's holdings of bills bought in open market declined \$8,000,000 and of United States bonds \$9,000,000, while holdings of Treasury certificates and bills increased \$22,000,000.

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

The statement in full for the week ended April 6, in comparison with the preceding week and with the corresponding date last year, will be found on subsequent pages, namely, pages 2671 and 2672.

In Colorado, Wyoming and western Kentucky only, however, did output fall below the average for the first two weeks of the month.

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

State—	Week Ended—				Mar. 1932 Average.
	March 19 1932.	March 12 1932.	March 21 1931.	March 22 1930.	
Alabama.....	178,000	194,000	246,000	290,000	423,000
Arkansas.....	25,000	31,000	13,000	12,000	22,000
Colorado.....	121,000	184,000	105,000	138,000	195,000
Illinois.....	1,364,000	1,454,000	915,000	894,000	1,684,000
Indiana.....	365,000	213,000	303,000	294,000	575,000
Iowa.....	107,000	123,000	83,000	72,000	122,000
Kansas and Missouri.....	131,000	162,000	91,000	108,000	144,000
Kentucky—Eastern.....	628,000	654,000	601,000	584,000	560,000
Western.....	177,000	258,000	175,000	190,000	215,000
Maryland.....	40,000	37,000	42,000	40,000	52,000
Michigan.....	12,000	13,000	14,000	14,000	32,000
Montana.....	47,000	43,000	37,000	51,000	68,000
New Mexico.....	23,000	25,000	30,000	33,000	53,000
North Dakota.....	43,000	45,000	30,000	26,000	34,000
Ohio.....	386,000	351,000	416,000	349,000	740,000
Oklahoma.....	23,000	34,000	23,000	23,000	55,000
Pennsylvania (bituminous).....	1,693,000	1,664,000	1,994,000	2,330,000	3,249,000
Tennessee.....	77,000	91,000	92,000	90,000	118,000
Texas.....	15,000	18,000	15,000	18,000	19,000
Utah.....	51,000	54,000	48,000	54,000	68,000
Virginia.....	210,000	210,000	185,000	204,000	230,000
Washington.....	31,000	32,000	30,000	41,000	74,000
West Virginia—Southern.....	1,430,000	1,508,000	1,336,000	1,384,000	1,172,000
Northern.....	477,000	448,000	497,000	595,000	717,000
Wyoming.....	72,000	89,000	88,000	93,000	136,000
Other States.....	12,000	11,000	1,000	5,000	7,000
Total bituminous coal.....	7,738,000	8,046,000	7,410,000	7,932,000	10,764,000
Pennsylvania anthracite.....	1,260,000	1,170,000	1,267,000	951,000	2,040,000
Total all coal.....	8,998,000	9,216,000	8,677,000	8,883,000	12,804,000

a Average weekly rate for the entire month. b Includes operations on the N. & W. C. & O., Virginian, K. & M. and B. C. & G. c Rest of State, including Panhandle. d This group is not strictly comparable in the several years.

PENNSYLVANIA ANTHRACITE.

Production of Pennsylvania anthracite decreased in the week ended March 26. The total output is estimated at 1,060,000 net tons—less by 200,000 tons, or 15.9%, than in the preceding week, which was the highest for the year. The average rate for the two latest weeks in March is but 1% lower than for the same weeks in 1931. Production during the week in 1931 corresponding with that of March 26 amounted to 1,076,000 tons.

Estimated Production of Pennsylvania Anthracite (Net Tons).

Week Ended—	1932		1931	
	Week.	Daily Ave.	Week.	Daily Ave.
March 12.....	1,170,000	195,000	1,085,000	180,800
March 19.....	1,260,000	210,000	1,267,000	211,200
March 26.....	1,060,000	176,700	1,076,000	179,300

BEEHIVE COKE.

The total production of beehive coke during the week ended March 19 1932 is estimated at 21,400 net tons. This is in comparison with 20,500 tons produced during the preceding week and 34,800 tons during the week in 1931 corresponding with that of March 19. The following table apporitions the tonnage by regions. The total production of beehive coke from Jan. 1 through March 19 amounts to 233,300 tons. Compared with 429,100 tons in 1931, this indicates a decrease, during the current year, of 45.6%.

Estimated Weekly Production of Beehive Coke (Net Tons).

Region—	1932			1931	
	Mar. 19	Mar. 12	Mar. 21	to Date	to Date
Pennsylvania.....	18,600	17,500	26,900	197,800	340,200
West Virginia.....	1,200	1,300	3,700	13,600	41,800
Tennessee and Virginia.....	1,100	1,200	3,300	14,700	34,500
Colorado, Utah & Washington.....	500	500	900	7,700	12,200
United States total.....	21,400	20,500	34,800	233,300	429,100
Daily average.....	3,567	3,417	5,800	3,431	6,810

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

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

	Increase (+) or Decrease (—) Since		
	Apr. 6 1932.	Mar. 30 1932.	Apr. 8 1931.
Bills discounted.....	\$ 635,000,000	\$ +2,000,000	\$ +492,000,000
Bills bought.....	58,000,000	-8,000,000	-114,000,000
Other United States securities.....	885,000,000	+13,000,000	+286,000,000
Other Reserve Bank credit.....	21,000,000	+5,000,000	+5,000,000
TOTAL RESERVE BANK CREDIT.....	1,599,000,000	+12,000,000	+670,000,000
Monetary gold stock.....	4,396,000,000	+8,000,000	-307,000,000
*Treasury currency adjusted.....	1,806,000,000	+26,000,000	+31,000,000
*Money in circulation.....	5,458,000,000	+19,000,000	+847,000,000
Member bank reserve balances.....	1,942,000,000	+31,000,000	-447,000,000
Unexpended capital funds, non-member deposits, &c.....	400,000,000	-5,000,000	-7,000,000

* March 30 figures revised (increased 3 millions).

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 a decrease of \$9,000,000, the amount of these loans on April 6 1932 standing at \$516,000,000. The present week's decrease of \$9,000,000 follows an increase of \$1,000,000 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 \$438,000,000 to \$430,000,000, and loans "for account of out-of-town banks" fell from \$82,000,000 to \$80,000,000, while loans "for account of others" increased from \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000. The amount of these loans "for account of others" has been reduced the past 21 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.		
	Apr. 6 1932.	Mar. 30, 1932.	Apr. 8 1931.
Loans and Investments—total.....	6,455,000,000	6,541,000,000	7,858,000,000
Loans—total.....	3,992,000,000	4,074,000,000	5,302,000,000
On securities.....	1,979,000,000	2,043,000,000	3,066,000,000
All other.....	2,013,000,000	2,031,000,000	2,236,000,000
Investments—total.....	2,463,000,000	2,467,000,000	2,556,000,000
U. S. Government securities.....	1,596,000,000	1,610,000,000	1,423,000,000
Other securities.....	867,000,000	857,000,000	1,133,000,000
Reserves with Federal Reserve Bank.....	700,000,000	689,000,000	780,000,000
Cash in vault.....	40,000,000	43,000,000	43,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	4,790,000,000	4,814,000,000	5,697,000,000
Time deposits.....	760,000,000	758,000,000	1,217,000,000
Government deposits.....	152,000,000	193,000,000	98,000,000
Due from banks.....	64,000,000	70,000,000	95,000,000
Due to banks.....	995,000,000	902,000,000	1,254,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank.....	-----	-----	-----
Loans on secur. to brokers & dealers:			
For own account.....	430,000,000	438,000,000	1,277,000,000
For account of out-of-town banks.....	80,000,000	82,000,000	300,000,000
For account of others.....	6,000,000	5,000,000	245,000,000
Total.....	516,000,000	525,000,000	1,822,000,000
On demand.....	416,000,000	424,000,000	1,453,000,000
On time.....	100,000,000	101,000,000	369,000,000
	Chicago.		
Loans and Investments—total.....	1,399,000,000	1,410,000,000	1,948,000,000
Loans—total.....	954,000,000	960,000,000	1,313,000,000
On securities.....	556,000,000	554,000,000	779,000,000
All other.....	398,000,000	406,000,000	534,000,000
Investments—total.....	445,000,000	450,000,000	635,000,000
U. S. Government securities.....	225,000,000	237,000,000	333,000,000
Other securities.....	220,000,000	213,000,000	302,000,000
Reserves with Federal Reserve Bank.....	131,000,000	133,000,000	182,000,000
Cash in vault.....	14,000,000	14,000,000	13,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	865,000,000	878,000,000	1,200,000,000
Time deposits.....	380,000,000	383,000,000	619,000,000
Government deposits.....	22,000,000	24,000,000	23,000,000
Due from banks.....	149,000,000	142,000,000	147,000,000
Due to banks.....	267,000,000	260,000,000	380,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank.....	1,000,000	2,000,000	1,000,000

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

As explained above, the statement for the New York and Chicago member banks are now given out on Thursday, simultaneously with the figures for the Reserve banks themselves and covering the same week, instead of being held until the following Monday, before which time the statistics covering the entire body of reporting member banks in 101 cities cannot be got ready.

In the following will be found the comments of the Federal Reserve Board respecting the returns of the entire body of reporting member banks of the Federal Reserve System for the week ended with the close of business on March 30:

The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of weekly reporting member banks in leading cities on March 30 shows decreases for the week of \$49,000,000 in loans and investments, \$33,000,000 in Government deposits and \$29,000,000 in borrowings from Federal Reserve banks, and increases of \$98,000,000 in net demand deposits and \$5,000,000 in time deposits.

Loans on securities decreased \$37,000,000 at reporting member banks in the Chicago district and \$9,000,000 at all reporting banks, and increased \$37,000,000 in the New York district. "All other" loans declined \$8,000,000 in the New York district, \$7,000,000 in the Chicago district and \$34,000,000 at all reporting banks.

Holdings of United States Government securities declined \$13,000,000 in the Chicago district, \$11,000,000 in the Philadelphia district, \$9,000,000 in the Cleveland district and \$31,000,000 at all reporting banks. Holdings of other securities increased \$18,000,000 in the New York district and \$25,000,000 at all reporting banks.

Borrowings of weekly reporting member banks from Federal Reserve banks aggregated \$305,000,000 on March 30, the principal changes for the week being a decrease of \$17,000,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland and of \$9,000,000 at Philadelphia.

A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of weekly reporting member banks, together with changes during the week and the year ending March 30 1932, follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (—)		
	Mar. 30 1932.	Mar. 23 1932.	April 1 1931.
Loans and Investments—total.....	19,354,000,000	—49,000,000	—3,579,000,000
Loans—total.....	12,211,000,000	—43,000,000	—3,171,000,000
On securities.....	5,328,000,000	—9,000,000	—1,928,000,000
All other.....	6,883,000,000	—34,000,000	—1,243,000,000
Investments—total.....	7,143,000,000	—6,000,000	—408,000,000
U. S. Government securities.....	3,920,000,000	—31,000,000	+143,000,000
Other securities.....	3,223,000,000	+25,000,000	—551,000,000
Reserves with Federal Reserve Banks	1,459,000,000	+13,000,000	—351,000,000
Cash in vault.....	215,000,000	+5,000,000	+12,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	10,941,000,000	+98,000,000	—2,808,000,000
Time deposits.....	5,680,000,000	+5,000,000	—1,616,000,000
Government deposits.....	452,000,000	—33,000,000	+107,000,000
Due from banks.....	949,000,000	+32,000,000	—820,000,000
Due to banks.....	2,400,000,000	+24,000,000	—1,589,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bks.	305,000,000	—29,000,000	+276,000,000

Andrew W. Mellon Arrives in London to Take Post As Ambassador to Great Britain.

Former Secretary of the Treasury Andrew W. Mellon, who sailed for England on the steamer *Majestic* April 1, reached Southampton on April 7. Yesterday (April 8) he arrived in London to take up his new post as Ambassador to Great Britain. Associated Press accounts from London yesterday said:

Hardly were the welcoming ceremonies at Southampton and London over before the former Secretary of the Treasury got right to work at the American Embassy, and one of his first acts was to receive British and American correspondents there.

Then the Ambassador called upon Sir John Simon, Great Britain's Secretary of Foreign Affairs, to find out about arrangements for presentation of his credentials to the King.

When the new Ambassador submitted to questions of the correspondents their queries ranged over his social plans and incidental things, until a reporter for one of the big London dailies told Mr. Mellon that Europe regarded him as a special ambassador on war debts and reparations.

"Who did you say invented that story?" asked Mr. Mellon quietly. "I have no special instructions to deal with financial questions.

"I realize I am fortunate in coming here at this time. Relations between our two governments were never better and while we both face problems of a most serious nature, arising largely out of the war, these problems are not insoluble and must disappear if we approach them frankly with an effort to understand each other's difficulties and a firm determination to be of assistance where we can.

"It will be the greatest satisfaction to me if I can be of any help in promoting such a working understanding between this country and my own."

An item regarding Mr. Mellon's appointment to his new post appeared in our issue of Feb. 20, page 1307.

F. B. Kellogg, Thomas W. Lamont Among Those Sailing for Europe.

Besides Secretary of State Stimson, the passengers on the French liner *Ile de France*, which sailed last night, April 8, include Frank B. Kellogg, now member of the World Court, and formerly Secretary of State, and Thomas W. Lamont, partner of J. P. Morgan & Co.

Secretary of State Stimson Sails for Geneva to Attend Conference on Limitation of Armaments—President Hoover Says There Is to Be No Discussion of War Debts.

Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson sailed for Europe last night (April 8) from New York on the Steamer *Ile de France*. Secretary Stimson will be Chairman of the American delegation at the Geneva Disarmament Conference, which will resume its sessions on April 11, following the Easter recess. Reports of the possibility that Secretary Stimson might take up the question of war debts brought the issuance of a statement by President Hoover on April 5 that "there will be no discussion or negotiation by the Secretary on the debt question." The President further said: "the world needs, both economically and spiritually, the relief that can come from some degree of successful issue by the Disarmament Conference. This is the sole purpose of the Secretary's visit." President Hoover's statement follows:

Some two months ago I presented to our delegation to the Arms Conference at Geneva certain ideas which I believe would contribute to a solution of some of the problems before the Conference, and which were incorporated in the general program by our delegation to the Conference. These ideas have been more fully discussed and developed during the visit to Washington of Norman Davis and in consultation with the Secretary of State and our army and naval advisers, with a view of enlarging their scope and application.

With the months that pass the economic burden and menace to world peace have, if anything, increased. The world needs the reduction of Government expenditure and the spirit of peace that can come from some degree of successful issue by the Disarmament Conference at Geneva.

I have, therefore, asked the Secretary of State to go to Geneva in order to explore with our delegates and those of other nations the possibility of taking more definite steps in that direction.

It is the American desire to produce some concrete and definite results, even though they may not be revolutionary. The world needs, both economically and spiritually, the relief that can come from some degree of successful issue by the Disarmament Conference. This is the sole purpose of the Secretary's visit. There will be no discussion or negotiation by the Secretary on the debt question.

Regarding the information made available on April 2 by the State Department the "United States Daily" of April 4 said:

Secretary Stimson will remain in Geneva only a few days, when he will return to the United States. His mission has no other purpose than the work of the Conference, it was said.

Mr. Stimson succeeded to the Chairmanship of the American delegation upon the resignation of Charles G. Dawes.

Is Nominal Head.

Although the American delegation in Geneva has been headed by the American Ambassador to Belgium, Hugh S. Gibson, Secretary Stimson still remains nominal head of the delegation. His appointment was announced just before the delegation sailed, at which time it was stated that he would take up his duties in Geneva whenever the Far Eastern situation and other duties in Washington permitted.

The decision to go abroad was reached by Secretary Stimson after he had conferred at length with Norman H. Davis, one of the American delegates, now visiting the United States, it was stated orally at the Department. Mr. Davis gave Secretary Stimson a picture of the situation and reported that it was encouraging. Mr. Davis also reported that the Conference was going to convene again April 11.

Two New Members.

Due to the fact that the American delegation at Geneva has been overworked, two new members have been added, the Department announced. They are Allen W. Dulles, of the firm of Sullivan & Cromwell, and Fred Dolbeare, of the firm of J. Henry Schroeder & Co.

Formal announcements by the Department of State regarding the appointments and Secretary Stimson's trip follow in full text:

Formal Announcement.

The Secretary of State will sail this coming week to spend a short time at Geneva with the American Delegation to the Disarmament Conference. His trip to Europe is concerned only with the work of the Delegation, and he will go direct to Geneva, for a very brief stay.

Frederic Russell Dolbeare has been designated an advisor to the American Delegation of the General Disarmament Conference. The special problems in the Disarmament Conference are dealt with by a number of committees and Mr. Dolbeare's designation has been made in order that advisory personnel may be adequate in number to follow the work of all of these committees which meet simultaneously.

Mr. Dolbeare has had a great deal of experience in our Foreign Service and was Secretary of the American Delegation to the Conference for the Limitation of Naval Armament held in Geneva in 1927. The delegation has been fortunate in obtaining Mr. Dolbeare as an advisor.

Allen Welsh Dulles has been designated "legal adviser" to the American Delegation to the Disarmament Conference. When the Delegation was formed the position of legal adviser was not filled. It has become increasingly evident that the services of a legal adviser are needed and the delegation is fortunate in obtaining Mr. Dulles to fill this position

Price of Silver Breaks in New York Under Sales by Speculators.

The following is from the New York "Times" of April 8:

The silver market broke sharply yesterday on liquidation of speculative holdings of silver futures on the National Metal Exchange. At the same time bar silver declined 3/4 cent to 28 3/4 cents an ounce, a new low price for the year but well above the low quotation of 25 3/4 cents established on Feb. 16 1931. In London the metal declined to 16 13-16d.

The break in futures on the National Metal Exchange amounted to 60 to 81 points. The October delivery sold at 29.20 cents, a low record for the Exchange, which began trading in silver last June. The previous low price was 29.30 cents, made last Nov. 30. Trading on the Exchange totaled 2,625,000 ounces.

Brokers said distress selling of poorly margined holdings played an important part in the decline.

From the New York "Sun" of last night (April 8) we take the following:

Liquidation in silver futures continued on the National Metal Exchange here to-day with the May delivery selling down to 30 cents an ounce for a new low. The July contract was the only one showing any improvement by mid-afternoon. Volume of trading was the heaviest of the year with total turnover of more than 3,200,000 ounces.

Statement of Bank for International Settlements for March 31—Cash on Hand Totals 14,211,955 Swiss Francs Above Report at End of February.

The condition statement of the Bank for International Settlements as of March 31 shows several changes when compared with the February statement. Cash on hand and on current account increased to 14,211,955 Swiss francs, which was the equivalent of about \$2,842,391, from 6,414,603 francs, or about \$1,282,921, reported at the end of February. Continuing, the New York "Evening Post" of April 5 said:

Rediscountable bills and acceptances at cost declined to 610,298,797 Swiss francs, or about \$102,059,769 from the 580,822,311 francs, or approximately \$116,164,462, in February, while the total of time funds at interest was 206,536,296 francs, or \$41,307,259, against 221,139,741, which was the equivalent of \$44,227,958, in the February statement.

The statement as of March 31 showed a total of sundry investments at cost totaling 210,918,450 francs, which was the equivalent of approximately \$42,183,690, as compared with 110,823,630 francs, or about \$22,164,726. Total assets as shown in the statement increased to 1,126,011,157 francs, or about \$225,202,231, from the 1,101,984,112 francs, or \$202,196,822, shown in the February statement.

On the liability side of the statement the principal changes were in short-term and sight deposits in central banks for own account, which totaled 608,185,021 francs, or about \$121,657,005, and compared with 479,946,654 francs, or \$95,989,330, at the end of February, and in short-term and sight

deposits at central banks for account of others, which totaled 68,153,969 francs, or \$13,630,793, as against 82,860,311 francs, or about \$16,572,068.

The March 31 statement as contained in Associated Press accounts from Basle, Switzerland, April 5, follows:

Following is the balance statement of the Bank for International Settlements, giving its condition as of March 31 1932, as made public here to-day. Figures are in Swiss gold francs at par, 19.3 cents:

	March 31 1932.	February 29 1932
Assets—		
I. Cash on hand and on current accounts with banks.....	14,211,955.14	6,414,603.13
II. Funds employed at sight.....	74,384,633.62	82,317,735.81
III. Rediscountable bills and acceptances at cost:		
(1) Commercial bills and bankers' acceptances.....	473,560,333.12	438,281,858.72
(2) Treasury bills.....	136,738,464.26	142,540,452.28
Total.....	610,298,797.38	580,822,311.00
IV. Time funds at interest:		
(1) Not exceeding three months.....	206,536,295.50	221,139,740.83
(2) Between three and six months.....	-----	-----
Total.....	206,536,295.50	221,139,740.83
V. Investments at cost:		
(1) Maturing within three months.....	174,278,178.30	-----
(2) Maturing between three and six mos.....	36,851,527.86	-----
(3) Maturing in over six months.....	788,743.95	-----
Total.....	210,918,450.11	110,823,630.98
VI. Other assets.....	9,661,125.09	9,466,089.90
Total assets.....	1,126,011,156.84	1,010,984,111.65
Liabilities—		
I. Paid-up capital.....	108,500,000.00	108,500,000.00
II. Reserves:		
(1) Legal reserve fund.....	559,326.10	559,326.10
(2) Dividend reserve fund.....	1,094,189.17	1,094,189.17
(3) General reserve fund.....	2,188,378.35	2,188,378.35
Total.....	3,841,893.62	3,841,893.62
III. Long-term deposits:		
(1) Annuity trust account.....	153,622,762.50	153,768,617.50
(2) German Government deposit.....	76,811,381.25	76,884,308.78
(3) French Government guarantee fund.....	68,648,520.43	68,648,520.43
Total.....	299,082,664.18	299,301,446.68
IV. Short-term and sight deposits:		
(1) Central banks for own account:		
(a) Between three and six months.....	-----	-----
(b) Not exceeding three months.....	145,154,859.74	158,376,205.72
(c) Sight.....	463,030,162.66	321,570,448.71
Total.....	608,185,021.30	479,946,654.43
(2) Central banks for account of others:		
(a) Between three and six months.....	-----	-----
(b) Not exceeding three months.....	-----	21,314,916.01
(c) Sight.....	68,153,969.04	61,545,425.49
Total.....	68,153,969.04	82,860,341.50
(3) Other depositors:		
(a) Not exceeding three months.....	-----	-----
(b) Sight.....	7,822,625.85	5,936,372.33
Total.....	7,822,625.85	5,936,372.33
V. Profits for distribution:		
(1) Dividend.....	-----	-----
(2) Participation of long-term depositors.....	-----	-----
Total.....	30,425,082.85	30,597,403.09
VI. Miscellaneous items.....	-----	-----
Total liabilities.....	1,126,011,156.84	1,010,984,111.65

Bank for International Settlements to Consider Credits to Austria and Hungary.

The following from Paris is from the "Wall Street Journal" of April 6:

A board meeting of the Bank for International Settlements has been called for April 11 to consider renewal of the Austrian and Hungarian credits. The board also will consider the question of issuing balance of its capital, which will be subscribed by central banks without a public issue. Total authorized capital of the Bank is 200,000 shares of 2,500 Swiss francs par or 500,000,000 Swiss francs. At present 173,600 shares have been issued, of which 25% has been paid up, or 108,500,000 Swiss francs.

May Coin Cuban Silver in Philadelphia.

From the "Wall Street Journal" of April 5, we take the following from Philadelphia:

If negotiations under way are closed, the Philadelphia mint will mint upwards of 3,750,000 silver coins for Cuba. This would be the first coinage executed here for that country in about 10 years. The inquiry calls for two denominations—the "un peso" piece, which is about the size of the American silver dollar, and the 20 centavo piece, resembling somewhat the American quarter. The mint has furnished preliminary estimates on the mechanical cost of the work. The silver is to be furnished by Cuba. Details are being handled by the Director of the Mint at Washington.

Cuba Asks New Bids on Silver Coinage—Plans Minting of More Than \$3,580,000 to Raise Total Circulation to \$12,000,000—Previous Offers of Banks Rejected Because of Omission of Certain Details.

Under date of April 5 a message from Havana to the New York "Times" said:

Bids for the minting of 3,550,000 silver dollars and \$36,859.20 in 25c. pieces authorized by Presidential decree under date of March 22, whereby Cuba's silver circulation will be brought up to \$12,000,000 as provided in the currency law of Oct. 29 1914, were asked to-day by Secretary Rulz Mesa of the Treasury in a decree sent to the "Official Gazette."

Previous bids submitted by the Chase National Bank of New York and the Banco Comercial de Cuba in conjunction with the Continental Bank & Trust Co. of New York under a decree published in the "Official Gazette" on March 23, and which were opened on March 31, were found to be faulty, due to the omission of necessary details that would determine the final cost of the entire issue, and were thrown out by the commission charged with the awarding of the contract. New propositions were called for, to be opened at 11.30 a. m., April 7.

To-day's decree advertising for new bids particularly specifies that each bidder shall post with its bid a \$10,000 bond and stipulates that the silver shall be delivered by the successful bidder to the United States Mint at Philadelphia and that the finished coins shall be delivered to the Cuban Department of the Treasury free of all costs. Final delivery of the new issue must be prior to June 30.

As to the bids originally made we quote the following from Havana to the "Wall Street Journal" of April 2:

Chase National Bank and Banco Commercial de Cuba were bidders to coin silver for Cuba, the Chase proposal calling for ¼% commission, 1c. per pound of silver plus expenses, while the Banco Commercial proposed 7-16% commission and expenses of \$54,382.

The bids previously called for were referred to in our issue of April 2, page 2434.

Mexico Orders \$6,670,000 of Silver (23,000,000 Ounces) to Coin—United States Smelting, Refining & Mining Co. Announces Contract.

The United States Smelting, Refining & Mining Co., announced on March 22 that it had contracted to sell a large amount of silver and that it was reported "that the purchaser will ultimately prove to be the Mexican Government." "It is also reported," the statement continued, "that Mexico has contracted for 23,000,000 ounces of silver for coinage over a period of 12 months." The New York "Herald Tribune" from which the foregoing is taken, also said:

The Mexican Government, it is understood, is also purchasing some silver from other large mining interests in Mexico, including the American Smelting & Refining Co., the American Metal Co. and the Mexican Cor. Deliveries of the metal are to be made at the rate of 2,000,000 ounces and are to be spread over the next 12 months. At current market prices of 29c. for silver, the total order is worth approximately \$6,670,000. It was not indicated how payment would be made by the Mexican Government, whether in American or Mexican funds.

Purchases of silver by Mexico are designed, according to a statement recently by Alberto J. Pani, Minister of Finance, to relieve a shortage of currency in Mexico and stabilize foreign commerce. He said that Mexico also had hoarding to contend with, and that he believed this the reason for the current shortage of the circulating medium. The coinage of more silver, or the use of the metal as backing for new issues of currency would, he declared, tend to restore confidence and decrease hoarding.

Mexico abandoned the gold standard last summer. Its international position at that time was handicapped by the abrupt fall in silver prices, and, rather than attempt further to peg the Mexican currency, it was decided to part with gold completely. The demand for and price of silver have suffered so much that lately some of the larger producers in the country have had to curtail operations, thus increasing unemployment in Mexico. Purchases of the metal by the Government are calculated to stimulate mining.

Although the order just placed by the Mexican Government is the largest order for the metal in recent years, the market yesterday did not respond enthusiastically to the news. The metal closed up ¼c. on the day at 29c.

Plan of San Francisco Mining Exchange to Trade in Bar Silver—Held Valid Under Securities Law.

The following from San Francisco is from the "Wall Street Journal" of March 28:

In connection with the San Francisco Mining Exchange's proposal to trade in bar silver, Attorney-General U. S. Webb has held that under certain conditions the trading in bar silver is under the jurisdiction of the Corporate Securities Act.

The Mining Exchange's plan follows: An operator purchases a certain definite amount of bar silver and deposits that silver in a bank, receiving therefor a non-negotiable certificate. Predicated on the amount of silver so deposited, negotiable certificates would be issued and traded in. Each negotiable certificate represents a certain undivided interest in the mass of bar silver held by the bank.

The Attorney-General holds that if the negotiable securities issued represent an undivided interest to a portion of an entire lot of silver deposited with a bank, such certificates constitute securities under the definition of the Corporate Securities Act as being a transferable beneficial interest in title to property.

It was held, however, that if the securities entitle the holder thereof to a definite bar of silver numbered and identified, such certificate would not constitute a security within the purview of the Act, but would be in the same category as a warehouse receipt.

Silver Bolstered by Sales to China—February Shipments 573,000 Fine Ounces Against 150,000 for January.

In its issue of March 30 the New York "Evening Post" said:

Improvement in the silver market, due principally to increased purchases by China in the past few days, was reported to-day by observers. The Chinese development is considered of the greatest importance because that nation, once one of the biggest consumers of the metal, has recently been a negligible factor.

Total shipments from New York to China in February amounted to 573,000 fine ounces, compared with 150,000 in January and 2,132,000 in December. Total shipments for 1931 amounted to only 20,695,000 ounces, compared with 51,573,000 in 1930 and 64,102,000 the previous year.

In silver circles it is said that the undertone of the market is firm. Good buying orders are making their appearance, based on consuming demand, and there is a great diminution in supplies. Much stress is laid on the recent announcement that the Mexican Government would purchase approximately 23,000,000 ounces in monthly lots for coinage purposes. This, it is pointed out, is roughly 3,500,000 ounces in excess of the entire Canadian output in 1931 and will go far toward offsetting sales of the Indian Government, which last year amounted to 35,000,000 ounces.

It is reported that Canada is contemplating a step similar to the Mexican which, if it materializes, would further dry up the supplies of available silver. Cuba has announced that it plans the purchase of a small amount. Germany is once again in the market. Total shipments from New York to Germany in the first two months of the year amounted to 1,496,800 ounces. In 1931, total German consumption jumped to 28,200,000 ounces from 8,000,000 in 1930.

In the recent decline in quotations, considerable forced liquidation was said to have appeared in the New York market and the steady liquidation of

forward contracts prevented the market from benefiting by the improved statistical position. Much of this selling is now believed to be out of the way.

Great Britain Completes Repayment of \$200,000,000 Credit Obtained in United States Last August.

The final payment on the \$200,000,000 advanced last August to the British Government by 110 American banks was made on April 5 through the office of J. P. Morgan & Co., which mailed \$20,000,000 to the banks in the American consortium. In referring in its April 3 issue to the proposed payment April 5, the New York "Times" said:

This will complete in this market the extinction of the entire \$325,000,000 of indebtedness incurred by the British authorities last August in their attempt to prevent the fall of the pound sterling from the gold standard.

The Federal Reserve's \$125,000,000 share of the \$250,000,000 credit to the Bank of England, opened on Aug. 1, was repaid on Feb. 1, having been reduced 40% on Nov. 1. Of the private banking credit, \$150,000,000 was paid and canceled on March 4, and \$30,000,000 was paid last Tuesday [March 29]. In the case of last Tuesday's repayment and that to be made on next Tuesday [April 5], the line of credit is being kept open, giving the British Treasury the right, up to Aug. 27 next, to borrow as much as \$50,000,000 on its bills.

Half of the \$200,000,000 credit advanced by the Paris market has been paid, and the other half, representing a public subscription to one-year British Treasury notes, has been reduced by open-market purchases.

An item regarding the March 29 payment appeared in our issue of April 2, page 2427.

Bank of England in Exchange Market.

The following from Paris is from the "Wall Street Journal" of April 6:

The Bank of England has resumed market operations to steady the sterling exchange rate.

Holidays on London Stock Exchange.

The "Wall Street Journal" in advices from London on April 7 observed:

London Stock Exchange will be closed on three consecutive Saturdays, April 16, 23 and 30, so that certain structural alterations may be made. The usual holiday on May 1, a Sunday, will be taken on Monday, May 2, so that the Exchange will be closed from April 30 to May 2, inclusive.

Re-elect Montagu Norman—Stockholders of Bank of England Return Governor for 13th Time.

The following from London April 5 is from the New York "Times":

For the thirteenth successive year Montagu Norman was elected Governor of the Bank of England to-day. At the same time Sir Ernest Musgrave Harvey was elected a Deputy Governor.

The polling place was a dark-paneled room guarded by an usher in a repellent uniform and a cocked hat. The accredited voters were persons holding £500 or more of Bank of England stock at least six months prior to the election.

No one has ruled the Old Lady of Threadneedle Street so long as Mr. Norman, who never mingles in London society and never participates in official ceremonies, and is hardly known to every-day Londoners who hurry by the bank building. His election was unanimous, as he was the only candidate.

Great Britain Shows \$1,383,000 Surplus—Increase in Floating Debt Reported in Fiscal Year.

The British Treasury had a surplus of about \$1,383,000 at the close of the last fiscal year, according to a Department of Commerce statement April 2, the full text of which as given in the "United States Daily" of April 4 follows:

The British Government closed the fiscal year with a Treasury surplus of £364,000, approximately \$1,383,000 at the present rate of exchange, according to a radiogram received in the Department of Commerce April 1 from Commercial Attache William L. Cooper, London. Total revenue was £770,963,000.

According to the radiogram, total revenue included only £12,750,000 from the dollar exchange account instead of the £23,000,000 provided in the original estimate. Income from the surtax and income tax exceeded the revised estimate of September by £19,000,000, and customs excise exceeded the estimate by £3,000,000 largely because of new duties imposed. Estate duties and stamps were £18,000,000 and £3,000,000, respectively, under estimates.

Government expenditures of £770,599,000 included £32,500,000 for sinking fund requirements on the Government's debt. Supply services were £12,600,000 below estimates due largely to lower unemployment demands than were anticipated.

Great Britain's floating debt increased £17,600,000 in the past year. Unemployment fund borrowings from the Treasury during the year totalled £39,600,000, bringing the total debt to the authorized limit of £115,000,000. The present policy of the Government will make expenditures on this account a direct charge on the budget in the future, Mr. Cooper's report said.

Dollar Status Sound, London "Economist" Holds—Deplores Distrust, Says Unbalanced Budget in United States Would Not Lead to Disaster.

Under date of April 2 London advices to the New York "Times" stated:

Distrust in the dollar last week was exaggerated and not justified by facts, in the opinion of Sir Walter Layton's Weekly "Economist."

This journal expresses the belief that nothing short of domestic flight from the dollar could drive the United States off the gold standard and that the United States could stand a succession of unbalanced budgets without disaster.

"We can find little justification for the extreme pessimism which appears to have been occasioned by the temporary failure of Congress to face up to the budgetary situation," it says. "In the case of such a country as the United States, with its creditor position on foreign payments account, its surplus of exports over merchandise imports and its holdings of well over \$1,000,000,000 of free gold, it is a long step from one or two unbalanced budgets to enforced recourse to the printing press. During the past decade the internal debt of the United States has been enormously reduced, and such an expansion of credit as would be brought about by treasury borrowing for budget purposes would not necessarily be alarming or even disadvantageous."

The "Economist" adds that even if the present Congress, notwithstanding the great untapped resources of the United States, should shrink from imposing sufficiently drastic taxation fully to balance the budget, it is difficult to foresee "a resulting situation which would drive the dollar off the gold standard, unless public opinion in the United States became so alarmed for the future that wholesale domestic flight from the dollar developed."

In saying this, the "Economist" does not imply that the United States can afford, any more than other countries, to underrate the seriousness of the situation.

Bank of England Abandons Effort for Present to Control Sterling.

The Bank of England may be said to have abandoned for the time its efforts to control the sterling market, which is now being allowed pretty much to take its own course according to London advices April 1 to the New York "Times" which likewise said:

So long as official intervention is thus withheld, the rise in sterling is likely to continue. It does not follow, however, that because the Bank has withdrawn from the market and is allowing sterling to find its supply-and-demand value, therefore further future intervention to prevent an unwanted rise is unlikely or has become unnecessary.

On the contrary, there is good reason for thinking that, as soon as some of the causes which have led to the current uprush in sterling shall have disappeared, the Bank of England will again secure control of the market. It is expected to create an organization which would be able to handle the exchange market much more effectively than has been possible in the past.

British Views Mixed on Budget Surplus.

From London April 1 a wireless message to the New York "Times" said:

The announced balancing of the British budget with a small surplus is recognized in financial London as an achievement of which the country is justly proud. Satisfaction is tempered, however, by knowledge that the current financial year is not likely to bring any material easing of the tax burden, and that the task of maintaining budget equilibrium may be even more difficult than before.

Stock markets are reflecting these uncertainties, safety of capital being still the first consideration. Gilt-edge securities continue in unabated demand, but industrial securities languish. New money for industry is still difficult to obtain, whereas funds for investment in Government securities or equally well-secured stocks remain abundant.

London Loans in March Above Recent Months Nearly Up to 1931.

From the New York "Times" of April 4 we take the following from London April 1:

Issue of new loans in London during March aggregated just over £12,000,000. This is the highest monthly total since last June; it compares with £11,900,000 for February, with only £2,800,000 in January and with £12,400,000 in March, 1931.

The aggregate for the three months is still only £26,900,000 as against £45,300,000 in the corresponding first quarter of 1931. Among the impending new issues is a loan of £5,000,000 for New Zealand in 5 per cents at 98½.

British Amusement Tax Brings Decrease in Attendance at Motion Picture Houses.

Associated Press advices from London April 2 said:

During the first 12 weeks' operation of the new entertainment tax, attendance in motion picture houses throughout Great Britain decreased 165,000,000 more than had been expected.

The cinema operators are pleading for a withdrawal of the tax, imposed in the Government's program for balancing the budget.

French Budget Voted—"Surplus" Is \$153,950—Premier Tardieu Gets Several Confidence Ballots—13th Legislature Ends Final Session.

A Paris cablegram April 1 is quoted as follows from the New York "Times":

On a note of challenge by Premier Andre Tardieu to the Opposition Republicans, France's thirteenth Legislature ended its last session to-day.

All last night and this morning it had remained at work while the budget passed back and forth between the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate to be voted finally by 435 to 135, with a paper surplus at least of 3,831,000 francs (\$153,940 at the present rate).

In those last hours, Premier Tardieu had to ask for a vote of confidence in the Chamber a half dozen times before he could obtain agreement with the Senate's changes in the measure. His majority remained steady at 40 to 50, but in both houses it was evident that the party spirit which had characterized the Legislature was growing in anticipation of the new campaign, which will begin Wednesday with a speech in Paris by the Premier.

Though the Chamber voted a measure which would give former Premier Poincare an annual pension of 200,000 francs, in the haste of the last moments of the sitting its transmission to the Senate was neglected.

Editor of Paris "Matin" Says Hoarders Have \$800,000,000 In Francs.

The following Paris cablegram April 2 is from the New York "Times":

Hoarders of French banknotes here and abroad have withdrawn from circulation about 20,000,000,000 francs [about \$800,000,000] in bills of large denominations, Stephane Lauzanne, Editor of "Le Matin," estimates from statistics issued by the Bank of France. This amounts to about one-fourth of the Bank's total circulation, which this week touched 83,500,000,000 francs.

The Bank of France statistics show that circulation has increased 31,000,000,000 francs since 1926. Of this increase only a slight amount is in 5, 10, 50 and 100-franc denominations. In 1926 the total amount of these bills was 26,000,000,000 francs. Now the total is 31,500,000,000.

By far the greatest proportion of the circulation increase has been in 500 and 1,000 franc bills, which amounted to 23,000,000,000 francs in 1926 and now have reached a total of 46,000,000,000. And the greatest increase coincided with the crisis years of 1930 and 1931.

Reasoning that nearly all daily business is done in bills of small denominations and that 500 and 1,000 franc bills are seldom used in current business, M. Lauzanne says, "Most of these big bills have sought refuge in private safes and other hiding places." At least 20,000,000,000 francs have been hoarded, thinks M. Lauzanne, who then asks the French public to guess the riddle of what would happen if all this hoarded money one day came back into circulation.

Daylight Saving Time in France.

From Paris April 2 a cablegram to the New York "Times" said:

France officially adopted Daylight Saving Time for the Spring and Summer at 11 o'clock to-night, when clocks were advanced one hour.

Decline in French Railway Revenue.

Receipts of French railways in the eleventh week of the year were 227,000,000 francs, or a decrease of 39,000,000 from 1931, said a Paris wireless message April 1 to the New York "Times."

Paris Market Skeptical of "Managed Currency" Theory Divorced From Gold.

The following from Paris April 1 is quoted from the New York "Times":

It is believed here that the idea of a "managed currency," divorced from gold, has been losing ground. It is true that since the gold standard was abandoned in England, Keynes's managed-currency theories have appeared to have gained adherents. For a time, many English people appeared to imagine that a "managed pound sterling," without any metallic basis, would have to become the standard for all other currencies. The view of responsible Paris financiers, however, has been entirely different.

No country, it is considered here, will find any advantage in linking its own currency to another unstable currency. It is assumed that the British Chancellor and the Governors of the Bank of England do not hold any such Utopian idea. Nevertheless, the belief still seems to be widespread in England that no inconvenience will be incurred by postponing even for a year, as Sir Josiah Stamp has declared, the question of stabilizing the pound. In financial Paris, however, it is thought that such postponement is out of the question, if it is desired to avoid violent fluctuations of sterling such as would be greatly prejudicial to British trade.

Bank of France Gold and Foreign Credits—Weekly Increase in Reserve More Than Three Times Reduction of Balances Abroad.

It was noted April 1 in a Paris cablegram to the New York "Times" that the Bank of France, as shown by its statement of March 31, sold the previous week only 95,000,000 francs of foreign exchange, but the gold reserve rose 322,000,000. The cablegram continued:

The ratio of gold cover to bank liabilities fell from 69.81% to 69.67. The bank return also showed increase for the week of 549,000,000 in bills discounted, which is explained by the approach of month-end maturities, but loans against securities decreased 55,000,000.

Circulation was reduced 147,000,000, but, on the other hand, the Treasury and the Caisse d'Amortissement disbursed about 300,000,000. Offsetting such variations, private deposits increased 945,000,000. Money still continues extremely abundant on the market, with three months' loans against defense bonds bringing only 1½%.

French View of Sterling—Paris Believes Official London Must Accumulate Foreign Exchange.

In the best Paris financial circles the absolute conviction is held that the only means of preventing a rise in sterling is for the British authorities to intervene continuously on the market, according to Paris accounts April 1 to the New York "Times" which also had the following to say:

This they would have to do, without being too particular about the amount of foreign exchange which the Bank would have to buy to obtain desired results.

For that purpose, however, it would seem to be necessary that a fixed idea must first be arrived at as to the level at which stabilization will eventually take place. At present, however, nobody in England seems to have such an idea.

Financial Committee of League of Nations Advises Loan to Austria and Greece—Recommendations As to Bulgaria.

A recommendation that governments avoid intensification of the world crisis by guaranteeing international loans to eastern European countries which are facing financial collapse was made on April 1 in the report of the Financial Committee of the League of Nations, according to Geneva advices (United Press) April 1, published in the New York "Sun" from which we also take the following:

The report urged specifically that Austria be granted a short-term loan of 100,000,000 schillings (\$14,000,000), Greece a \$10,000,000 loan plus a one-year suspension of transfer service on her foreign debts, while it recommended that Bulgaria be allowed to reduce transfers on her external public debt by 50% during the six months from April to September.

At the moment Austria and Greece are the most critical cases, the report said, but pressing needs of other countries must be provided for to avert an even more intense financial crisis.

The declaration of a moratorium on foreign obligations "is a very grave matter likely to cause lasting damage to the credit and standing of the country concerned," the report said.

Cites Dangers in Tariffs.

The Committee also cited danger to creditor countries which impose obstacles to the free exchange of goods. The creditor States "must accept the goods in which a major part of the debts alone can be paid," says the report. "If they refuse to accept goods the debtors cannot continue to meet their obligations."

The report, answering the appeals for assistance from Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria and Greece, expressed regret that the Powers had not yet solved the question of political debts, since the Lausanne conference had been postponed.

"The world situation has seriously deteriorated," the report said, declaring that tariff reprisals and restrictions were submitting world trade to "progressive strangulation."

The report complained that armament budgets were increasing the crisis several-fold and pleaded for the most urgent action "to avert grave consequences and further financial collapse in many parts of Europe."

Under League Supervision.

Loans should be granted, the report recommended, on conditions that the countries involved accept league supervision to insure sound administration of public finances and National banks.

It recommended the inclusion of Bulgaria in the proposed Danubian Union and suggested Bulgaria be allowed to borrow for one year not more than 300,000,000 leva (\$2,173,910) above the limit originally allowed in 1928, when the League Council approved a Bulgarian stabilization loan of \$27,000,000 at 7½%. New York furnished \$9,000,000 of that sum in 1928.

The report suggested the League supervise reorganization of the Grecian railroads. Norman Davis and Robert Olds of the United States participated in the work of the committee.

Plans of the National Bank of Austria to Meet the Existing Financial Difficulties.

From the New York "Times" we take the following from Vienna, April 1:

The new President of the Austrian National Bank seems determined to work toward restoration of gold parity for the schilling. Energetic restrictions of credit are being introduced to make possible reduction of the note circulation. In addition, the greater part of the Kreditanstalt finance bills, which amount to 679,000,000 schillings of the bank's \$32,000,000 total holdings of bills, are to be taken over as a State debt to be redeemed through internal loans. The annual interest burden of the State, including guaranteed obligations to foreign countries, is estimated at 40,000,000 schillings.

The Austrian public budget for 1931 shows a deficit of 275,000,000 schillings or \$38,500,000. Of this deficit 100,000,000 schillings were due to operations for the Kreditanstalt and 98,000,000 for public works. Short-term credits were employed to cover 200,000,000 of the deficit, the rest being met out of the cash balance. The original estimate of the expenditure for 1932, which was 1,900,000,000 schillings, is to be reduced to 1,600,000,000 by the new emergency budget.

To Tax Note Circulation in Austria.

The following (United Press) from Vienna, is from the "Wall Street Journal" of April 5:

The National Bank has decided to tax banknotes in circulation because the bank statement for the end of March showed that gold coverage had gone below the legal limit of 23%.

Austria Is Revealed Technically Off Gold—Note Issue Cover in Foreign Exchange Down to 22.98, Bank Report Shows.

The following cablegram from Vienna April 4, is from the New York "Times":

Austria's note issue cover in gold foreign exchange declined, according to the March report of the National Bank, to 22.98. Thus Austria is technically off the gold standard and the Austrian National Bank for the first time in its history must pay a special tax to the Government as provided in its statutes.

This development was due to the failure of the Government to settle the Kreditanstalt problem which increased bills discounted by \$5,000,000. There was an increase of \$14,000,000 in note circulation and a decrease of almost \$500,000 in foreign exchange holdings.

"This is the warning signal," observes the "Extrablatt" to-night, "which should urge the foreign powers who are meeting in London this week to discuss the Danubian preference plan to provide speedy help to Austria."

Drastic Rationing of German Foreign Exchange Reported Urged by Manufacturers and Traders.

The following from Berlin is from the "Wall Street Journal" of April 1:

Drastic rationing of Germany's supply of foreign currency was urged by leading manufacturers and traders. The action was urged to assure continuance of interest payments on foreign debts and maintenance of essential imports of food stuffs and raw materials. It was urged by the commercial committee of the German Federation of Industries.

It was understood that the President of the Federation, Krupp von Bohlen, was to inform Chancellor Heinrich Brüning of the industrialists' decisions, which were expected to influence the Government's commercial policy.

Under present conditions each importer is entitled to enough foreign money to finance 55% of his importing program of 1930. The Federation

urged that currency be apportioned among importers according to the essential and less essential character of the goods to be imported.

The Federation's announcement was calculated to reassure foreign borrowers and investors who were disquieted by recent rumors that a moratorium was impending in Germany.

President von Hindenburg of Germany Issues New Budget Decree Extending Fiscal Year to Coincide with Termination of Hoover Moratorium.

United Press advices as follows from Berlin are taken from the "Wall Street Journal" of April 1:

President Paul von Hindenburg has issued an emergency decree extending by three months the budget expiring April 1, so that the end of the German financial year will coincide with the expiration of the Hoover moratorium.

The decree ordered all expenditures lowered by 20% under 1931 appropriations. Government salaries, however, will continue on the basis of the 1931 budget.

A subsidy of 75,000,000 marks was granted cities under the decree.

Federation of German Industry Bans Import Quotas—Opposes Plan, but Would Give Preference to Necessities in Allotting Exchange—Urges Eventual Discontinuation of Amortizing Foreign Long-Term Debts.

The Federation of German Industry went on record at Berlin on April 1 against the adoption of a quota system for imports, said a Berlin cablegram on that date to the New York "Times," from which we also take the following:

The Federation merely advocates making a distinction among foreign commodities according to their importance in allotting foreign exchange for their importation, so that those raw materials, foodstuffs and half-finished products that are vital shall receive preference.

The Federation emphasizes that the Government should be careful not to provoke any foreign reprisals that, by curtailing German exports, would nullify the effect of the control of foreign exchange, namely, that of protecting the Reichsbank's reserves.

Reason for Attitude.

The majority in the Federation does not advocate this relative broad-mindedness in Germany's foreign trade policy, because it feels especially optimistic about the situation, but because it believes that Germany has a better chance to meet her foreign obligations by maintaining her present comparatively favorable balance of trade than by shutting off her markets.

It is asserted that if this attempt of more systematic control of exchange should fail, Governmental control of all foreign trade would be the last resort.

The Federation also calls attention to what it terms the urgent necessity of obtaining from foreign creditors a reduction of excessive interest rates and eventually the discontinuance of amortization payments on the long-term debts.

A standstill agreement on sinking fund payments that would relieve Germany of the payment of about 400,000,000 marks (\$95,200,000) annually has been in the foreground of discussions among leading bankers here recently.

While the Federation rejected a proposal to adapt imports by means of distribution of foreign exchange, to the relative amount of German goods that foreign nations buy, calling attention to the difficulties inherent in such differentiations, the Deutschebank und Diskonto-Gesellschaft in its monthly report on the business situation observes that Germany has no way of escaping these tendencies, which are spreading throughout the world.

Apparently referring to the United States, the bank points out that Germany's balance of trade is especially unfavorable with the country that is her chief creditor, adding: "We realize that it will be increasingly hard to maintain this situation."

Rossia International Corporation Expected to Retain German Insurance Holdings.

The "Wall Street Journal" of April 4 reported the following from Hartford, Conn.:

Thomas B. McDermott, Vice-President of Rossia Insurance Corp., who has been in Germany on business in connection with Rossia International Corp., which has large holdings in Germania General Life and Iduna General Insurance companies, said on arrival home it was now doubtful Rossia International would sell its holdings. He stated that investigations made by himself and Carl Sturhahn, President, who also was in Germany, found both companies to be well managed. Iduna General stockholders defeated the proposal considered at a recent meeting that unpaid capital be canceled.

German Deficit for Year of 418,000,000 Marks Seen, Partly Covered by New Taxes.

A Berlin wireless message April 2 to the New York "Times" stated:

Tax receipts of the Reich during the completed 11 months of the financial year are reported at 7,073,000,000 marks. The estimate for the entire 12 months was 8,172,000,000.

These figures appear to foreshadow a deficit for the full year of 418,000,000 marks. That deficit, however, may be partly made good by the new taxes payable after the middle of February.

German Credits at 7% Offered on Condition—American Bankers in "Standstill" Agreement Would Limit Rate if Others Did Same.

The American committee of bankers on "standstill" arrangements with German debtor bankers has agreed, in response to requests from Germany, that, providing all other foreign creditors of the German banks are in accord, a maximum limit of 7% shall be placed on interest rates charged

on credits under the current standstill agreement. This was noted in the New York "Times" of April 2, which also said:

The unanimous action of all creditors would be impossible to obtain, according to the views of some bankers here. Dutch and Swiss bankers, it was remarked, have been charging their German debtors 8 and 9% and are unlikely to agree to a lower rate. In this market the average is probably about 6%, bankers said, although the rates charged vary between 5 and 8%, depending upon the character of the indebtedness.

An item from Berlin stating that interest charges on the \$90,000,000 central bank credit to the Reichsbank had been reduced to 6% from 8% appeared in our issue of April 2, page 2428.

German Government Reported Arranging Financing Plan on Theory that There Will Be No Further Reparation Payments.

It was stated in Associated Press cablegrams from Berlin April 5 that the German Government is going ahead with its financing plans on the theory that there will be no more reparations payments. The cablegrams continued:

The budget for the fiscal year 1932-33, now in preparation, makes no provision whatever for war reparations, it was learned to-day. It is the first time since the end of the conflict that this item has not bulked large in the Reich's financial plans.

The action of the Federal Government in ignoring reparations requirements in budget plans is in accordance with the declaration of Chancellor Heinrich Brüning last January that continuation of such payments was impossible and any attempt to maintain them "must lead to disaster not only for Germany but for the whole world."

The whole problem is to be discussed at impending international conferences. As matters stand at present, however, Germany has no authority to forego her payments after the conclusion of the Hoover moratorium this summer.

The Government is trying to balance the budget at 8,500,000,000 marks (about \$2,040,000,000). It is understood that the present budget year will show a deficit of 550,000,000 marks about \$132,000,000. About the middle of the month the new budget will be discussed in the Reichstag.

New Pact Reported Sought on German Debts—"Standstill" Agreement Discussed on Municipal Short-Term Notes.

From the New York "Evening Post" we take the following from Berlin April 2:

Representatives of British, Dutch, Swedish and Swiss banks have arrived here for a discussion of a "standstill" agreement on short-term municipal debts amounting to 250,000,000 reichsmarks. The American interest is negligible.

Under the decree on devisen, repayment is forbidden, but creditors are asking for repayment of 10% similarly to the terms of the "standstill" agreement on private debts. The Reichsbank is willing to accede to the demands of creditors, but seeks a prolongation of all credits for one year and a reduction in interest to 6%. An early agreement is probable.

Germany Fixes Quotas on Long Credits—Repayment of These Foreign Debts Put on Same Basis as Standstill Obligations—Order Issued April 1 Aimed at Satisfying Short-Term Creditors Who Feared Discrimination.

In a cablegram from Berlin April 4 to the New York "Times" it was stated that all foreign unfunded long-term credits, as well as foreign short-term credits not included in the standstill agreement, will henceforth be treated, as far as repayment of principal is concerned, like the standstill credits, which means according to Clause 10 of the standstill agreement. The cablegram continued:

This is the essence of Governmental instructions to the Department for foreign exchange control issued April 1, it was learned, to satisfy short-term creditors on the question of non-discrimination.

This means that in any consecutive six-monthly period not more than 15% of the principal of a credit to a German commercial, industrial or private debtor and not more than 25% of a credit to a German bank debtor may be repaid upon maturity into a blocked account. The same applies to short-term credits not included in the standstill agreements. As to credits to a public debtor, no quota has been fixed, the question of repayment to be decided in the individual case. Exceptions to this rule may be granted in special cases only if the creditor agrees not to satisfy himself out of property the debtor holds abroad.

This hardly changes the present situation, as the practice heretofore has been to prohibit repayments on non-standstill short credits, while repayment of unfunded long-term credits has been permitted, but rarely led to payments larger than the quotas because of the customary difficulties of the debtors.

The creditors are to have the same opportunity as the standstill creditors to convert within Germany funds accumulated on blocked accounts into five-year mortgages.

The ultimate fate of credits to public debtors will be decided when present negotiations for their full or partial consolidation have been concluded.

British Committee Representing Short-Term Creditors Makes Recommendation Regarding Interest on Indebtedness Covered by German Credit Agreement.

The following from London is from the "Wall Street Journal" of April 2:

Joint committee of British short-term creditors has issued a recommendation to its constituents that interest on indebtedness which is covered by the German credit agreement of 1932 should be charged at 2% above the London bank rate, with a minimum level of 5%.

Germany Planning Vast Public Works—Contemplates Expenditure of \$357,000,000 This Spring to Give 1,800,000 Jobs.

Under date of March 30 Associated Press advices from Berlin stated:

Through a vast system of public works, more than three-fourths of which will be revenue-producing, Germany hopes, with the seasonal demand for labor this spring, to put a large part of her 6,200,000 unemployed back to work.

Proposed by Adam Stegerwald, Minister of Labor, the scheme contemplates spending 1,500,000,000 marks (about \$357,000,000) in expansion and replacement programs for the German inland telegraph system, railways, canals, roads and housing facilities.

Under the plan construction orders aggregating 300,000,000 marks would be placed by the railways; 100,000,000 by the post office, which also controls the telegraph system; 400,000,000 for the repair of roads and new road construction; 300,000,000 in agricultural rehabilitation; 50,000,000 in renovating and constructing new canals, and 200,000,000 in building small houses.

This stream of money would be diverted into productive channels, except in the case of the 400,000,000 mark expenditure for roads, which is open to discussion as far as revenue-producing is concerned.

From all other expenditures the Government stands to make a profit, or at least get its money back. This is particularly true of the postal divisions, which annually return a net balance to the Reich's coffers.

The announcement of the Government's proposal has caused renewed hope here, and coupled with the Reichsbank's announcement of cheaper money is calculated to relieve conditions materially this spring when the seasonal demand for additional workmen picks up.

Pumping this new blood into the veins of the German industrial and economic system is regarded by the Government as affecting probably triple the number of men for which it is planned. Originally, the program called for placing 600,000 men, roughly one-tenth of the unemployed, back to work. However, with much manufacturing to be done on the materials, it is expected that two factory workers will return to work to supply each man in the construction projects with materials.

Industries that should benefit from the proposal if it is adopted by the Cabinet are heavy steel, electrical, cement, machinery and lumber.

Behind the plan stands one of Germany's foremost authorities on labor, Herr Stegerwald, who rose to his place in the Cabinet from the ranks of the Catholic trades union movement.

A definite decision, which is expected to be favorable, will be made by the Cabinet as soon as the Presidential election is out of the way.

Renew Hungarian Treasury Bills.

From the "Wall Street Journal" of April 2 we take the following from London:

Contract was signed on Thursday, at offices of N. M. Rothschild & Son, for renewal of the Hungarian Treasury bills which mature Feb. 22. The bills amount to £1,820,000 in sterling, \$5,000,000, and 12,500,000 in Swiss francs. The new bills, which mature Aug. 8, are for the same nominal amount and the equivalent rate of discount and will be delivered in exchange for the old bills.

Notice of Hungarian Bank Dividend.

The Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. of New York, depositary on April 4 notified holders of Hungarian General Savings Bank, Ltd., American shares, that the bank has declared a dividend of 2.50 pengoes a share (equivalent to 12.50 pengoes per American share before charges and expenses). The dividend is payable to shares of record April 15. In its notice the trust company says:

Owing to the exchange restrictions instituted by the Hungarian Government, it is not possible at the present time to convert the pengoe dividend into United States dollars. The undersigned, as depositary, will, therefore, transmit to said Bank a list of the holders of record of American Shares as at the close of business on said record date, instructing said Bank to hold for the account and at the disposal of said holders of record their proportionate shares of said dividend so declared, after deducting charges and expenses of the undersigned as provided in said agreement.

CENTRAL HANOVER BANK AND TRUST CO.

Swedish Plants to Cut Match Production—To Operate Only Four Days a Week from April 15.

In a wireless message April 3 from Stockholm to the New York "Times" it was stated:

The Swedish Match Co. to-day decided to curtail the operation of its factories from five to four days a week, beginning April 15.

It was explained the company during the prevailing depression throughout the world wished to avoid an increase in the stock of matches. The present stock was said to be large.

Swedish Business Interests Look to Department of Commerce to Support Export Trade—Committee of Experts Named.

Supporting the work of the Swedish Department of Commerce, a special committee has been appointed to carry on extensive investigations regarding ways and means of promoting Swedish exports, it is stated in a report from Trade Commissioner Basil D. Dahl, Stockholm, to the U. S. Department of Commerce. This committee consists of 17 men, 15 of whom are experts from various industries and trades. The others are the Under-Secretary of the Department of Commerce and the Director of the Commercial Bureau of the Foreign Office. The further announcement on March 28 by the U. S. Department of Commerce reports:

A statement issued at the time the committee was named, said:

"With present conditions in commercial life, it is considered that commercial-political questions require closer attention and this caused the Government to call to its side this advisory board. During the past few months when abnormal conditions have prevailed in connection with exchange and financial difficulties, a general isolation policy has become noticeable in several countries, and the 17 experts will be of great assistance to the Government in dealing with this situation."

The board is also expected to follow closely current developments, carry on special investigations, prepare statements concerning questions assigned to it and otherwise make suggestions aiming at doing away with the difficulties of moderating the effects on Swedish commercial life of protective commercial-political action in foreign countries.

Swedish importers are said to take exception to the new board because they contend their interests are not represented on it.

30,000 on Strike in Czechoslovakia—Coal Miners, Averaging \$2 a Week, Protest Dismissal of 12,000 in Slump.

The following Prague advices March 30 are from the New York "Times":

The critical condition of Czechoslovakia's industry has caused a strike of 30,000 of the country's 83,000 coal miners, following a decision of the mine owners to dismiss 12,000 men. Clashes of strikers and police in which shots were fired and a number on both sides wounded were followed by stormy debates in Parliament to-night.

On the outbreak of the strike, the leaders of which make their slogan the withdrawal of the dismissal notices to the miners, the Government issued stringent orders forbidding the assembly of crowds in the mining areas. In the Ostrau district the Government proclamation was disregarded and crowds of strikers assembled at the pit heads. Shots were exchanged with the gendarmerie, and a number on both sides were badly injured. There were minor clashes this afternoon in other areas.

In Parliament the Government was sharply attacked for failing to prevent the strike by deputies of various parties. A Hitlerite deputy, Herr Knirsch, declared the strike was a comprehensive act of despair on the part of men whose weekly wage average \$2. A Social Democratic deputy, Herr Binovec, said the mine owners, who last year in one area alone made \$7,000,000, must cease provoking the workers and consent to nationalization of the mines.

Minister of Labor Dostalek said late to-night he had insisted that a number of mines withdraw the notices to the miners. The strike committee has agreed to continue deliveries to schools and charitable institutions, but to deal with applications of industrial undertakings for coal on the merits of each case.

Conditions in the Province of Ruthenia were the subject of interpellations by National Socialists to-day. They accused the Government of the Province of misinforming the Government concerning a famine there. They said 15,000 children were threatened with death by starvation.

New Treasury Bond Issue by Czechoslovakia.

The following from Paris is from the "Wall Street Journal" of April 8:

Announcement has been made of issue of 600,000,000 francs 5% five year Czechoslovakian Treasury bonds at 99%. Issue is under the guarantee of the French Government. The bonds enjoy a lien on net profits of the Czech tobacco monopoly after requirements are met for service of the 3% external loan of 1922.

Czech Banks Not to Support Shares.

From its Paris bureau the "Wall Street Journal" of April 8 reports the following:

The decision of four leading banks of Czechoslovakia to cease attempting to hold up quotations of their shares in the market and their proposal to cancel those shares which they have bought in during the last two years with a corresponding reduction in nominal value of capital is generally commended. The present total capital of the four banks, the Zivnostenska, Bohemian Discount, Bohemian Union and Bank of Commerce & Industry, aggregates 910,000,000 Czech crowns.

Spanish Treasury Offering.

The April 2 issue of the "Wall Street Journal" contained the following from Madrid:

The Spanish Treasury is offering a 5½% loan of 500,000,000 pesetas on April 12.

The Central Exchange Bureau is seeking a technical means to improve the position of the peseta.

Spanish Exchange Control.

In its issue of March 24 the "Wall Street Journal" reported the following from Madrid:

Control of foreign commercial bill payment ends Friday and bankers hope soon to re-establish entire freedom of the foreign exchange market.

An internal Treasury issue of around 400,000,000 pesetas is scheduled to be made on April 10. Savings banks are already asking for 200,000,000 pesetas of the total issue while oversubscription of the remainder is assured. The new balanced budget is encouraging confidence on the part of the public and should result in diminishing hoarding.

Recent weakness of the peseta is believed to be the result of an easing of the exchange control measures.

Spanish Budget Effective.

The following (United Press) from Madrid is from the "Wall Street Journal" of April 1:

The new budget effective April 1 provided a 20% increase in the cost of tobacco and a rise of 10 centimos per liter in the price of gasoline. Revenue was estimated at 4,550,248,192 pesetas and expenditures at 4,469,862,488.

Salvador Bondholders Committee Under Chairmanship of F. J. Lisman Will Accept Deposits Until April 30.

The Bondholders Protective Committee of the some \$17,500,000 of the Customs Lien 8%, the 6% sterling, and the 7% sinking fund gold bonds of the Republic of El Salvador, of which F. J. Lisman is Chairman, and Fred Lavis, President of the Latin-American Bondholders Association, and R. W. Hebard, members, announce that a favorable response has been received from the Committee's request for deposits on March 28 and that in view of this fact it has been decided to limit the time for deposits to April 30 1932, when it is expected that sufficient bonds will have been deposited to proceed with the complete work of the Committee.

The Committee has made application for listing the certificates of deposit for the series A bonds on the New York Stock Exchange and anticipates a conference in the near future with a representative of the El Salvador Government, which proposed sending an envoy to New York to negotiate with the bondholders. The New York Trust Co. is depository for the Committee, Hornblower, Miller, Miller & Boston, counsel, and Douglas Bradford, 120 Wall Street, Secretary. Reference to the Lisman Committee was made in these columns March 26, page 2252 and April 2, page 2433.

New Salvador Projects—Minister of Finance Declares No Authority Has Been Given Eduardo Vargas to Seek Loans Therefor.

With reference to an item, given in our issue of March 19, page 2074, and which we indicated came from a New York paper, bearing on reported new projects and an alleged loan for the furtherance of the same, we have received the following cablegram from the Minister of Finance of the Republic under date of April 7:

Editor, Commercial and Financial Chronicle:

Referring to news item published in your issue of March 19 (page 2074), Eduardo Vargas has no authority from this ministry to seek funds or loan, much less for unnecessary or unproductive work.

MINISTER OF FINANCE, Republic of El Salvador.

Closing of De Beers Diamond Mines—Subsidy to Amsterdam Industry.

Associated Press advices from Amsterdam (Holland) March 31 stated:

The De Beers diamond mines in South Africa closed to-day, as it was announced they would a month ago, but the diamond-cutting industry in the Netherlands is keeping its skilled men on the pay roll in anticipation of a demand for large-sized stones.

Under date of April 1 the New York "Times" reported the following from Amsterdam:

Unemployment in the diamond industry is increasing daily. About 80% of the workers are now idle.

The Government's plan to subsidize the industry is not expected to help until there is a general economic improvement.

The following March 30 from Johannesburg, is also from the "Times":

The great De Beers mines at Kimberley will be closed to-morrow, as forecast last month, and with this the main diamond industry of South Africa will come to a standstill.

Except for the throwing of 2,500 white workers and thousands of natives out of employment, however, the closing is not regarded as a disaster. The diamond companies regard it more as a necessary prelude to the return of prosperity. Thrice in the present century all or most of the De Beers mines have been closed—during the crisis in the United States in 1908, during the early years of the World War and throughout the post-war crisis beginning in 1921—and in each case their reopening has ushered in a period of prosperity for the industry.

On its present basis, the diamond industry is dependent for prosperity on effective control of prices. The main producing interests in South Africa thus have been compelled to concentrate their attention on the regulation of sales and through their organization, known as the Diamond Corp., have managed to sell through a single channel at a single price. But this has been done only by buying up the production of others and holding it until it should become salable. This method requires enormous financial resources and is apt to result in an accumulation of diamond stocks far larger than a depressed market can absorb.

At present low prices there is estimated to be £20,000,000 worth (\$75,200,000 at current exchange) of rough goods in the hands of the Diamond Corp. and producers, excluding stocks owned by the South African Government. Even if the sales position were to improve, it would take two or three years to reduce the amount of all this "sterilized" treasure.

The stoppage of production cannot affect sales while there is a two or three years' supply of stocks on hand. As the Government revenue from diamonds depends on sales instead of output, the closing of the mines is not expected to create new difficulties for the Treasury.

The best hope for stability in the industry is felt to lie in a proposal that the South African Government call a conference of all producing countries to establish a system of world quotas. The Government has just appointed a commission to inquire into the condition of the industry and some such recommendation may be included in its report.

Reference to the proposed closing of the De Beers mines was made in our issue of Feb. 20, page 1290.

Report that Manchoukuo Government Will Take Over Salt Revenues—To Accept Responsibility for Repayment of Foreign Loans Secured by These Revenues.

Associated Press accounts from Tokio March 28 stated:

A Rengo News Agency dispatch from Changchun to-day said the new Manchoukuo Government had announced it would take over administration of the salt revenues, at the same time accepting responsibility for the repayment of foreign loans secured by these revenues.

U. S. Munitions Policy Unchanged—No Ban on Exports to Japan—Du Pont Conference Details Withheld.

From Washington advices to the "Wall Street Journal" of March 29 said:

The policy of the United States Government in relation to export of munitions to the Far East has undergone no change, it was said at the State Department.

Officials of the department continued reticent regarding the conference held between them and representatives of du Pont interests, their only comment being that it was "private business" of du Pont's and that it would be improper to discuss the matter.

There has been no ban on exports of munitions from this country to Japan, but the policy of the Administration has been to prohibit munitions shipments to China unless such shipments were covered by a license.

Tientsin and Peking Bank Notes Banned in Mukden.

By order of the new Provincial Government of Fengting province, Tientsin and Peking bank notes, which formerly had free circulation in Mukden, have been banned and will not be accepted by any local official organization, it is stated in a report to the Commerce Department from Assistant Trade Commissioner Louis V. Venator, Mukden. It is considered likely that the same practice will be extended to the other provinces in Manchuria. The Department on April 1 further reported:

In the past, notes issued by certain of the more stable Tientsin banks have enjoyed reasonably free circulation and a fairly low rate of discount in Manchuria until the present order.

Mr. Venator stated that in financial circles it is said that the Japanese program in Manchuria calls for the eventual circulation of Bank of Chosen yen notes as the official currency, and the recent order may be one step toward a reduced use of Chinese currency.

Another view of the development is that the order was issued in an effort to increase silver holdings in Manchuria. There is an embargo upon the exportation of silver from Manchuria, and it is considered possible that the ban upon Tientsin notes will result in the importation of additional silver.

New Manchurian Government Plans to Take Over Customs Offices in Near Future.

The new Manchurian Government is arranging to take over all customs offices, with the exception of the one at Darien, in the near future, according to a radiogram received March 31 in the Department of Commerce from Assistant Trade Commissioner Carl E. Christopherson, Mukden. Darien is located in Japanese territory, it was noted April 1 by the Department which added:

According to the radiogram, no change in duties is planned for the present. The establishment of the capital at Changchun has resulted in increases in the price of foodstuffs and luxuries ranging from 20% to 100%, however.

The Dairen municipal council has approved the 1932 budget which calls for expenditure of 1,083,000 yens. This is 90,000 yen lower than last year.

According to the report, freight carried by the Chinese Eastern railway in January and February totaled 732,000 metric tons compared with 87,000 metric tons a year ago. Grain stocks awaiting shipment at all stations as of March 1 1932, amounted to 296,000 tons compared with 490,000 tons a year ago.

Japanese Consider Settling 500,000 Families in Manchuria.

From Tokio, April 4, a wireless message to the New York "Times" said:

Plans for settling 500,000 Japanese families in Manchuria during the next decade are being considered by the Overseas Ministry in co-operation with the Ministry of Agriculture, directors of the South Manchurian Railway, Oriental development companies and agricultural experts of Japanese universities. It is believed the families can be settled in communities of 300 or 400 at a cost of 2,000 yen (about \$660) per family.

The press and the public show great interest in these schemes but underestimate the practical difficulties.

The settlement of 500,000 families in ten years would cost 200,000,000 yen. Meantime, Japan's population is increasing at a rate of a million annually.

China Pays Part of Dues in Arrears to League of Nations.

The following (United Press) from Geneva, is from the "Wall Street Journal," of March 30:

China has paid the League of Nations Treasury \$93,000 as the first instalment of arrears in League contributions which totaled \$1,800,000 last September.

Japan Ships More Gold to United States—To Meet Deficit with Bonds.

An announcement April 4 by the U. S. Department of Commerce said:

The Japanese Government is shipping 7,000,000 yen of gold to the United States to-day (April 4) according to a cablegram received in the Department of Commerce from Commercial Attache H. A. Butts, Tokio.

According to the cable, the 1932-33 budget draft indicates expenditures amounting to 1,490,000,000 yen and revenues of 1,380,000,000 yen. This deficit will be covered by bond issues, it was stated.

The Government expects to issue bonds to the extent of between 460,000,000 and 470,000,000 yen in the next fiscal year. This figure does not include bonds authorized at the last session of the Diet to meet the expenses of military operations in China.

It is reported that the Bank of Chosen, the South Manchurian Railway and the Oriental Development company will loan the new Manchurian Government 20,000,000 yen.

Insurance companies are loaning Prefectures 4,000,000 yen at 6 3/4% for 20 years. The Nisshin Flour Mills is issuing 2,500,000 yen of 6 1/2% debentures, and the Kawasaki Dock Co. is issuing preferred stock in settlement of its debts.

The South Manchurian Railway is reported to be considering doubling its capital. If this plan is carried out, the company will be capitalized at 880,000,000 yen.

Shipping companies plan a new service to Dairen in anticipation of increased exports to Manchuria.

Japan had an unfavorable January trade balance of 156,000,000 yen. (Yen equals about 33 cents at present exchange.)

Manchuria to Build Gigantic Sulphate of Ammonia Factory.

The South Manchuria Railway Co. is to launch various important enterprises in Manchuria and Mongolia as soon as political conditions in the new State warrant, according to information contained in a recent issue of the "Japan Chronicle," Consul-General M. S. Myers, Mukden, China, states in a report made public by the Department of Commerce. In indicating this April 4, the Department said:

The first project planned, according to the report, is the establishment of a huge sulphate of ammonia factory in Dairen. Nitrogen will be extracted from the air. The enterprise will involve a cost of about 20,000,000 yen (\$7,200,000 average exchange for January 1932). The company, has already applied to the Tokio Government for formal approval.

To provide for the expenditure needed for various enterprises, the company has arranged for a call on unpaid capital. The company now plans issuing debentures totaling between 30,000,000 yen and 50,000,000 yen. The matter is being discussed with syndicate bankers, particularly the Japan Industrial Bank.

Australian Court Upholds Debt Law—Ruling Permits Commonwealth to Seize Revenues of States on Default in Payments—Affects New South Wales.

The following (Canadian Press) from Melbourne, Australia, April 6 is from the New York "Times":

The Australian High Court to-day decided by a majority judgment of 4 to 2 that the Commonwealth Government's new "financial agreement enforcement act" is valid legislation.

This is the drastic measure which shunts the responsibility for overseas borrowings, whether on State or Federal account, to the Commonwealth Government and, in turn, empowers the Commonwealth to seize the revenues of States which default debt payments. It is aimed directly at the State of New South Wales, which defaulted overseas debt payments on Feb. 1 and again on April 1.

The validity of the legislation, which has been passed by the Commonwealth Parliament, was contested by New South Wales, and the States of Victoria and Tasmania associated themselves with the action. Premier J. T. Lang of New South Wales requested the Commonwealth Government to withhold proclamation of New South Wales' default, the first step under the provisions of the new machinery, pending the court's decision.

Tense interest was evinced throughout Australia in the court's findings. It was generally expected that Premier Lang would continue to resist enforcement of the Commonwealth act by every means in his power, although the next move is up to the Commonwealth.

The Commonwealth Cabinet hastily conferred as soon as the decision was made known. Prime Minister Joseph Lyons, obviously delighted by the action of the court in backing up his policy, said the proclamation of default would probably be issued on Friday.

The next steps—following the provisions of the act—would be to designate certain revenues of the State and collect them on Commonwealth account, making them applicable to repayment of the amounts the Commonwealth has already disbursed to meet State debt payments. It is probable sufficient revenues will be designated to cover the State's default until at least June 30. Those paying the designated taxes or levies will be liable to penalties if they pay them to the State instead of to the Commonwealth.

Australia Pays State's Defaults—Commonwealth Meets Interest on New South Wales's Bonds—£200,000 Due in New York—Bars Moratorium Plan—Premier Rejects Proposal for Plea to Foreign Holders.

Canadian Press advices from Sydney, Australia, in stating on April 1 that the Commonwealth Government of Australia made that day payments in London of £900,000 and in New York of £200,000 due as interest on bonds of the State of New South Wales, which defaulted previous payments Feb. 1, added (we quote from the New York "Times"):

This undertaking, carried out at an additional cost of about 25% for exchange, was made at the same time as the attempt of Premier J. T. Lang of New South Wales to obtain a moratorium on interest payments was announced a failure.

When the State defaulted interest payments the Commonwealth Government assumed them and at the same time passed legislation which makes the Commonwealth Government directly responsible for all State loans, in turn giving it the power to seize the revenues of defaulting States. This legislation is now the subject of an action by the State of New South Wales, and the validity of the measure will be ruled upon by the high court of Australia.

Prime Minister J. A. Lyons, head of the United Australia party government, has rejected a suggestion from New South Wales that the Commonwealth should intervene in an attempt to secure a moratorium from overseas bondholders. Announcement of the failure of the attempt to secure a moratorium on New South Wales loans was conveyed to Premier Lang by A. C. Willis, New South Wales Agent-General in London.

Mr. Willis told Premier Lang by cable to-day that he had interviewed a number of representatives of large bondholders who showed they relied on the Commonwealth's acceptance of all liabilities. Mr. Willis expressed the opinion that if the Commonwealth and all the States joined in representations with a view to securing suspension of interest payments and reduction of the interest rates an advantageous arrangement could be made. Prime Minister Lyons, however, states the Commonwealth Government's advice from London contradict the expressions of Mr. Willis.

A Commonwealth proclamation of the New South Wales default, which under the new legislation is a preliminary to resolutions annexing sufficient of the State's revenues to meet the payments already carried out by the Commonwealth on behalf of the State, is being held up pending the judgment of the night court on the legislation's validity.

An item with reference to the payment of the New South Wales interest appeared in our issue of April 2, page 2436.

Proposed Cuts in Wages of Civil Employees in New Zealand.

Canadian Press advices from Wellington, New Zealand, April 6 said:

Further cuts are contemplated in the wages of all civil servants in New Zealand on a graduated scale ranging from 5 to 12½%, according to a report which up to to-day had not been officially denied. A 10% cut has already been effected.

The same report added that reductions in the rates of interest, certain classes of pensions and rents were probable.

New Zealand Loan.

From the "Wall Street Journal" of April 1 we take the following (United Press) from London:

Underwriting has begun here on a 5% New Zealand loan of £5,000,000 priced at 98½ and redeemable from 1956 to 1971.

Treasury Department Subscribed \$63,243,740 to Stock of Federal Land Banks, Increasing Capital to \$128,605,609—Acts Under Recent Congressional Authority.

Acting under the recent authorization by Congress appropriating \$125,000,000 to the United States Treasury for subscription to stock in the 12 Federal Land banks, the Treasury has increased the paid-in capital of the 12 Federal Land banks by almost 100%, subscribing thereto \$63,243,740, making the total stock of the banks \$128,605,609. Announcement of this was made April 7 by the Federal Land banks, the announcement further stating:

The Government subscription included \$25,000,000 to be used to take the place of funds of which the banks might be deprived by reason of extensions granted under their mortgages, as provided by the Congressional Act. The United States Treasury has received non-voting shares of stock for the advances made to the 12 banks, and this fund must be repaid to the Treasury in the same way that the original subscriptions to stock in these banks were repaid to the Treasury.

When the Federal Land banks began business in 1917, the Treasury subscribed \$8,892,130 out of a total of \$9,000,000 capital stock of the 12 institutions. The Act creating the banks provided that 25% of the subscriptions to stock of national farm loan associations, through which the loans made to the banks originate for the most part, above a stipulated amount, must be applied to the retirement of Government-owned stock. Under this provision, the Government's participation in stock on the first of this year has been reduced to \$204,698, of which \$69,895 represented stock in the Federal Land Bank of Springfield and \$107,803 in the Federal Land Bank of Berkeley.

The total subscriptions to the capital stock of the banks made by the Treasury at this time are as follows:

Springfield.....	\$1,425,080	St. Paul.....	\$14,905,360
Baltimore.....	1,512,430	Omaha.....	3,499,810
Columbia.....	8,958,770	Wichita.....	1,924,055
Louisville.....	3,000,980	Houston.....	3,290,965
New Orleans.....	8,651,070	Berkeley.....	1,981,490
St. Louis.....	4,414,185	Spokane.....	9,679,545

The above subscriptions include those from the \$25,000,000 fund which are as follows:

Springfield.....	\$1,117,780	St. Paul.....	\$2,402,525
Baltimore.....	1,454,245	Omaha.....	3,499,810
Columbia.....	1,168,820	Wichita.....	1,924,055
Louisville.....	2,558,660	Houston.....	3,290,965
New Orleans.....	2,227,350	Berkeley.....	1,116,355
St. Louis.....	2,216,120	Spokane.....	2,023,315

Offering of New Issue of \$25,000,000 of 4½% Debentures of Federal Intermediate Credit Banks—Issue Sold Publicly.

Charles R. Dunn, Fiscal Agent for the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, announced on April 5 public offering of a new issue of \$25,000,000 4½% collateral trust debentures, dated April 15 and due in three, four and five months, priced on a 4% basis. This April financing of the Credit Banks, follows the offering and public sale in March of \$25,000,000 of 4½% debentures priced at par. In February the financing consisted of an issue of \$15,000,000 of 5% debentures.

Although the Reconstruction Finance Corporation has offered in each instance to take all or any portion of debentures remaining unsold on the issue dates, which are 15th of each month, and the same offer applied in regard

to the present \$25,000,000 issue, Mr. Dunn reported that the demand from institutional and other investors has been sufficient each time to absorb the entire amounts offered heretofore. In announcing on April 5 that books have been closed on the new \$25,000,000 issue, dated April 15, Mr. Dunn stated that the debentures were publicly sold and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation was not called upon to take any of the issue.

In his announcement of the offering Mr. Dunn said:

"The public reception of these issues is a very encouraging indication with regard to the country's investment confidence, which continues to be shown in this way in spite of condition of depression and business difficulties of various kinds. The situation of the Credit Banks, which have proven of great aid to the co-operative marketing organizations of farmers, is strong and unaffected by purely extraneous developments in other fields of activity. The farmer's credit, as exemplified by the prompt repayment of these loans, has proved to be remarkably good."

The entire capital of the 12 Credit Banks was subscribed for by the United States Treasury. All issues of debentures must be secured by at least a like face amount of cash or obligations discounted or purchased or representing loans made in accordance with the provisions of the Act under which the banks were established.

Interest Rate Set by Secretary of Interior on Irrigation Loans—Water Users to Pay 5% Under Moratorium Granted by Recent Act.

Five per cent was fixed by Ray Lyman Wilbur, the Secretary of the Interior, as the rate of interest which water users on reclamation projects will pay under the moratorium granted them in the Act passed by Congress and signed by the President April 1, according to a statement issued by the Department. The statement was given as follows in the "United States Daily" of April 2:

Secretary Wilbur to-day (April 1) set the rate of interest which water users under reclamation projects should pay under the moratorium granted by an Act recently passed by Congress, and signed by the President April 1, at 5%. This Act, which prescribed relief for those reclamation projects which see fit to avail themselves of it by application stipulates that interest should be paid and requires the Secretary of the Interior to determine what that interest should be.

According to regulations issued to-day by the Reclamation Service, any individual, under these reclamation projects, desiring to accept the provisions of this Act should make application as follows:

"Application is hereby made for the relief authorized by the Act approved April 1 1932. Application is also made for the deferment under Section 6 of that Act of the following charges (enumerating charges)."

The application should be made direct to the Bureau of Reclamation with copies to the Chief Engineer and the District Counsel. Recommendations by the Superintendent should also be submitted concerning any features covered by the application concerning which the exercise of discretion by the Secretary is requested.

The Act of April 1 provides that any irrigation district, water users' association or other water users' organization under contract with the United States for payment of construction charges, under the Act of June 17 1902, or Acts supplementary thereto, may have his construction payments deferred and may until the end of the payment period of his contract have one-half of his payment for the calendar year 1932 similarly deferred.

Move to Abolish Federal Farm Board Defeated in House.

The House of Representatives defeated yesterday (April 8) an effort to abolish the Federal Farm Board, said Associated Press advices from Washington, which added:

By a vote of 152 to 23 it rejected an amendment to the pending Independent Offices Appropriations bill to accomplish this purpose.

The amendment, offered by Representative Vinson, a Georgia farmer, would have closed the Board after June 30, let the Department of Agriculture liquidate its affairs and discontinue assistance to agricultural marketing co-operatives.

Before considering the proposal to abolish the Farm Board the House defeated an effort to increase its appropriation for 1933 from \$1,000,000 to \$1,380,000.

President Carey of Chicago Board of Trade in Letter to Secretary of Agriculture Hyde, Discusses Recent Rules of Board Affecting Deliverable Grades of Wheat—Says Secretary's Recent Letter Does Not Prove That Further Control of Board is Necessary.

With reference to the recent letter to Senator McNary and Representative Jones, in which Secretary of Agriculture Hyde criticized the Action of the Chicago Board of Trade in increasing the number of deliverable wheat grades, Peter B. Carey, President of the Chicago Board, has addressed a letter to Secretary Hyde regarding the new rules, in which he questions the price-fixing policy of the Federal Farm Board. Mr. Carey's letter, in which he charges that the cabinet member has attempted to make a scapegoat of the Board of Trade in an effort to divert public attention from "enormous expenditure and waste of public money" in his department, follows:

Honorable Arthur M. Hyde,
Secretary of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary: I have your letter of March 24, and am very much surprised that I should have read in the newspapers of the letter which you sent to Mr. Jones and to Senator McNary before I received your letter. It seems to me that probably matters of this sort might well be considered

carefully and thoughtfully in conference before they are tossed into the hopper for newspaper discussion.

The change in our rules affecting deliverable grades of wheat, which our members voted upon on March 11, was mailed to all of our members and to Dr. Duvel on Feb. 26. Surely there was ample time during the period from Feb. 26 to March 24 for a serious consideration of this subject in conference.

I regret the lack of a conference all the more because it now becomes necessary to demonstrate publicly that your advisors misinformed you and that your letter does not prove or even indicate that the Board of Trade needs further control by the Secretary of Agriculture with respect to its rules. On the contrary, your letter unquestionably demonstrates the absurdity of having rules formulated for the governing of an industry that affects thousands of wage earners and tillers of the soil by one who not only is not a member of the industry but also does not understand the technical side of the industry sufficiently well to justify the expenditure of capital and labor by others in an industry so regulated.

According to your letter, all of the prices paid to producers at country stations throughout the United States "are based primarily on the closing prices of futures, and especially the closing prices of futures on the Chicago Board of Trade." By the reasoning used in your letter, the prices paid at Southwestern country stations would not be based upon the cash market in Kansas City, let us say, but rather upon the closing prices of Chicago futures. If this is so, may I ask why the Federal Farm Board, on Oct. 26 1929 fixed a price of \$1.18 a bushel for No. 1 hard winter wheat basis Chicago, and a price of \$1.15 a bushel for the same wheat basis Kansas City, and a price of \$1.21 per bushel for the same wheat basis Galveston, and a price of \$1.15 per bushel basis Omaha? The freight rate between Chicago and Kansas City in 1929 was 10½¢ per bushel. Why was not the price made in Kansas City at \$1.07½?

The Farm Board, of which you are ex-officio a member, knew through its advisors that the cash market at country stations tributary to Kansas City is based upon the merchandising, manufacturing, and export markets available in Kansas City to the producers in that territory. The same thing holds true in Galveston and in Omaha.

Your argument claims entirely too much, namely, that the price of futures in Chicago governs the price paid by country elevators for the entire wheat crop, and as an example let us say in the Southwestern territory which is naturally tributary to Kansas City. There have been four times in the years 1930 and 1931 when Kansas City No. 2 hard winter wheat sold at less than a shipping difference under the Chicago cash market, and there have been 590 times when Kansas City sold at greater than a shipping difference under the Chicago market. This difference certainly could have been occasioned by nothing other than the special factors peculiar and individual to the Kansas City market at those particular times.

Your argument also states too much when you claim that the difference between new and old May contracts in 1931 measures only the estimation placed by buyers upon the danger that they might secure the delivery of yellow wheat. Please remember that the prices of old and new May futures contracts referred to in your letter reflect other factors in addition to yellow wheat. You will recall that the new May features did not permit the delivery of grain in carlots on the last three business days of the month on the same liberal terms as permitted on the old contracts. You will also remember that the old May contracts contained all the hedges and were cornered by the pit activities of the Farmers' National Grain Corporation acting for the Grain Stabilization Corporation. There was no free market at that time.

In a conference, such as our Committee suggested to you Sept. 13 1929, you would have been advised of these very important factors working to create a price difference between old and new contracts, and certainly would have then understood that the difference was not occasioned solely by the fact that the new contracts did not permit the delivery of No. 1 and No. 2 yellow hard wheat.

The percentage of yellow hard wheat received in Chicago during the last five years is in itself adequate proof to all fair minded men that the farmers of Illinois should have the protection of delivering yellow hard winter wheat in carlots on future contracts in their home market should they desire to market their wheat by carlot deliveries on the sales of futures.

You will recall, as you have stated in your letter, that we eliminated yellow hard wheat at your suggestion. When harvest time came in July 1931 in Illinois conditions were such that we had an unusual amount of wheat which the Federal inspectors graded as yellow wheat. A great complaint arose throughout Central Illinois. We received many letters from farmers and country grain shippers complaining of the discounts which yellow wheat was suffering in the Chicago market because of the fact that that wheat could not be applied on futures contracts. Mr. Earl C. Smith, head of the Illinois Agricultural Association, told Mr. Clutton one afternoon that at the State Fair he had run into many verbal complaints that were rather bitter. Many of the complaints on the elimination of yellow hard wheat reached the Department of Agriculture in Washington and the complainants were informed that the Department had made no change in its grading rules, and the intimation was given that the responsibility for the elimination of yellow hard wheat from grades deliverable on contracts lay entirely on the shoulders of the Chicago Board of Trade. This shirking of responsibility was very annoying to us, especially as our Committee had warned you and Mr. Legge on Sept. 13 1929 that just such a situation would arise whenever we had a certain type of weather at harvest time. However, in a spirit of co-operation with your ideas, we undertook by means of conferences with Mr. Olson to have his Department see the wisdom of eliminating the sub-class of yellow hard wheat from the Federal standards. Mr. Olson's Department felt that they should not eliminate the sub-class, and after the second conference Mr. Olson advised us, without giving definite reasons, that his Department would not eliminate the sub-class. We, therefore, in the interests of the producers of the great Central West, and particularly the producers of Illinois, and at the request of organizations representing more than 50,000 of those producers, reinstated No. 1 and No. 2 yellow hard wheat as deliverable grades on futures contracts.

It would seem that if yellow hard winter wheat is so very unimportant from a production standpoint and from a milling standpoint, as you choose to make it in your letters to Mr. Jones and Senator McNary, that the welfare of the producers in the United States would not have suffered had the Department of Agricultural Economics been willing to remove the sub-class of yellow hard winter wheat from the Standards, and this would seem to point all the more clearly to the desirability of discussing these matters frankly and fully before publicity is given since your Department would not then have been placed in the unenviable position of so grading wheat as to work against the best interests of all the producers.

I am reminded of the series of telegrams which we received and which were given by your office to the newspapers hours before we received them with respect to the Russian hedges placed in this market in 1930. After the Congressional Commission, headed by Mr. Hamilton Fish, Jr., had examined into the facts of the matter, not only in New York but in

Chicago, they made the following report to Congress: "based on the testimony presented, the Committee is of the opinion that these transactions were made with no intent by the Soviet Government to depress the price of wheat." "These transactions in wheat by the All Russian Textile Syndicate constituted legitimate hedging." At that time it was felt by many that your telegrams were inspired by political considerations, and I cannot help but feel that your letters to Senator McNary and to Mr. Jones are not untinged with politics at this time, especially in view of the oncoming election when it might be considered profitable politically for the Department of Agriculture with its enormous expenditure and waste of public money to have a football which it could kick around for the diversion of the minds of Senators and voters.

I have no hesitation in saying to you that the officers and members of the Chicago Board of Trade are completely tired by being kicked around as a political football. We have endeavored to be courteous to you and to your office. We have tried at all times to co-operate with you when it was possible to co-operate with you. We, as citizens and as taxpayers, and as honest men, resent the continued implications as to our integrity and as to our motives which emanate from the Department of Agriculture, and we resent, as taxpaying citizens of the United States, a trial by the head of a bureau wherein we are arraigned and found guilty without even the fairness of a hearing. Such star chamber trials and newspaper indictments ill become the dignity of a member of the Cabinet of the President of the United States, and I hope that when the next important matter comes up for consideration we will at least have the courtesy of a hearing before we are made the scapegoats in what appears to be a political judgment.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) PETER B. CAREY, *President*,
Chicago Board of Trade.

Secretary of Agriculture Hyde Says His Department Is "Prize Boob in History of Finance"—Crop Loans Not Based on Drouth or Storm "Unjustified" He Says.

According to Associated Press accounts from Washington, March 29 Government loans which serve to increase the farmer's surpluses and keep down his prices drew the fire of Secretary of Agriculture Hyde on that day. The Associated Press also said:

Any crop loan which is not based on an actual need in a drouth or storm disaster was called "unjustified" by the Secretary of Agriculture.

He termed his department—the lending agency for the \$50,000,000 now available for 1932 loans—the "prize boob in the history of finance" and said it was "lending more money on thinner security and sustaining more losses than ever before in the history of money lending in the world."

Soon afterward Senator Robinson, Democratic leader, said Mr. Hyde was "manifestly not in sympathy with the relief which the law provides should be administered through his Department."

Crop loans are now being made through regional offices at the rate of \$1,000,000 daily—the total from the \$50,000,000 fund being in excess of \$6,000,000 to date. Last year the Department loaned approximately \$48,500,000 and has collected approximately \$27,000,000—almost half represented by commodities held as collateral.

"What farmers need most," Mr. Hyde said, "is a market. Fundamentally, it is a question of balancing production and demand."

"My attitude toward crop loans can be expressed in the words of a South Dakota woman who wrote the Department: 'Lending money and mortgaging the future of farmers and their children will never restore prosperity.'"

Answering the Secretary, Mr. Robinson said in an interview:

"Advances to aid agriculture are an essential if not an indispensable feature of emergency legislation. Of course loans of the character contemplated to aid in agriculture production by their own nature cannot be made on the basis of commercial loans, either as to security or time of payment."

Explaining why he considers his Department the "prize boob" in finance Mr. Hyde pointed out that rural bankers, Agricultural Credit Corporations and Federal Land Banks lend on a "selection basis"—knowing the individual needs of each borrower.

"We have to lend regardless of the farmer's economic position. Inevitably we incur losses."

Secretary Hyde was further reported as follows in Associated Press accounts on March 29, published in the New York "Evening Post":

"There isn't any way of getting out of it," Mr. Hyde said, "but face the fact that we have gone into business over at the Agriculture Department. I don't know what we are going to do with all this wheat and cotton. Nobody seems to want wheat and cotton any more, and everybody seems to be raising it."

Mr. Hyde said the Department has on hand warehouse receipts for about \$16,000,000 in cotton and wheat taken in repayment of seed loans over the last two or three years.

Still Collecting 1921 Loans

Last year Congress appropriated \$67,000,000 for relieving farmers who suffered drouth, storm and hail losses.

About \$48,000,000 was loaned for crop production and millions more for feeding livestock in dry areas.

Most of these loans were due last fall. To date the department has collected 55.4% of the 1931 loans, including the farm commodities taken as collateral. The total is approximately \$25,000,000.

Meanwhile, the Department still is collecting loans made as long ago as 1921.

It now has available \$50,000,000 from Reconstruction Finance Corporation funds and \$25,000,000 more will become available in June.

A sum of \$200,000,000 was set aside in the reconstruction bill for agricultural loans. Senator Smith of South Carolina is sponsoring a bill—now before the House Agricultural Committee—to make the remaining \$125,000,000 available immediately.

Mr. Hyde believes \$75,000,000 more than ample for farmers' credit loans and, acting for the Administration, is seeking to have the \$125,000,000 appropriated for use in financing foreign sales of Farm Board wheat and cotton.

From the Washington dispatch March 29 to the New York "Herald Tribune" we take the following:

The Secretary suggested that he was making agricultural loans instead of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation because "the corporation is doing business on a business basis and loans that are now being made under

the name of agriculture cannot by the furthest stretch be called good business."

Stir Caused in Capital.

These declarations made by the Secretary as he left the White House after the Cabinet meeting this noon caused a stir in Washington, where the claims of farmers to Government aid have usually enjoyed a privileged status. Mr. Hyde, however, stuck by his guns in an interview later in the afternoon when he added to his denunciation of the present farm loan policy by saying that it would stimulate the production of cotton and wheat just at a moment when the nation is sated with surpluses.

Mr. Hyde pointed out that last year his department loaned \$47,500,000 to 380,000 individual farmers. Of this amount the latter have paid back \$15,423,000 and the Government holds warehouse receipts for \$10,413,000. Thus about 50% has been returned. The Secretary declared that the money this year made available for farm loans by Congress under the Reconstruction Finance Act may amount to \$200,000,000 which would be enough for 550,000 loans to farmers.

"If these loans are made to small farmers, some thought must be given to market conditions next year when these crops are harvested," Mr. Hyde said. "The bulk of the money will go into wheat and cotton. We already have huge surpluses of cotton and wheat. If we make loans to large farmers we shall stimulate production of wheat and cotton and thus defeat the aims of Congress. For that reason, I have suggested that extra money be used to export the products rather than to stimulate their production."

Why Bad Loans Are Made.

"Farm loans are normally made through multitudes of local banks in local areas, and are on a selective basis. We and no other government department can make this selection. We can't determine security or anything else except the matter of whether the loan applicant has land and is a farmer. Inevitably we make bad loans. Therefore, as I said, we are the world's prize boob as a lender."

"You don't think these loans were justified?" he was asked.

"No, I don't," he said, "but I am going to make them because I am under orders." He added that \$6,865,000 has been loaned to 48,000 farmers under this year's new law.

Shearing of 1932 Wool Clip Under Way.

Shearing of the 1932 wool clip is under way in Northern Hemisphere countries which annually produce between 950,000,000 and 1,000,000,000 pounds of wool or about 30% of the world's total output of combing and clothing wools, according to the Bureau of Economics of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in its current report on world wool prospects. The Bureau on March 30 said:

There was a 2% increase in the number of sheep in the United States on Jan. 1 1932, as compared with Jan. 1 1931, but the bureau says that reported heavy losses in the western range States, principally of old ewes, will tend to reduce the number to be shorn while below-normal pasture and sheep conditions will tend to reduce the yield of wool per head.

Increased holdings of breeding ewes in the United Kingdom and France are regarded as indicative of probable increases in the number of sheep and in wool production in those countries this year. English export trade in tops and yarn is reported as having improved in recent months, but piece goods exports are said to be hampered by restrictions on commerce.

Farmers Plan to Grow Own Food to Be More Nearly Self-Sustaining—April 1 Report on Farm Situation by Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Farmers, especially in the South, are determined this year to be more nearly self-sustaining as to food and feed stuffs according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics in its April 1 report on the farm situation, citing farmers' plans to curtail unprofitable cash crops because of continued low prices. The Department of Agriculture's advices in the matter April 1 state:

Plans of farmers in the spring wheat area to sow 3% more spring wheat acreage than was sown a year ago are interpreted by the bureau as "a determination of the spring wheat territory to 'come back' after its disasters of last season." Farmers are planning to sow 4% more oats than a year ago, 7% more barley, but to make not much change in acreages of corn and potatoes. Substantial reductions are contemplated in planting of rice, tobacco, beans and flax.

The Bureau says that "the early growing season which was hailed a month ago received a sharp setback from the storms and cold waves of March. The South suffered the brunt of the crop damage. Tender truck crops, such as beans, cucumbers, and tomatoes, were injured badly. From Texas to the Atlantic, many fields of these vegetables—and also early gardens—were wiped out. Tree fruits were injured somewhat."

However, despite this damage, the Bureau considers it "unlikely that the ultimate crop acreages will have been affected greatly by the March freeze. Considerable replanting has been made necessary, however, and the maturity and marketing of southern truck crops will be delayed."

The Bureau notes that in January heavy shipments of wheat from the Southern Hemisphere were supplying a large part of the world's import requirements so that there was little export demand for United States wheat. More than 100,000,000 bushels have been shipped out of Australia and Argentina since Jan. 1. This quantity representing more than one-half of the world's wheat exports during this period. Most of the remaining shipments were from Canada, and relatively small quantities from Russia and the Danubian countries.

Farm prices of all agricultural commodities listed by the Bureau are below pre-war levels, ranging from a low of 50% of pre-war for cotton to a high of 76% of pre-war for dairy products. The average index of prices received by farmers in March was 61% of pre-war, or one point higher than in February. Farm wages in January were 98% of pre-war, and industrial wages were 191% of pre-war.

Market Value of Listed Shares on New York Stock Exchange April 1 \$24,501,826,280, Compared with \$27,585,989,257 March 1—Classification of Listed Stocks.

As of April 1 1932 there were 1,269 stock issues aggregating 1,314,158,762 shares listed on the New York Stock

Exchange, with a total market value of \$24,501,826,280. This compares with 1,276 stock issues aggregating 1,320,153,047 shares listed on the Exchange March 1, with a total market value of \$27,585,989,257. In making public the April 1 figures on April 6 the Exchange said:

As of April 1 1932 New York Stock Exchange member borrowings on security collateral amounted to \$533,103,059. The ratio of security loans to market values of all listed stocks on this date was therefore 2.18%.

As of March 1 1932 New York Stock Exchange member borrowings on security collateral amounted to \$524,663,758. The ratio of security loans to market values of all listed stocks on that date was therefore 1.90%.

In the following table listed stocks are classified by leading industrial groups, with the aggregate market value and average share price for each:

	April 1 1932.		March 1 1932.	
	Market Values.	Aver. Price.	Market Values.	Aver. Price.
Autos and accessories.....	\$ 1,224,088,303	11.31	\$ 1,528,343,615	14.13
Financial.....	705,746,274	32.18	778,001,589	13.42
Chemical.....	2,003,150,248	30.01	2,254,863,835	33.44
Building.....	157,108,380	9.92	186,651,767	11.78
Electrical equipment manufacturing.....	662,473,195	16.29	752,042,091	18.49
Foods.....	1,837,020,146	25.72	1,976,657,339	27.67
Rubber and tires.....	131,262,245	10.64	153,647,647	12.45
Farm machinery.....	219,822,704	19.57	240,372,585	21.40
Amusements.....	144,008,137	7.18	171,444,406	8.62
Land and realty.....	49,242,940	9.57	50,754,741	9.85
Machinery and metals.....	643,812,606	12.97	722,211,667	14.55
Mining (excluding iron).....	597,645,971	8.65	603,691,218	10.28
Petroleum.....	2,078,860,649	11.88	2,107,703,940	12.05
Paper and publishing.....	173,677,048	10.83	190,299,546	11.86
Retail merchandizing.....	1,467,870,340	20.63	1,611,969,835	22.64
Railroads and equipments.....	2,514,363,538	21.99	2,885,867,416	25.12
Steel, iron and coke.....	1,029,265,207	26.24	1,225,683,946	31.25
Textiles.....	113,114,637	10.16	120,268,900	10.80
Gas and electric (operating).....	2,280,139,644	32.63	2,511,890,115	35.95
Gas and electric (holding).....	1,533,741,009	16.00	1,785,748,772	18.68
Communications (cable, tel. and radio).....	2,454,366,576	65.40	2,806,191,305	74.71
Miscellaneous Utilities.....	161,964,829	15.96	170,749,001	16.82
Aviation.....	82,039,358	4.59	108,906,815	6.10
Business and office equipment.....	159,288,456	15.21	176,074,036	16.81
Shipping services.....	13,932,533	6.67	14,725,635	7.05
Ship operating and building.....	13,994,799	3.98	16,056,993	4.56
Miscellaneous business.....	57,126,743	9.78	73,350,319	12.56
Leather and boots.....	191,913,055	27.31	199,440,193	28.39
Tobacco.....	1,164,023,118	44.27	1,256,370,303	39.47
Garments.....	10,584,980	9.01	12,400,881	6.50
U. S. companies operating abroad.....	309,372,392	8.85	380,849,404	10.29
Foreign companies (incl. Cuba & Can.).....	406,856,400	8.82	512,749,402	11.29
All listed companies.....	24,501,826,280	18.64	27,585,989,257	20.90

Inquiry Into Stock Market Trading To Open Before Senate Committee on Monday Next.

According to Associated Press advices from Washington yesterday (April 8) the Senate Banking Committee suddenly launched its stock market investigation yesterday to determine whether a "systematic bear raid" was responsible for the collapse of prices this week. Associated Press advices from Washington yesterday indicating this added:

The Committee subpoenaed Richard Whitney, President of the New York Stock Exchange, to appear on Monday at the opening of the inquiry.

Mr. Whitney was directed to bring before the Committee the record of all sales on the New York Stock Exchange of to-day and to-morrow.

Brookhart Calls Meeting.

The stock market investigation was launched suddenly when Acting Chairman Brookhart, Republican, of Iowa, called an "emergency meeting of the Committee."

Mr. Whitney also was instructed to bring with him the data to show just what manner of sales were made to-day and to-morrow—whether for liquidation, short selling or straight out purchases.

The investigation was ordered some time ago by the Senate but it had been delayed pending disposition of the Glass banking bill.

Senator Brookhart announced also that the Committee would have counsel ready to work with on Monday.

Senator Norbeck (R.) of South Dakota is Chairman of the Committee but he was out of the city to-day.

Foreign Campaign Mentioned.

A persistent foreign campaign against the American dollar was hinted at by Senator Brookhart as one of the reasons for the sudden determination to go into the stock situation. He named France as one of the places against which complaints were voiced.

Mr. Brookhart himself said he had a confidential report purporting to show a campaign to put America off the gold standard.

"We are going to find out all the facts," he said. "We believe Mr. Whitney knows them. We are going to find out about the bears and then we are going to find out about the bulls."

Slight Increase Shown in Outstanding Brokers' Loans on New York Stock Exchange—Total March 31 \$533,103,059, Representing Increase of \$8,439,301 Over February 29 Figures.

A further increase of \$8,439,301 was noted in outstanding brokers' loans on the New York Stock Exchange during March, the March 31 total being reported as \$533,103,059, as compared with \$524,663,758 for Feb. 29. This is the second consecutive increase, the Feb. 29 total having been \$12,645,816 larger than the total at the end of January. In the March 31 statement demand loans are shown as \$496,577,059, compared with \$482,043,758 on Feb. 29, while time loans on March 31 are reported as \$36,526,000, against \$42,620,000 on Feb. 29. The New York Stock Ex-

change made public the March 31 figures as follows on April 4:

Total net loans by New York Stock Exchange members on collateral contracted for and carried in New York as of the close of business March 31 1932 aggregated \$533,103,059.

The detailed tabulation follows:

Table with 4 columns: (1) Net borrowings on collateral from New York banks or trust companies, (2) Net borrowings on collateral from private bankers, brokers, foreign bank agencies or others in the City of New York, Demand Loans, Time Loans.

Combined totals of time and demand loans. \$496,577,059 Demand Loans. \$36,526,000 Time Loans. \$533,103,059

The scope of the above compilation is exactly the same as in the loan report issued by the Exchange a month ago.

The compilation of the Stock Exchange since the issuance of the monthly figures by it, beginning in January 1926, follows:

Large table showing monthly demand, time, and total loans from 1926 to 1932. Columns include year, month, Demand Loans, Time Loans, and Total Loans.

of the agricultural South. We quote from the dispatch as follows:

Mississippi has reopened nine since Jan. 1 and J. S. Love, State Superintendent of Banks, says their capital structure has been improved. Only 33 of 75 banks which were closed in the 1931-32 period still are inactive in this State.

Arkansas has reopened four State banks with a total capitalization of \$185,000 and two National banks since January.

North Carolina banks at Blowing Rock, Colerain, Fayetteville, Stantonburg and Black Mountain have been reopened since last August, four of them this year. Their total resources approximate \$1,177,000.

South Carolina has reopened three and another was scheduled to resume business to-day (April 1).

Five Louisiana banks, with deposits totaling \$2,243,000, have reopened this year, and another is expected to resume activity soon.

One Florida State bank has been reopened. Georgia also has reopened one.

Virginia reopened a National bank at Luray this year. Thirteen were reopened in 1931.

Governor Ely of Massachusetts Signs Bill to Aid Depositors of Closed Banks.

From the Boston "Transcript" of March 31, we take the following:

Governor Ely has signed the bill authorizing the Bank Commissioner to borrow funds for the payment of dividends in the liquidation of certain closed banks.

The Act, in part reads: "For the purpose of paying dividends in the liquidation of any such bank the Commissioner is hereby authorized in his discretion to borrow from time to time, within a period of two years from the passage of this Act, from such sources as he deems advisable, such sums for such periods at such rates of interest and upon such terms and subject to such provisions as he shall determine and as the Supreme Judicial Court for the county of Suffolk or for the county in which such bank has its principal place of business shall authorize, and as security therefor may pledge and assign any or all the assets of such bank."

Organization of Westchester County (N. Y.) Clearing House Association To Be Completed April 28.

The organization of a clearing house association for Westchester County will be completed at White Plains, N. Y. on April 28, when representatives of 25 of the 50 commercial banks in this county will meet to act on the recommendations of a special committee named at a preliminary meeting on March 30.

Arthur H. Titus, President of the County Trust Co., was selected as temporary Chairman.

Unified Bank System Not Unconstitutional, Says Federal Reserve Board—Administrative Structure to Include All Financial Institutions Being Drafted at Request of Senator Glass.

A plan to bring all banks of the country into one system under Federal control is being drafted in the offices of the Federal Reserve Board, in accordance with a request by Senator Glass (Dem.), of Virginia, a member of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, it was stated orally, April 4, at the Board's offices.

No serious constitutional impediment stands in the way of unifying the country's banking system under national authority, according to the statement. Considerable sentiment in Congress was said to favor such a co-ordination.

Essential to Sound Banking.

Additional information made available follows: Unification would require two or three years and would awake much discussion, but the Board believes that it is essential to sound banking in the United States.

During hearings before the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, Senator Glass told Governor Meyer he favored unification and indicated that the majority of the Committee concurred.

Draft of Scheme Begun.

Work on the draft of a unification scheme began in Federal Reserve Board after Governor Meyer had told the Senate Banking and Currency Committee that the change was necessary and Senator Glass asked for suggestions.

Whether the plan which the Board is working on will take the form of a bill or a memorandum has not been decided. Work is not being rushed because the project is considered too important and far-reaching.

Usually opponents of unification have argued that the Federal Government, one of limited powers under the Constitution, has neither an expressed nor an implied power which would permit unification of the banking system under national supervision.

On Dec. 31 1931 there were 13,600 non-National banks in the country, making up approximately seven-tenths of all the banks. The status of these institutions would have to be changed if a unifying law were passed.

President Sykes of New York Curb Exchange in Letter to Senate Committee Protests Against Tax on Stocks.

Howard C. Sykes, President of the New York Curb Exchange on April 8 sent to the Senate Committee on Finance a memorandum expressing opposition to the provision in the pending Revenue bill imposing a stamp tax on transfer of stock.

Thirty-One Southern Banks Reopened This Year—Nine in Mississippi Alone Since Jan. 1.

Associated Press advices from Jackson, Miss., on April 1 reported that 31 banks have been reopened since the beginning of the year in the cotton, tobacco and potato belt

Attitude of Federal Advisory Council of Reserve Board Toward Glass Banking Bill—Inopportune Time for Measure.

Brief reference was made in these columns April 2 (page 2445) to the views on the Glass banking bill made to the Federal Reserve Board on March 29 by the Federal Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve System. The Council, as we indicated, expressed the opinion that "the present is an inopportune time to raise many of the issues presented in this proposed legislative measure." "The effect of this proposed measure," according to the Council, "is likely to destroy the benefits of the Glass-Steagall Act, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act and similar measures." The Council also holds that "if the bill should be enacted into law it would necessitate a wholesale liquidation of securities which would most certainly cause a further decline in the prices of all securities." In making known its views the Advisory Council issued the following statement:

There are attached recommendations respecting the Glass Banking bill made to the Federal Reserve Board to-day by the Federal Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve System. The recommendations have been transmitted by Governor Eugene Meyer to the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency for consideration in connection with the Glass bill.

The Council is an official body, advisory to the Federal Reserve Board on matters pertaining to the Federal Reserve System. Its membership is composed of one banker from each of the twelve Federal Reserve Districts. The members of the Council are:

Walter W. Smith, President, St. Louis; Melvin A. Traylor, Vice-President, Chicago; Thomas M. Steele, New Haven; Robert H. Treman, Ithaca; Howard A. Loeb, Philadelphia; J. A. House, Cleveland; Howard Bruce, Baltimore; John K. Ottley, Atlanta; Theodore Wold, Minneapolis; Walter S. McLucas, Kansas City; J. H. Frost, San Antonio; Henry M. Robinson, Los Angeles; and Walter Lichtenstein, Secretary, Chicago.

The Federal Advisory Council has given careful consideration to Senate Bill 4115. It is of the opinion that the present is an inopportune time to raise many of the issues presented in this proposed legislative measure. Reforms in our banking system may be desirable, but such should be made at a time when the country has passed through the present crisis and when there is no danger that legislative enactments will retard recovery and add to the existing difficulties with which banks are confronted.

The Council feels that the effect of this proposed measure is likely to destroy the benefits of the Glass-Steagall Act, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act and similar measures. If the bill should be enacted into law it would necessitate a wholesale liquidation of securities which would most certainly cause a further decline in the prices of all securities. Such deflation would work extreme hardship not merely upon banks but upon all holders of securities in this country and especially upon those who have borrowed from banks and who are finding difficulties even at present in meeting their obligations.

It might also be pointed out that in the opinion of the Council, the thesis apparently underlying this measure that loans upon securities are in general undesirable and should be drastically limited would undermine the customary system of capital financing which has been an inherent part of the present industrial and financial system almost from its beginning. Without the flotation of securities which have been financed directly or indirectly by banks, it would have been impossible to build up the large enterprises which have contributed so much to the progress of industrial development in this country.

In addition to the above general expression of opinion, the Federal Advisory Council desires to point out, in some detail, its specific objections to certain features of the bill.

1. *Control of Affiliates.* The Federal Advisory Council is in accord with the purpose sought to be achieved in Section 20 and believes that a control of affiliates is desirable.

The definition of affiliates in Section 2, however, is much too broad and comprehensive. It brings within the provisions of the Act any corporation regardless of its business which may happen to have a majority of its Executive Committee, directors or managing officers, directors of a member bank.

Section 9 limits the sum which a parent member bank may lend to an affiliate to 10% of the capital and surplus of the parent bank and such loans must be secured by 120% of listed exchange securities or 100% of either eligible paper or savings banks' securities, neither of which would be for the most part in the possession of an affiliate, unless it happened to be a bank. Furthermore, this provision would seem to bar the acceptance of real estate mortgages as collateral from an affiliate upon the part of those banks located in States where there are no laws regulating the investments of savings banks. Likewise, commodity or upon the part of those banks located in States where there are no laws not be used as collateral for a loan made to an affiliate.

The Federal Advisory Council also believes that the provision in Section 25, page 49, Paragraph 2, which refers to the sale for cash of the stock of an affiliate within a three year period is not at all clear. If this means that the stock of the affiliate held by the parent institution must be sold for cash away from the bank, in other words divorcing the affiliate from control by the bank, it will create a distinct hardship, as there are large numbers of such affiliates in existence to-day whose compulsory liquidation would cause serious financial losses. Apparently this section is in conflict with some of the provisions of Section 20.

2. *Centralization of Power.* It was the original intention of the Federal Reserve Act to decentralize the banking power in this country by establishing 12 autonomous regional Federal Reserve Banks. The Federal Reserve Board itself was planned originally to be largely a supervising and coordinating body. The proposed Act, however, tends to increase radically the power of the Federal Reserve Board at the expense of the individual Federal Reserve Banks and to make of the Federal Reserve System in effect a centralized banking institution. In support of this statement attention is called to the following sections.

Section 3 delegates the power of direct action to the Federal Reserve Board which, even if practical, would result in so embarrassing the operations of member banks as to lead to the elimination of important and necessary activities or to the virtual surrender of individual bank management to the Federal Reserve Board.

Section 8 gives power to the Federal Reserve Board to fix the percentage of the capital and surplus which any member bank may lend in the form of collateral loans, and it is within the power of the Federal Reserve Board to change this percentage at any time upon 10 days' notice

and to direct any member bank to refrain from an increase of its security loans for any period up to one year. This would be a tremendous increase in the powers of the Federal Reserve Board and would introduce an element of uncertainty in the minds of those directing any given member bank as to when the bank in question might be subjected to the direct action authorized in this section.

The power of control by the Federal Reserve Board over the actions of the Federal Open Market Committee, as authorized in Section 10, might possibly tend to slow up open market operations at times when quickness of action might be absolutely essential in order to bring about desired results.

In Section 11 the Federal Reserve Board is empowered to cancel the right of any member bank to borrow on so-called 15-day paper and to declare existing loans due if such a member bank has failed to heed a notice instructing it not to increase loans on collateral security. It would appear to the Federal Advisory Council that this endows the Federal Reserve Board with an arbitrary power which is highly undesirable entirely aside from other features in this section to which reference will be made hereafter.

The Federal Advisory Council believes that subdivisions F and G of Section 13 give power to the Federal Reserve Board to regulate what is a purely routine loan operation of a member bank. The ability of member banks to trade in Federal reserve funds tends to maintain a greater degree of liquidity in the general banking situation than would otherwise be the case. In this connection attention is called to the ever increasing restrictions upon, and to the diminishing scope of, loaning operations of banks. This results in increasing unnecessary balances on the part of member banks and makes it more difficult for them to employ funds profitably.

3. *Liquidating Corporation.* In general the Council endorses the idea of a liquidating corporation. It is, however, not in harmony with the provisions as set forth under Section 10 (Section 12B) of the proposed Act. The Council is of the opinion that such a corporation as is proposed should be financed entirely by Government money as is intended to be done in the case of non-member banks. Furthermore, the Council believes that it might be well to consider the possibility of creating 12 agencies, one in each of the Federal Reserve districts, rather than seeking to create a single body for the whole country. Such 12 agencies might then be placed under the control and guidance of the Federal Reserve Board or some other co-ordinating group. In no event does the Council believe it proper to require member banks to furnish the funds needed for such a corporation without at the same time giving the member banks control of such a corporation for which they are to furnish the capital from out of their own resources. The Council, furthermore, suggests the possibility of having the activities of a Federal Liquidating Corporation taken over by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

4. *Increase of Reserves.* The Federal Advisory Council presumes that the requirement of larger reserves as set forth in Section 13 of the proposed Act is intended to provide for greater liquidity on the part of banks. The Council believes, however, that the experience of the past 10 years has clearly indicated that there is little or no relation between reserves and liquidity. In the opinion of the Council liquidity is the result of careful and prudent bank management and is measured by the character of the assets held by the bank. Furthermore, the imposition of additional reserves will reduce available resources in the member banks at a time when these are largely needed, while at the same time they will bring no advantage to the System, the resources of which have been and are ample to take care of changing financial situations. The effect of this requirement would also be to tie up an additional volume of gold as a reserve against increased member bank deposits in the Federal Reserve Banks without any apparent justification.

5. *Segregation of Time Deposits.* The Federal Advisory Council regards the provisions in Section 14 of the proposed Act, intended to segregate the assets behind time deposits from those against other deposits, as likely to lead to undesirable results. In the opinion of the Council this provision will lead either to the withdrawal of demand deposits or the diversion of demand deposits into time deposits. It believes that the increase of investment in real estate foreseen in this section will tend to reduce the liquidity of banks. There is also imposed upon the Comptroller of the Currency a duty which burdens him with tremendous responsibility insofar as he is required to specify the type of property and the securities in which one-half of the time deposits of the member bank may be invested in the absence of State laws governing the investment of such funds. It has been the experience of a number of members of the Council that the absence of restriction in respect to the investment of time deposits has produced a greater degree of liquidity in banks than can be possibly accomplished under the permissions granted in this section.

The Council feels that the views here set forth in regard to Section 14 might be much amplified. In its opinion the most important effect of this section would be to bring about a disruption of the present credit structure of the country. Many banks in this country having a large percentage of time deposits use these funds for the purpose of aiding commerce, industry and agriculture in their respective communities. These would be compelled under the provisions of Section 14 to liquidate a large proportion of these loans and invest the funds so obtained in real estate or specified securities.

6. *15-Day Paper.* Section 11 penalizes borrowers on so-called 15-day paper. In the opinion of the Federal Advisory Council such a provision would make Government bonds a much less desirable form of investment for member banks. It would handicap the United States Treasury in its necessary financing, increasing the rate on Government securities and thereby the interest rate on all other classes of securities and thus depreciate the market price of securities generally. It should also be pointed out that the ability of member banks to borrow on their promissory notes for a period of not exceeding 15 days is essential in periods of depression when sufficient eligible paper is not available for rediscount.

7. *Limitation of Interest on Deposits.* The limitation of interest which member banks may pay upon deposit balances provided for in Section 24 of the proposed Act, places such banks in unfair competition with non-member banks not so restricted. It should be remembered that money is a commodity like any other and that member banks should be free to pay the rates necessary to hold their deposits.

8. *Branch and Group Banking.* In reference to Section 21 and other sections of the proposed Act referring to branch or group banking, the Council begs leave to refer to the recommendations which it made on Sept. 15 1931, a copy of which is appended hereto.

9. *Collateral Loans and Securities.* In the general statement the Federal Advisory Council has already expressed its views regarding the desire to limit collateral loans. It wishes here, however, to discuss somewhat more in detail the provisions in Sections 8, 11, 13, 15, &c., all of which deal in whole or in part with the control of the volume of collateral loans and the volume of securities held by member banks. These sections give arbitrary powers of control and the right to impose penalties to the Federal Reserve Board. These sections deal with control of volume of collateral loans and volume of securities held by member banks and place

arbitrary powers of control and penalties in the Federal Reserve Board. The enforcement of the mandatory provisions of these sections will result in the enforced liquidation and to the detriment of general business. The Council believes that such liquidation will retard if it does not entirely defeat the beneficent effects that may be expected to be realized as a result of the Glass-Steagall bill and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act. The Council does not share the view of the proponents of the bill that the underlying cause of either bank disasters or depression is directly related to the volume of collateral loans or the volume of securities held by banks. These did not, and do not now, impair the ability of member banks properly to care for those types of loans the proceeds of which go more directly into commerce, industry and agriculture.

In conclusion the Council calls attention to the fact that the bill, if enacted into law, would in effect place an undeserved stigma upon the flotation and selling of securities and make it almost impossible for banks to do business with dealers in securities. There would seem to be no justification whatsoever for such drastic action.

Finally, the Council believes that it is not possible to promote activity in commerce, industry and agriculture under an easy money and credit policy and at the same time prevent people by admonition or restriction from buying securities which are being made attractive by this very activity.

Guaranty of Deposits Opposed as Unfair at Hearing on Steagall Bill—Would Penalize State Banks, Say Two Georgia Bankers.

Representatives of the Georgia Bankers' Association, appearing, April 2, before a subcommittee of the House Committee on Banking and Currency on the Steagall bill (H. R. 10241), to provide a guaranty fund for depositors in national banks, voiced opposition to such legislation, according to the "United States Daily" from which we also quote the following:

The witnesses were: Ronald Ransom, Vice-President of the Fulton National Bank of Atlanta, President of the Canton Bank of Canton, Ga., Vice-President of the Georgia Bankers' Association and former Register of the United States Treasury, and Gordon L. Groover, Vice-President of the Citizens & Southern National Bank of Savannah, Ga.

Mr. Ransom testified that the guaranty proposal would penalize banks that are not members of the Federal Reserve System and would deal a severe blow to the present dual system of banking in the United States. Soundly managed banks ought not to be penalized, he continued, for the benefit of weaker banks.

Chairman Steagall (Dem.), of Ozark, Ala., said depositors now often find themselves forgotten when banks get in trouble and come out with enormous losses due to the way banks are operated. Mr. Ransom asserted that only a relatively small percentage of depositors have lost in the banks of this country.

If the banks of the country are themselves made responsible for their depositors, Mr. Steagall said, it would result in tightening up the management of the banks and increase their efficiency. He pointed out that an idea has been circulated that it is a Federal government guaranty of bank deposits that is proposed, and said it ought to be made clear that it is not the Government but the banks, through amendment of the banking laws, that would provide the guaranty.

Mr. Ransom insisted that it would be a burden on properly managed and sound banks to be called upon to see that their brother banks run their institutions the same way. He praised the banking associations of the country, saying every association is committed to safe and sound banking and only a small proportion of banks ever have any trouble. Small banks as a rule, he said, are just as solvent as large banks.

Mr. Elliott agreed with the views of President Ransom. Speaking, he said, as a country banker, whose bank has run for 40 years, "we are opposed to the guaranty of deposits."

"The guaranty plan proposed in the pending bill," he said, "is not fundamentally sound. It is not fair to those banks that have built up strong institutions, that have weathered, as in our case, not only the present economic depression but every depression for the past 40 years, to impose this burden upon us.

"We feel that to invoke a guaranty of deposits in this way would force all banks to join the reserve system or go out of business. It is not fair to the country banks that are operating under State laws.

"It would require our institution, for example, to put up \$10,000. Where we are now operating soundly, it would put us in the red as a country bank and would seriously impair our business and our existence.

"It would take the profits away. And you cannot run any bank or any business without profit. Many banks have shown losses for several years past."

Mr. Elliott said that there are 275 State banks in Georgia and failures have been rare. The present dual banking system in the United States is desirable, he said, as some banks feel it best to operate under State charters and others under Federal charters. Country banks should have opportunity to operate without being forced to come into the Federal Reserve System, he maintained.

opportunity to operate without being forced to come into the Federal Reserve System?" asked Representative Brand (Dem.), of Athens, Ga., member of the Committee.

"At least 250 of the 275 banks in the State," the witness replied, explaining that figures is subject to correction. "They would all have to go into the system proposed or else go out of business," he said.

Fears Carelessness.

"One direct result of guaranty legislation here proposed," Mr. Elliott said, "would be stimulation of laxity among bank officials who would feel that the depositors could not lose anything; would be to promote laxity on the part of depositors in selection and support of their banks; and a laxity on the part of the business world."

Chairman Steagall asked if a citizen should not be able to trust his funds in any bank where there is knowledge that the Government has chartered it and is supervising it. Mr. Elliott said that would be Utopian and added that there are 10 times more losses in other business activities than have been suffered by bank depositors. He said that there have been times when the Government has not been able to prevent losses, citing, for example, holders of Liberty bonds who in time of need have had to sacrifice them at a loss.

"Start Toward Socialism."

He said the proposal to guarantee deposits was a start toward socialism. Chairman Steagall reminded him that the bill does not propose that the Government guarantee the deposits, but would be under a system in which the banks put up the guaranty money for the Federal guaranty fund.

Mr. Elliott praised the present dual banking system and he does not believe that any system can take the place on a basis of character and capacity, on which the banking system has been established and developed, in making a success of banking.

New York Federal Reserve Bank on Business Profits in 1931—Net Profits of 719 Concerns 61% Below 1930 and 78% Less than in 1929—Beverage Concerns Only One of Industrial Groups to Report Gain in Net Profits.

From the April 1 "Monthly Review" of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York it is learned that "annual earnings statements of 719 industrial and mercantile companies show aggregate net profits in 1931, after payment of fixed charges, that were 61% smaller than in 1930, 78% less than in 1929, and 74% below 1928." In indicating this, the Bank goes on to say:

It appears from quarterly reports available for a smaller list of companies that the trend of industrial earnings was downward as the year 1931 progressed, the percentage decline in profits for the full year being larger than that reported for the first half-year.

Only one industrial group, the beverage concerns, reported slightly larger net profits in 1931 than in the previous year, but the tobacco group showed very little reduction, and profits of confectionery concerns were down only 7% from 1930. Comparatively moderate reductions of 15 to 25% in net profits were indicated for the leather and shoe, bakery, retail store, food products, and chemical and drug groups, and declines of more than 40 to 60% or less than the average for all companies, occurred in such groups as office equipment, and electrical equipment, and also in the automobile group, including the General Motors Corp. but not the Ford Co. Although the motion picture, automobile accessories, meat packing, railroad equipment and realty groups suffered large reductions in profits, they still were able to show some net return for 1931. Eleven of the 33 groups of companies listed in the accompanying table, however, reported deficits of varying amounts from 1931 operations; prominent among these were the oil, steel, rubber, copper, coal and coke, and heating and plumbing companies.

Net operating income of 171 Class I railroads, that is, income before allowing for fixed charges, was reduced 40% from 1930 to 1931 and was 58% smaller than in 1929. In fact, in no year since 1920 has the net operating income of the railroads been as low. Net income of a list of 76 railroads, after allowing for fixed charges, was reduced 78% between 1930 and 1931. Telephone companies' net operating income on the other hand, was slightly in excess of 1930 and only 2% less than in 1929. Net earnings of other public utilities in 1931 showed the comparatively moderate drop of 13% from 1930 and of 18% from the 1929 level.

NET PROFITS (IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS).

Corporation Group.	No. of Cos.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
Beverages.....	5	18	21	22	22
Tobacco.....	17	89	95	102	101
Confectionery.....	9	21	23	22	21
Leather and shoe.....	14	29	19	11	9
Bakery products.....	14	52	58	52	42
Stores.....	37	161	165	100	82
Miscellaneous food products.....	34	128	154	145	111
Chemical and drug.....	26	109	131	110	82
Printing and publishing.....	10	31	35	30	18
Office equipment.....	9	29	37	24	14
Mining and smelting (excl. coal, coke and copper).....	23	54	76	39	22
Electrical equipment.....	23	113	148	95	47
Automobile.....	21	408	355	162	69
Paper.....	11	11	10	7	3
Shipping.....	11	14	19	12	4
Building supplies.....	39	70	76	37	4
Motion picture.....	9	24	45	28	3
Automobile parts & accessories (excl. tires).....	46	65	75	22	2
Meat packing.....	12	42	41	34	1
Railroad equipment.....	18	49	67	47	1
Realty.....	13	18	20	14	0
Machinery.....	41	61	76	45	—
Steel.....	27	222	361	160	—18
Oil.....	39	262	336	151	—4
Household equipment.....	15	15	19	4	—
Copper.....	15	59	73	16	—
Coal and coke.....	15	6	12	8	—
Heating and plumbing.....	9	32	37	11	—10
Miscellaneous textiles.....	31	22	19	—12	—
Silk.....	12	6	4	—	—
Rubber.....	8	28	40	—20	—12
Clothing.....	5	10	8	—	—
Miscellaneous.....	101	284	351	230	122
Total 33 groups.....	719	2,542	3,006	1,704	667
Telephone (net operating income).....	104	253	278	271	272
Other public utilities (net earnings).....	63	332	361	343	297
Total public utilities.....	167	585	639	614	569
Class I railroads (net operating income).....	171	1,194	1,275	885	531
— Deficit.....					

Analysis by Thomas B. Paton, General Counsel of American Bankers Association of Sixteen Bank Deposit Guarantee Bills Introduced in Congress—Declares They Would Encourage Unsound Banking—Failure of State Guarantee Laws—Criticism of Steagall Bill.

In the April issue of the Journal of the American Bankers Association Thomas B. Paton, General Counsel of the Association discusses as follows the bank deposit guarantee bills introduced in Congress:

13 bills have been introduced in the House of Representatives and three in the Senate having for their purpose the guaranty of deposits in National banks and in State bank members of the Federal Reserve System. This large number indicates considerable sentiment among members of Congress for legislation of this character. It would seem none too early for bankers, before this sentiment becomes too deep-rooted, to point out to their representatives that such a policy is wrong in principle and the dangerous results which would ensue.

Guaranty of deposits has proved a failure under state, and it would equally prove a failure under National, auspices. It is unfair to sound, well-managed banks because it makes them contribute to a fund to make good the mistakes of their weaker brethren. It encourages unsound banking because there is no need for a depositor, knowing that his deposit is guaranteed, to discriminate between the bank which is carefully and prudently managed, and one whose management is not so prudent and which, with a deposit fund more easily augmented because of the guaranty, will make loans and investments regarded as unsafe by the more carefully managed bank. The inevitable result has been the failure of mismanaged banks and the ultimate bankruptcy of the guaranty fund.

Since the disastrous bank guaranty law of New York of 1829 under which the fund became bankrupt in 1837 and the law was abolished in 1842, the following States have enacted guaranty laws which in every case proved disastrous because they have tended to demoralize sound banking and accentuated rather than prevented losses to depositors,—Oklahoma 1908, Kansas 1909, Texas, 1909, Nebraska 1909, Mississippi 1914, South Dakota 1915, North Dakota 1917, Washington 1917.

The disastrous results led to repeal in 1923 of the Oklahoma law, in 1927 of the Texas law; in 1929 of the Kansas, North Dakota and Washington laws, and in 1930, of Nebraska law, coupled with the enactment of a Depositors' Final Settlement Fund, to be maintained for 10 years by an annual assessment of 2/10 of 1% on average daily deposits. The South Dakota law is still in effect, but a complete failure and there is a hopeless deficit, constantly growing larger.

In the remaining state, Mississippi, Chapter 22 Laws of 1930 provides for the suspension of the operation of part of the law until the outstanding guaranty certificates are liquidated and at a special session in 1931 a law was passed for the issuing of bonds to raise funds for the payment of guaranty certificates.

The following are the bills introduced in Congress to date. All have been referred to the Committees on Banking and Currency.

Introduced in House.

Dec. 8 1931, H. R. 313, Howard (Neb.).—Would guarantee payment of deposits in national banks by assessments levied by Comptroller.

Dec. 8 1931, H. R. 4512, Beam (Ill.).—Would require surety bonds by National banks for protection of depositors as a condition of doing business. Bonds to be for full amount of deposits.

Dec. 8 1931, H. R. 4572, Hastings (Okla.).—Would require furnishing bonds by national and State bank and trust company members, Federal Reserve System—to the extent of 25% of deposits, exclusive of deposits otherwise specially secured and interest-bearing time deposits.

Dec. 9 1931, H. R. 5125, Hare (S. C.).—Would require so much of net earnings derived by United States from Federal Reserve Banks as necessary, be used by Board for payment of depositors in failed member banks; not to exceed 50% of any one deposit. If such net earnings insufficient, additional amounts not exceeding total amounts paid to United States authorized to be appropriated.

Dec. 17 1931, H. R. 6181, Lamneck (Ohio).—Would establish Depositors Guaranty Fund under supervision Federal Reserve Board in each Federal Reserve District. Member banks in district would be assessed.

Jan. 4 1932, H. R. 6705, La Guardia (New York).—Would establish Depositors Guaranty Fund in each Federal Reserve District by assessment upon member banks in the District. State member banks not required to comply after effective date of system of protecting depositors established by State if in opinion of Federal Reserve Board state system will protect.

Jan. 15 1932, H. R. 7806, Cable (Ohio).—Would establish Federal Guaranty and Insurance Corporation to protect bank depositors with capital of \$100,000,000 and power to issue debentures to five times capital. National banks must become stockholders and State banks, trust companies, and building and loan associations eligible, whether or not members Federal Reserve System. Stockholders to pay corporation annually 2/2000 of average deposits to constitute Reserve Deposits Guaranty Fund.

Feb. 8 1932, H. R. 8989, Shallenberger (Neb.).—Would insure payment of deposits in national and member banks. Creates Depositors Insurance Fund in each Federal Reserve District maintained by assessments on member banks.

Feb. 20 1932, H. R. 9594, Jenkins (Ohio).—Creates Depositors Guaranty and Insurance Fund in each Federal Reserve District to be maintained by assessments upon member banks.

March 2 1932, H. R. 10040, Disney (Okla.).—Creates Bank Depositors Insurance Fund to be administered by Federal Reserve Board into which United States shall pay amount heretofore received as franchise tax. Into such fund each member bank shall deposit in trust United States securities equal to 2% of deposits and also contribute to fund 50 cents per \$1,000 of deposits each calendar year.

March 5 1932, H. R. 10,201, Cable (Ohio).—Would establish a Federal Guaranty Fund and Insurance Corporation to protect bank depositors. Revision of previous bill.

March 7 1932, H. R. 10,241, Steagall (Ala.).—Would establish a Federal Guaranty Fund for depositors in member banks of the Federal Reserve System.

March 7 1932, H. R. 10,242, McClintic (Okla.).—Would create National Depositors Guaranty Fund in each Federal Reserve District under supervision Comptroller of the Currency to protect depositors in National and State member banks. Fund to be maintained by assessment on banks.

Introduced in Senate.

Jan. 6 1932, S. 3324, Lewis (Ill.).—Would establish a Bureau of Insurance to insure depositors in national and state member banks. Banks receiving Government deposits would pay premium therefore, to provide for expense of bureau. Levy authorized on banks of such sums as are necessary to insure deposits.

Feb. 26 1932, S. 3826, Fletcher (Fla.).—Would establish and maintain a Bank Depositors Guaranty Fund. Each member bank would deposit and maintain 5% of its capital stock.

March 7 1932, S. 3971, Fess (Ohio).—Would establish a Federal Guaranty and Insurance Corporation. Same as H. R. 10,201, Cable.

Initial consideration of the subject of bank guaranty will probably center around the Steagall bill, H. R. 10,241. Mr. Steagall, Chairman of the House Committee on Banking and Currency, stated that his committee would begin consideration at the earliest date possible and a subcommittee of five (Chairman Steagall and Messrs. Brand of Georgia, Stevenson of South Carolina; McPadden of Pennsylvania and Strong of Kansas) have been appointed to study the subject. When their study is concluded there will be open hearings.

The Steagall bill, in addition to establishing a Federal Guaranty Fund, includes other features. It is also designed to do the following:

1. Increase the minimum capitalization of newly organized national banks (and consolidations) to \$50,000 and require an initial surplus of 10% of capital for all newly organized banks;

2. Eliminate the double liability of shareholders of newly organized national banks except of those banks which operate a branch;

3. Distribute net earnings of Federal Reserve Banks as follows:

- (a) 6% cumulative dividends.
- (b) 10% to surplus.
- (c) one half remainder to Federal Guaranty Fund.
- (d) Remaining one-half to member banks.

4. Permit member banks to make a reasonable charge not exceeding 1/10 of 1% for remitting checks.

5. Provide for immediate credit on checks and drafts received for collection by Federal Reserve banks, with right to charge interest until collection.

In that portion covering the guaranty, a federal fund for depositors in member banks of the reserve system is established under control of a Federal Bank Liquidating Board, consisting of the Secretary of the Treasury, the Comptroller of the Currency and three presidential appointees. There is to be paid into the fund

1. By the Government, the franchise tax heretofore paid to the United States (stated to be) \$167,000,000.

2. By Federal Reserve Banks, \$150,000,000 of the surplus now in the hands of the 12 Federal Reserve Banks, each bank to pay an amount which bears the same ratio to the said \$150,000,000 as its surplus bears to total surplus of the 12 banks on Dec. 31 1931. \$150,000,000.

3. By member banks, a total not to exceed (unless a less amount is fixed by the Board) \$200,000,000.

The above would make over \$500,000,000. With respect to the maximum payment required of member banks, each bank must pay an amount which bears the same ratio to \$130,000,000, as its average deposits, other than "time", during the preceding calendar year, bear to the average deposits of all member banks; and each bank must pay a further amount which bears the same ratio to \$70,000,000 as its average "time" deposits during the preceding calendar year bear to the total "time" deposits of all member banks.

The demand deposits of all member banks on Dec. 31 were \$15,925,000,000 and a payment of \$130,000,000 would be equivalent to a payment by all the banks of over 8/10 of 1% of their average demand deposits. The time deposits of all member banks on Dec. 31 were \$11,428,000,000 and the payment of \$70,000,000 by all member banks would be the equivalent of over 6/10 of 1% of their time deposits. As to individual banks the percentage would be greater or less according to the amount of their deposits. Each banker can do his own figuring upon the amount his bank would be compelled to contribute.

If the board finds the above payments inadequate, it may after 12 months make an annual assessment upon member banks of the whole or any part of \$100,000,000, each bank to pay an amount which bears the same ratio to the total as its net earnings will bear to the net earnings of all member banks for the preceding calendar year. Sums payable by Federal Reserve Banks or member banks are subject to call of the Board, in whole or in part, at such times as it may fix. If the guaranty fund is found more than adequate, the Board may refund to each Federal Reserve Bank and to each national bank an amount which bears the same ratio to the excess as the amount which each such bank contributed.

It is to be noted that the bill omits any provision for a refund to state member banks, but this is an oversight.

This bill is not to be taken lightly; it calls for serious and constructive criticism. There are many members of Congress who feel, in view of the considerable losses to depositors through the failures of banks, that something should be done to correct the situation and, without full consideration, a system of guaranty of deposits seems an effective remedy.

When, however, the full history of the disastrous results of state bank guaranty laws is made clear, it must inevitably lead to the conclusion that such a remedy is wrong in principle. It would seem, therefore, incumbent upon all bankers who know by actual experience how state guaranty systems have worked out, that they should, without delay, discuss with their respective representatives, the actual facts.

Offering of \$75,000,000 or Thereabouts of 91-Day Treasury Bills.

Announcement of an offering of 91-day Treasury bills to the amount of \$75,000,000 or thereabouts was made on April 6 by Secretary of the Treasury Mills. The new bills, which will mature July 13 1932, will be dated April 13 1932; The proceeds will be used to retire bills of \$50,175,000 which will mature on the latter date. Tenders for the new bills will be received at the Federal Reserve banks and their branches up to 2 p. m. Eastern standard time Monday, April 11. The bills, which are sold on a discount basis to the highest bidder, will be issued in bearer form only in denominations of \$1,000, \$10,000, \$100,000, \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 (maturity value). The face amount is payable on the maturity date without interest. The announcement of Secretary Mills follows:

The Secretary of the Treasury gives notice that tenders are invited for Treasury bills to the amount of \$75,000,000, or thereabouts. They will be 91-day bills; and will be sold on a discount basis to the highest bidders. Tenders will be received at the Federal Reserve banks, or the branches thereof, up to two o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard time, on Monday, April 11 1932. Tenders will not be received at the Treasury Department, Washington.

The Treasury bills will be dated April 13 1932, and will mature on July 13 1932, and on the maturity date the face amount will be payable without interest. They will be issued in bearer form only, and in amounts or denominations of \$1,000, \$10,000, \$100,000, \$500,000, and \$1,000,000 (maturity value).

It is urged that tenders be made on the printed forms and forwarded in the special envelopes which will be supplied by the Federal Reserve banks or branches upon application therefor.

No tender for an amount less than \$1,000 will be considered. Each tender must be in multiples of \$1,000. The price offered must be expressed on the basis of 100, with not more than three decimal places, e.g., 99.125. Fractions must not be used.

Tenders will be accepted without cash deposit from incorporated banks and trust companies and from responsible and recognized dealers in investment securities. Tenders from others must be accompanied by a deposit of 10% of the face amount of Treasury bills applied for unless the tenders are accompanied by an express guaranty of payment by an incorporated bank or trust company.

Immediately after the closing hour for receipt of tenders on April 11 1932, all tenders received at the Federal Reserve banks or branches thereof up to the closing hour will be opened and public announcement of the acceptable prices will follow as soon as possible thereafter, probably on the following morning. The Secretary of the Treasury expressly reserves the right to reject any or all tenders or parts of tenders, and to allot less than the amount applied for and his action in any such respect shall be final. Those submitting tenders will be advised of the acceptance or rejection thereof. Payment at the price offered for Treasury bills allotted must be made at the Federal Reserve banks in cash or other immediately available funds on April 13 1932.

The Treasury bills will be exempt, as to principal and interest, and any gain from the sale or other disposition thereof will also be exempt, from all taxation, except estate and inheritance taxes. No loss from the sale or other disposition of the Treasury bills shall be allowed as a deduction, or otherwise recognized, for the purposes of any tax now or hereafter imposed by the United States or any of its possessions.

Treasury Department Circular No. 418, as amended, and this notice prescribe the terms of the Treasury bills and govern the conditions of their issue. Copies of the circular may be obtained from any Federal Reserve Bank or branch thereof.

W. Kiplinger in Journal of American Bankers' Association Discusses Methods and Policies of Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

Laboring day and night in plain workshop quarters, with "loan applications going through the mill at midnight," the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, where hundreds of million dollars of government loans are being made, is doing "a hazardous job exceedingly well, the results to date are overwhelmingly good and dangers inherent in the scheme have been minimized by careful administration," declares Willard Kiplinger in the American Bankers' Association Journal. Mr. Kiplinger says:

Political liberals have made much of the claim that the Government is solicitous of banks and other financial institutions but is indifferent to the distress of individuals. The major purpose of this whole reconstruction program is not primarily to save banks for the sake of their officers, directors and stockholders, but primarily for the sake of their depositors and their communities, which is not fully appreciated by the general public. This motive appears frequently in the acts and deliberations of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Borrowers have been reminded that they are not particularly entitled to Government loans as bank owners, but that as custodians of community interest they deserve the loans.

Describing operations he says:

The directors meet every afternoon—all of them. Seated about the long, imitation mahogany table, they take each case and study it. They thumb through the papers. They talk and argue and scratch their heads. They approve, or revise, or disapprove. Most applications have been well sifted by processes down below. The speed and expedition of the thing have been remarkable. Not only was the mechanism set up in short order, but it began to function with reasonable smoothness almost at once. It is not a loose piece of machinery. This is due largely to the fact that much of the personnel was taken over from Reserve Banks and that many of the men have had previous experience with the old War Finance Corporation. The Corporation has received nearly 50,000 applications for jobs. The personnel of the Washington headquarters is around 200, and the personnel in the various regional agencies is around 250; total, 450.

Tax Bill Passed by House—Total Yield Through New Sources of Revenue Over One Billion Dollars—Final Defeat of Sales Tax—Income Rates Increased—Dividends Subjected to Normal Rates—Surtax Schedule Submitted in Committee Bill Retained—Levy on Autos and Higher Tax on Estates Approved—Increase in Postage Rates.

The new revenue bill providing for increased income and corporation taxes, and calling for an imposing array of new taxes sufficient to yield over a billion dollars, was passed by the House on April 1 by a vote of 327 to 64. As to the new revenue anticipated in the new levies, the New York "Times" from Washington April 1 said:

The measure is expected by the Ways and Means Committee to produce \$1,032,400,000 in new revenues, and the House expects this to be supplemented by at least \$230,500,000 in governmental economies and minor postal increases.

The general revenue program is thus estimated to afford \$1,262,900,000, of \$21,900,000 more than the \$1,241,000,000 additional funds believed needed to balance the budget in the fiscal year 1933.

These figures were challenged by the Treasury in new estimates sent to the Ways and Means Committee this morning. The Treasury calculations indicated that the tax bill, as approved, would produce only \$997,400,000; that the governmental economies and postal increases would amount to only \$155,500,000, and that \$88,100,000 more was needed to balance the budget.

The challenge to the Ways and Means Committee estimates raised one of the few political issues that marked the progress of the bill through the House. Representative Crisp, acting chairman, said that the Committee intended to stand on its own estimates, which also were made by fiscal experts.

In indicating the proceedings on the bill in the House on April 1, the "United States Daily" said:

There were separate votes demanded on a number of provisions acted upon by the Committee of the Whole when the bill was reported back to the House. The majority votes in the House were as follows:

Sales Tax Eliminated.

Action of the Committee of the Whole in eliminating sales tax sustained 236 to 160.

Swing amendment increasing surtax rates to war basis over the Committee provision, eliminated from the bill by a vote of 178 to 211. This leaves the surtax rates as in the Committee amendment, which are gradu-

ated from 1% on net incomes of more than \$6,000 to 40% on net incomes over \$100,000.

Ramseyer amendment increasing the estate taxes retained in the bill by viva voce vote. The gift tax rates were previously amended, to conform to the new estate tax brackets.

Committee amendments on imported oil and coal, malt, wort and grape concentrates, and domestic lubricating oils, retained in the bill by 204 to 188.

Higher Letter Rate.

Increase of first-class postage from two cents to three cents retained by viva voce vote.

Committee amendment to raise \$88,000,000 by applying normal income taxes to individual dividend income from stocks, irrespective of surtax, adopted in Committee of the Whole by 180 to 105, and retained by the House by viva voce vote.

Committee amendment proposing tax of one-fourth of 1% of the sale price, but not less than four cents a share, on stock transfers, retained by viva voce vote.

Tax on Realty Sales.

Committee amendment proposing a tax of 50 cents on each \$500, with a \$100 exemption, on real estate conveyances, retained by viva voce vote.

Committee amendment proposing 3% tax on automobiles, 2% tax on trucks and 1% on accessories, retained by viva voce vote.

The House in rejecting finally the sales tax by 236 to 160 voted as follows: Sustaining the rejection, Democrats, 154; Republicans, 81, and Farmer-Labor, 1; in favor of sales tax, Democrats, 50; Republicans, 110.

Representative Ragon (Dem.) of Clarksville, Ark., member of the Ways and Means Committee, majority, told the House "whenever you tell me you cannot reduce Government expenditures by more than \$125,000,000, as Secretary Mills said, then I disagree with that statement and I think the business men of the country will disagree with it." He said that he had been told by the chairman of a subcommittee on appropriations that the expenditures could be cut more than \$200,000,000 and it should be cut that much.

Representative Crisp (Dem.) of Americus, Ga., acting Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, also told the House the Government expenses could be cut \$200,000,000. "Secretary Mills furnished the Ways and Means Committee last night a revised set of estimates," Mr. Crisp said. "The Committee has based the bill on the doctrine that the Government expenses can be cut at least \$200,000,000 and the Committee has believed and still believes that can be done. In his estimates last night Secretary Mills only estimates for \$125,000,000 of reduction of expenses, which makes a deficit of \$75,000,000 in that item. The total of the bill as it now stands, according to the Secretary of the Treasury, is \$159,000,000 short of balancing the budget."

Mr. Crisp offered a committee amendment to fill the gap by suggesting for the first time that dividends received by individuals from certain domestic corporations be subjected to the normal income tax rates, which, Mr. Crisp said, would produce \$88,000,000 of additional revenue. Representative Treadway (Rep.) of Stockbridge, Mass., offered a substitute amendment which he said would avoid hardship to people of small incomes and would raise \$68,000,000 instead of \$88,000,000.

The Crisp amendment follows in full text:

"On page 38 after line 16, insert a new paragraph as follows: For the taxable years 1932 and 1933 the credit allowed under this subsection shall be limited to the amount received as dividends from a domestic corporation which is subject to taxation under this title, the gross income of which for the taxable year preceding the year in which the dividend was paid did not exceed \$25,000."

Crisp Amendment Adopted by House.

The Crisp and Treadway amendments, offered as an addition to the section dealing with credits of individuals against net income, revealed what Representative Treadway and others said was the first difference of view that has developed in the Ways and Means Committee since the reconstruction of the measure had been undertaken following the contests over the sales tax and other amendments. Mr. Treadway charged the majority with partisanship. Mr. Ragon and others denied this charge.

Mr. Crisp said his amendment would result in the bill over-balancing the budget. He said that under existing law dividends from stock are excluded from the normal income tax, although it is different as to surtax. He pointed out the Committee regretted having to resort to it but it was necessary and the Committee is compelled to report that rather than a gasoline and bank check tax.

Mr. Treadway's substitute would exempt up to \$10,000, which would take off \$20,000,000 from the \$88,000,000 contemplated in the Committee amendment. Representative Ragon appealed to the House to stand by the Committee, and said if the House stood by 100% it would be unnecessary to worry any more about the Treasury. Representative Hawley (Rep.) of Salem, Ore., former Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, opposed the Crisp Committee amendment, saying it would be a direct invitation to people who have money invested or to invest in the industrial world to put their money into tax-exempt securities.

The Treadway substitute was rejected 120 yeas to 92 yeas, and the Crisp Committee amendment was then adopted by teller vote by 180 yeas to 105 yeas, Speaker Garner voting with the yeas.

Plan Said to Overbalance Budget by \$88,000,000.

Mr. Crisp said that his amendment as adopted, carried out the Committee's determination that it would leave no question of doubt about the yield the bill would provide and that its adoption made the bill overbalance the budget by \$88,000,000. He continued:

"Under existing law, dividends from stocks are exempt from paying the normal income tax. Of course, they pay surtaxes if the income reaches the surtax class but under existing law they do not pay the normal tax. In this emergency, for a period of about two years, until July 1 1934, the Committee has recommended that dividends from stock pay the normal income taxes.

"Some say that is drastic. I regret the necessity, but we were compelled to either bring that to you, or a tax on gasoline or a tax on bank checks. When you analyze the equities running through the income tax, there is not the great injustice and hardship that this amendment at first blush might seem to impose.

"To-day, if a gentleman has \$100,000 worth of bonds of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. he has to pay the normal tax on the income derived from those bonds, but if he has \$100,000 worth of the capital stock of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. he does not pay the normal income tax on the dividends derived from the stock.

"This amendment treats them, during this emergency, exactly alike. Under this amendment, a man would pay the normal income tax rate on dividends derived from stocks as well as from bonds.

"The amendment has this other provision in it: That where the income from a corporation is less than \$25,000, those who receive dividends from that small corporation do not have to pay the normal rate of taxation on it."

Representative Vinson (Dem.), of Ashland, Ky., pointed out that the \$25,000 exemption is on gross income.

Discusses Provision for Valuing Estates.

The House then took up the section of the bill in which it was provided that in the case of estate taxes, if death occurred between Sept. 1 1923, and Jan. 1 1932, "the value of the gross estate and of the net estate shall be computed based upon values as of a date 18 months after the decedent's death, and the tax to be paid under this title shall bear the same ratio to a tax computed without reference to this section as the subsequent value of the net estate bears to the value of the net estate as of the date of the decedent's death."

Mr. Crisp explained that this section was placed in the bill by the Committee because of the drop in value which some estates suffered because of the break in stock markets and the general depression which took place during that period.

He said the Committee at first believed this would affect only about 15 estates, but that later it was learned from the Treasury Department that about 30,000 estates would be affected by this section, and that if adopted this section would result in \$40,000,000 being lost to the Federal Treasury.

He said the Committee estimates as to the yield of the bill have never contemplated the striking out of this section. He said that if this section should be stricken from the bill the entire estate would, in some cases, be taken by the Government in taxes.

Deferred Valuation Date on Estates Retained.

Representative Whittington (Dem.), of Greenwood, Miss., offered an amendment to strike the section from the bill, but this was defeated by a teller vote of 130 ayes to 184 nays.

Representative Ragon (Dem.), of Clarksville, Ark., offered an amendment providing that in no case shall the reduction allowed be more than 40% of the value of the estate at the time of death. This amendment was agreed to by a viva voce vote.

This concluded the reading of the bill for amendments, and the Committee then arose and reported the bill back to the House with the various amendments.

Separate votes were asked for a number of the amendments. The first of these to be taken up was the Doughton amendment which struck the manufacturers' sales tax title from the bill. The motion was on the question: "Shall the House agree to the Doughton amendment?" On a roll call vote this motion was agreed to 235 answering "aye" and 160 answering "nay."

The next separate vote was that on the so-called Swing amendment increasing the surtax rates. The Committee's bill provided a rate of 1% on net incomes of \$6,000 or more, and graduated that rate upward, to 40% on net incomes of \$100,000. The Swing amendment would have increased the surtax rates to a maximum of 65% on incomes over \$5,000,000.

On a roll call vote, the House struck out the Swing amendment, and restored the rates of the committee's bill. The vote was 178 ayes to 211 nays on the question of agreeing to the Swing amendment.

The House then voted viva voce to retain the Ramseyer amendment, increasing the estate tax rates, in the bill. The Ramseyer amendment provides a 45% maximum rate on estates, whereas the original bill proposed a 40% maximum rate.

Rates of Gift Taxation Adjusted to Estate Levies.

The House in Committee of the Whole, March 31, adopted an amendment to the gift tax section, offered by Representative Ramseyer (Rep.), of Bloomfield, Iowa, to make the brackets conform to the new estate taxes written into the bill last week and making the rates for the gift taxes, in each bracket, three-fourths of the rates of the estate tax. He said his amendment had been approved by the Ways and Means Committee.

Representative Crisp said that committee decided that if the Ramseyer amendment to the inheritance taxes, increasing the committee rates 5% and changing the brackets, is to become law, it is logical that the present Ramseyer amendment to the gift taxes, increasing the rates of the gift tax proportionately, should be accepted.

The Ramseyer amendment, both as to inheritance and estate taxes, Mr. Crisp said, changes the committee bill by making the exemption \$50,000, instead of \$100,000. If the Ramseyer estate tax is eliminated on separate vote in the House, then the other should be.

Mr. Ragon said the committee's expert estimated the Ramseyer gift tax amendment would raise \$5,000,000 in addition to the amount the committee gift tax, in the original bill, would raise.

Mr. Crisp informed the House that the only retroactive provision in the whole bill is the one dealing with valuation of estates, on account of the great drop in the price of securities. A committee amendment to conform with the Ramseyer gift tax amendment was adopted to take care of gifts made in contemplation of death. If there is a gift made in contemplation of death, this would take care of the additional estate tax, explained Mr. Crisp.

Representative Stafford (Rep.), of Milwaukee, Wis., asked if the committee had considered at any time reducing the 80% tax the Federal Government returns to States in inheritance taxes. Mr. Crisp said the committee did not consider changing it.

"There was some general discussion," he said, "but the committee felt that in levying the surtaxes it did not desire to disturb the present law at all. A number of States passed income tax laws after Congress passed this law permitting them to participate up to 80%; and we did not consider it wise to interfere with that at the present time."

Other Committee Amendments Adopted at Late Session.

Other committee amendments adopted during the late session, as explained by Mr. Crisp, included the following:

To remove from the present law the provision that says that when gifts are made within two years they are conclusively presumed to be made to avoid the estate tax. That is the provision of law that the Supreme Court a few days ago declared unconstitutional. This retains in the law the prima facie evidence that such gifts were made in contemplation of death, and with this amendment the Government will receive either the gift-tax rate or the estate-tax rate on the estate of any decedent.

To provide that the additional excise import tax levied on imported goods shall not be added to the cost for the Tariff Commission to apply the flexible clause lowering the rate in the tariff 50%.

To provide the regulations for the collection of the special taxes levied in this bill on cosmetics, toilet preparations, automobiles, and sundry and divers other articles. It carries out what has been done all through the bill, provides that they shall cease by operation of law to be subject to the taxes on July 1 1934, and the regulation provides that these taxes shall go into effect 15 days after the approval of this Act. That includes all of the special excise taxes.

To amend the section regarding extension of time. Under existing law, when a person dies, the estate has six years in which to pay the tax, when undue hardship would be inflicted on the estate if the tax were required to be paid in a shorter time, discretion being left to the commissioner, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, to determine whether hardship would ensue.

On these deferred payments they have to pay 6% interest. On the deficiencies they have, under existing law, two years. The deferred payments bear 6% interest, and a bond is required to guarantee that the Government will collect the amount of the tax plus 6% interest.

It has developed in some of these very large estates that sometimes it would destroy an estate if they were forced to throw it on the market, especially estates consisting of large tracts of land where, possibly, they can not sell the lands at all.

This amendment simply permits, in cases where it would be an undue hardship on the estate to force the payment of the tax within the six years as now required by law, an extension to eight years, giving two years additional within which the amount of the estate tax due the Government may be paid. But before that is done the Commissioner and the Secretary of the Treasury must decide it would be at undue hardship on the estate. Then the estate must give a bond for the payment of the tax, and the Government receives 6% interest.

To authorize designation the Secretary of the Treasury to designate special disbursing agents for payment of all salaries and expenses.

The Comptroller-General has raised some question as to whether they could have a disbursing agent pay these bills, contending that the collector should be the disbursing officer.

This is in accordance with what has been done in the Treasury Department for years. The Treasury Department has recommended this so as to remove any question that may arise with the comptroller as to whether these revenue agents can be designated to act as disbursing officers for the Treasury. Of course, they are under bond to account for their acts and for any moneys handled or paid out.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF THE BILL.

Under the bill the normal tax on individual incomes would be increased from 1½ to 2% on the first \$4,000 of net income; from 3 to 4% on the next \$4,000; on amounts in excess of the last-named, the tax would be 7%. The exemption in the case of single persons, at present \$1,500, is fixed in the House bill at \$1,000, while the exemption of married persons, now \$3,500, is \$2,500 under the House bill. The New York "Journal of Commerce" of April 2 contained the following summary of the bill's provisions:

Increases to 13¼% the present 12% corporate net income tax and reduces the present exemption of \$3,000 in the case of corporations with a net taxable income of \$25,000 to one of \$1,000 for the benefit of corporations with a net taxable income of not above \$10,000.

Provides a premium of 1½% on the corporate rate to be paid by corporations desiring the benefits of the consolidated returns features of the law.

Makes taxable future distributions of profits accumulated or increase in value of property accrued before March 1 1913, now non-taxable, and also the distribution of depletion reserves based on the discovery value of mines. The depletion allowances also are modified.

Tax payments to foreign governments are to be allowed as an exemption only to the extent to which they do not exceed an amount which bears the same relation to the total tax as the net income from the country imposing the tax bears to the total net income.

Dividends received by corporations from tax exempt corporations are made taxable in the hands of the former.

Dividend distributions by corporations upon their outstanding stock made subject to normal taxes, as well as surtaxes, the latter being also a part of present law.

Provisions of existing law relative to stock losses and to wash sales are amended in important particulars.

Gains and losses from short sales and options are denominated for tax purposes as gains or losses from the sale or exchange of stocks and bonds held less than two years.

Gains from the sale by a foreign corporation of security transferred to it by a domestic taxpayer and later accounted to the latter are made taxable if the Commissioner of Internal Revenue believes such manipulation to have been resorted to for the purposes of tax evasion. Under present law such gains are not taxable.

The measure suspends for two years operation of the provisions of the present law which permits a taxpayer to apply a net loss sustained in one taxable year against his net income for the succeeding taxable year, or for a second year if needed.

Normal taxes for individuals are to be 2% on the first \$4,000 net; 4% on the next \$4,000, and 7% on all in excess of the latter. Surtaxes are to begin at \$6,000 and advance progressively to 40% on incomes in excess of \$100,000. The exemptions are \$2,500 in the case of married taxpayers and \$1,000 in the case of single taxpayers. The allowance for earned income is reduced.

Present estate tax rates are doubled and the gift tax minimum is made 33¼%.

Stock exchange transactions were made subject to a tax of one-quarter of 1%, minimum 4 cents per share.

Bond transfers are made taxable at one-eighth of 1%.

Issues of capital stock and bonds are to be taxed 10c. per \$100 of value.

The levy on transactions upon the commodity exchanges is increased from the present rate of 1 cent to 5 cents per \$100 of value.

Conveyances covering transactions in real estate over \$100 and not over \$500 will be taxed 50 cents, and a like assessment made on each additional \$500 of value or fraction thereof.

Admissions to places of public amusement in excess of 45 cents will take a tax of 1 cent for each 10 cents of the amount charged.

A duty on coal of 10 cents per 100 pounds and of 1 cent per gallon on imported gasoline and crude oil is provided.

Special sales taxes of 4 cents per gallon upon lubricating oil, 35 cents per gallon on brewers' malt and 40% on grape concentrates were voted.

Radio broadcasting and newspaper leased wires and newspaper press dispatches are exempted, but a 10% tax on leased wires and 5 cents on telephone, telegraph, cable and radio messages or conversations costing between 30 cents and 50 cents, and 10 cents if costing 50 cents or more will be assessed under this measure.

The 10% manufacturers' sales tax will apply to cosmetics, furs, jewelry, sporting goods, cameras, firearms; while a 5% tax is to be applied against candy, chewing gum, radios and phonographs and mechanical refrigerators.

The automobile tax is to be 3% on passenger cars, 2% on trucks and 1% on accessories.

The tax on matches is fixed at 4 cents per 1,000.

The 1921 taxes on soft drinks will be restored.

A tax of 10% of the rental of safe deposit boxes and vaults is provided.

Yachts and boats, valued at over \$15, take a 10% tax, and that tax applies when yachts are obtained under lease.

Oil transported by pipe lines will be taxed 8% on the carrying charge.

The basic first class letter postage rate is increased to 3 cents.

Revaluation of depreciated estates, but only to a limited extent, is to be permitted.

Retroactive Tax Project May Yield \$20,000,000—House Adopts Program Restricting Carrying of Net Losses.

From the New York "Herald Tribune" we take the following from Washington April 1:

The tax program as adopted by the House to-day contains a new provision relative to income tax returns, which is in a sense retroactive. Under an amendment adopted by the House on Wednesday, generally known as the "repeal of net loss provision," and calculated to yield the Treasury \$20,000,000 more in taxes, the net losses established by a taxpayer in the year 1931, as well as in 1932 and 1933, may not be carried over to a later year to reduce the incomes on which taxes are assessable.

"Under the existing law," Representative Fred M. Vinson, Democrat, of Kentucky, author of the amendment, explained, "net losses may be carried over one year. With the amendments which have been adopted, and this amendment, net losses are eliminated from being carried over at all. In other words, for the calendar years 1931, 1932 and 1933 net losses cannot be carried over, but when 1934 comes, net losses can be carried into 1935. Meanwhile, the net losses have to be taken in the year when the losses occur."

Senate Passes Democratic Tariff Bill Curbing Power of President to Change Rates.

On April 1 by a vote on 42 to 30 the U. S. Senate passed, in amended form, the Democratic tariff bill which passed the House on January 9 last by a vote of 214 to 182. According to a dispatch April 1 to the New York "Times" the conferees of the Senate and House will be faced with the difficult task of harmonizing the Senate and House bills, which agree in only two particulars. The dispatch continued:

They take from the President his power to raise or lower rates on recommendation of the Tariff Commission and they recommend that the United States call an international economic conference.

It has been made clear that whatever Democratic measure may be agreed upon it will be vetoed by the President. Such a veto is certain to be sustained as the Democrats, even with the assistance of progressive Republicans, cannot command two-thirds of the House or the Senate.

In to-day's vote, with 94 votes accounted for in the roll-call, no Democrat either voted or was paired against the substitute for the House bill. It was supported by six progressive Republicans.

Changes Are Left to Congress.

The Senate bill, a substitute for the House bill in the form of an amendment introduced by Senator Harrison, provides that the Tariff Commission, upon request "of any interested party," may investigate the importation of any commodity or product, recommend an increase or decrease in duty or, if the article is on the free list, recommend that a tariff be levied on it.

Thereupon, Congress would be authorized to change the duty through passage of a bill that would require the signature of the President. Such legislation would be expedited through provisions that amendments could not be offered.

The Senate bill, like the House bill, provides for a considerably broader investigation of comparative costs of production and transportation here and abroad than are contained in the Hawley-Smoot tariff act.

As proposed by the House, the new flexible provision provided that the Tariff Commission itself could raise or lower duties or impose them on articles on the free list, subject only to Congressional veto within 60 days.

Under the Hawley-Smoot act, the President is empowered to raise or lower tariffs on dutiable articles 50% on recommendation of the Tariff Commission, but cannot touch the free list.

Senator Vandenberg offered a compromise bill, designed to harmonize the present act and both the proposed bills, but this was defeated, 28 to 43. He proposed that Congress be empowered to change rates while it is in session, but that the President retain his authority to revise rates when Congress is not in session.

The Senate bill also contains an amendment by Senator Norris, which provides for the suspension of duties that "sustain monopolies" in the United States. Under this amendment the President, upon recommendation of the court of customs, after that court had held hearings on complaints, would issue a proclamation suspending the collection of duties upon articles of the class produced by the monopoly.

The International Economic Conference provided in the Harrison bill would be called by the President to consider the elimination of excessive or discriminatory tariffs and "providing fair, equal and friendly trade and commercial relations between nations."

During the debate, Republican Senators charged that this would open the way to a new discussion of international debts, which, they said, would be detrimental to the United States.

The Senate bill also creates the office of "Consumers' Counsel," an advocate of "the consuming public," who would be present at all tariff commission hearings to examine witnesses and offer testimony or argument in behalf of the public.

During the debate Senator Hatfield of West Virginia urged an increase in tariff rates to "compensate for depreciation in foreign currency."

The passage of the bill by the House was noted in our issue of Jan. 16, page 434.

Changes in Tax Bill Proposed by Secretary of Treasury Mills in Statement Before Senate Finance Committee—Declares Corporation and Estates Taxes Too High—Stock Transfer Tax Excessive—Says Provisions Would Discourage Normal Flow of Capital Into Industry and Commerce.

With the opening of hearings before the Senate Finance Committee on April 6 on the new tax bill, Secretary of the Treasury Mills was the first to be heard. Presenting his views on the bill as passed by the House on April 1 Secretary Mills expressed his opposition to certain of the taxes carried in the bill, the corporation tax rate he declared to be "too high"; he further said that there is no justification for compelling corporations to pay for the privilege of filing income tax returns in accordance with their usual method of doing business and keeping their books; that the concealed double

taxation involved in discontinuing the exemption of dividends from normal tax is unsound, resulting as it does in discrimination against the corporate form of doing business, with particular hardship to the smaller corporation as compared with a partnership; that completely doing away with the net loss provision is hard to justify in times like these; that the stock transfer tax is excessive under existing conditions, and that the estate tax rates are too high." Secretary Mills went on to say:

"It must not be forgotten that the bill already provides for a sharp increase in normal and surtax rates: that losses on the sale of so-called capital assets are to be limited to any gains which happen to be derived from the sale of capital assets in the same year; that the Treasury Department and the Ways and Means Committee were ready to limit the net loss carry-over provision to one year, and that very heavy taxes indeed were proposed in the Ways and Means Committee bill on the issuance and transfer of securities.

"The cumulative effect of all these provisions is very great. They tend to converge the full weight of each of them upon capital actively employed in business, and to discourage the normal flow of capital into industry and commerce at a time when business men are hesitant and industry stagnant. Their combined restrictive effect magnified by the deadening influence of the depression will in my judgment tend to retard business recovery.

"What we want to accomplish above all else at the present time is to break down the vicious circle of deflation of credit, industrial stagnation, falling prices and loss of purchasing power. To put men to work capital must go to work. Credit must be sought and freely offered. But capital must see some chance of profit to compensate for the risk. Business men will not borrow and banks will not lend unless the enterprise offers some fair prospect of return."

As to the proposals made to the Senate Committee by Secretary Mills, a dispatch April 6 to the New York "Times" said:

Changes in the bill that would take more than \$200,000,000 from its revenue-raising capacity were urged by the Secretary, but he advocated as substitutes proposals submitted originally by the treasury, but not acted upon, which it was estimated could be made to produce more than \$500,000,000.

Recommendations for Changes.

Specific recommendations for changes were:

1. That the stock of transfer tax of $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% be reduced to four cents per share, as recommended originally by the Treasury.
2. That the exemptions from normal income taxes of dividends on stock, repealed by the House bill for a period of two years, be restored.
3. That the penalty of $1\frac{1}{2}$ % above the regular corporation income tax, imposed on corporations filing consolidated returns for subsidiaries, be stricken out.
4. That the net loss provision, permitting losses to be carried forward for a year, repealed by the House until July 1 1934, be restored.
5. That the normal corporation tax rate, fixed at $13\frac{1}{2}$ % by the House, be reduced to 13%, as carried in the supplemental Treasury recommendations.
6. That the estate tax be reduced from the maximum of 45% adopted by the House to 25%.
7. That the gift tax be reduced even in greater degree than the reduction recommended for the estate tax.
8. That the bond-transfer tax of $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1%, with a minimum of two cents a bond, be stricken out.

Some Estimates Challenged.

The Secretary gave most of his statement in a running discussion with members of the committee. They questioned him about this levy, they argued with him about that recommendation, they discussed with him the general proposition of balancing the budget, and some of the Democrats disagreed with him over estimated savings.

Mr. Mills had no set substitute plan to offer. In answer to a request from Senator Harrison, he agreed to submit a definite plan. He said after the meeting that he did not think the committee was in any hurry for it.

The substitutes recommended by the Secretary were all in the original and supplemental Treasury proposals. He submitted them in the form of a table and did not even discuss them. They included:

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| 1 An increase of one-sixth in the present tobacco tax, to produce | \$58,000,000 |
| 2 Increases in the automobile excise rate of the House from 3, 2 and 1%, respectively, on passenger cars, trucks and parts to 5, 3 and $2\frac{1}{2}$ %, estimated to yield | 44,000,000 |
| 3 Application of the 10% amusement tax to all admissions above 10 cents. The House bill would apply to admissions above 45 cents. The change was expected to produce an additional | 70,000,000 |
| 4 Enactment of a two-cent stamp tax on bank checks and drafts, to yield | 95,000,000 |
| 5 Imposition of a one-cent Federal gasoline tax, estimated to yield | 165,000,000 |
| 6 Addition of a 7% consumers' excise on electricity and gas for domestic use, to produce | 94,000,000 |

In citing his exceptions to the bill Secretary Mills pointed to the situation forced by the railroads, saying:

For the purpose of illustration, consider the case of the railroads. Their bonds are largely held by the great insurance companies, savings banks and other fiduciary institutions, or, in other words, the savings of the American people are invested in them to a very great extent. These bonds are much depreciated in value. A diminished earning power is of course largely responsible, though fixed charges are for the most part being earned. But the serious part of the situation is that the equities back of these bonds are gradually being eaten away. With the heavy taxes proposed on future possible railroad earnings and on railroad dividends, coupled with the inhibition on carrying over losses from one year to another, the restoration of equity values essential to the restoration of the high standing of the underlying securities and of the ability of the railroads to obtain necessary capital, becomes more difficult.

In this connection it should not be forgotten that railroads ordinarily spend annually anywhere from \$600,000,000 to \$800,000,000 for capital improvements, giving employment directly to thousands of men and indirectly to many thousands of others through the orders they place. These funds must be obtained from investors through the security markets.

I do not want the committee to understand that my criticism is directed to the bill as a whole. There are, however, certain important features with which the Treasury does not agree, and which I trust your committee will either eliminate or modify.

Opposition to Increase in Federal Income and Surtax Rates Voiced in Report to New York State Chamber of Commerce—Favors Sales Tax to Balance Budget.

Strong opposition to the proposed increase in Federal income and surtax rates to the war time level and to other forms of taxation which tend to withdraw capital from business enterprises, is voiced in a report of the Committee on Taxation which came before the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York at its meeting on April 7. As an alternative, the Committee favors a manufacturers sales tax as a means of balancing the Federal budget. The report, presented by Jesse S. Phillips, Chairman of the Committee, holds that the paramount consideration is that any new or increased taxation should be of a nature least injurious to domestic business and international trade. In the present national emergency, the Committee feels, this consideration can even transcend the question of the fairness of placing the greatest burden of increased taxes on the earnings of those with large taxable incomes.

Conceding the necessity of balancing the budget, the report of the Committee says in part:

Your committee, however, believes that the proposed surtax increases will materially fail of their purpose. The result will be that capital will seek tax-free securities, to the detriment of private business. At the same time, the taxpayer's income, owing to reduced dividends, defaulted interest and small profits from business in general, has been radically depleted. Accordingly, the revenues which can be collected by high surtaxes will be exceedingly disappointing. The income surtaxes of war days were collectible because it was a period of great business activity and large incomes. Those days will not return soon.

Your committee regrets that the House of Representatives failed to adopt the manufacturers' sales tax which it rejected on March 24 1932. This tax can be made to produce adequate revenue. There are no doubt objections to such a tax at this time. But this is true of any form of taxation. The question is largely one of selecting the least objectionable. Among the merits of the manufacturers' sales tax may be mentioned the following: It will produce the bulk of the needed revenue in a manner which will place no undue burden on the people; it is a tax general in application, and does not fall upon any particular class; it spreads the cost of government among all the people who live under its protection; it does not have the irritation of the nuisance taxes; it is comparatively easy to administer; and it has been successfully used by other governments, notably Canada.

In conclusion the report says:

It is essential that the accumulation of capital be allowed to proceed. The incentive to invest in tax-exempt securities should be kept at the minimum. These objects should be borne constantly in mind, if it is desired to promote the development and activity of business.

In 1920, when a situation not unlike that of to-day existed, the Chamber advocated a consumption tax (a sales tax collected directly from the consumer) levied at a fixed rate of percentage on sales in excess of \$1.

Two Senators State Position on Surtax—Minority Leader Robinson and Senator Harrison Oppose High Level of Wartime.

The declaration that they were opposed to inclusion of income surtax rates as high as those operative during the World War was made in the Senate April 4 by Senators Robinson (Dem.), of Arkansas, minority leader, and Harrison (Dem.), of Mississippi, ranking minority member of the Committee on Finance, which began hearings on the revenue measure on April 6. The "United States Daily" of April 5 added:

The bill (H. R. 10236) was transmitted to the Senate by the House in the usual form and its reference to the Committee was ordered immediately by the Vice-President. The bill, therefore, was not before the Senate when discussion began as to the revenue-raising policies enunciated in the form of rates and sources.

Position of Mr. Long.

Senator Long (Dem.), of Louisiana, complained that the surtax and inheritance tax rates laid in the House were not high enough to accomplish a redistribution of wealth, and he urged "leaders" of the Senate to indicate their course. He wanted to know also whether there was to be "a coalition of forces" in the Senate as developed in the House.

"I believe in taxing according to the ability of the taxpayer to pay," Senator Harrison said in explaining his position. "But that position does not mean that I favor taking away all of the wealth or all of the income of any person. I think there would be a tendency to withdraw wealth from productive enterprise if we should put the rates too high. There is no excuse, no reason, to kill off Government income that way."

"Senator Couzens (Rep.), of Michigan, inquired how high Senator Harrison thought the rates should be placed. To this the Mississippi Senator replied that it was a matter that must be given careful consideration. He said he wanted the facts and would welcome the 'reaction' of all those who found objection to the House rates, 'for that is the only way we can get at the facts.'

"There is a tendency," Senator Robinson interjected, "to place rates so high that they will force a rearrangement of investments. The high rates may be the cause, indeed, when they are too high, they do cause withdrawal of funds from industry and bring about their investment in tax-exempt securities. Thus, the owners of that wealth enjoy a liberal income without making any contribution to the cost of government.

"Fairness and justice demand that the utmost care be used in arriving at the proper rate that will yield the best returns to the Treasury. Fairness and justice demand that industry shall not be stunted by rates that will take the money away from it, so that initiative is destroyed for lack of capital to carry out expansion."

Limit on Incomes.

Senator Dill (Dem.), of Washington, asked if it would be possible to fix a limit on the amount of income an individual might have, by means of taxation, mentioning \$5,000,000 a year in this connection. Senator Harrison argued that such a course was impossible.

"I think it would be un-American in spirit," he added. "I have no disposition to participate in any such course as that. It is our tradition to allow persons to make as much money as they can, and any limitation on it would serve to stop the growth of our Nation. It is that sort of thing that makes socialism."

New Revenue Raised by House Tax Bill During 1932-33 Estimated by Treasury at \$1,030,000,000—Secretary Mills Says Bill is \$200,000,000 Short of Balancing Budget—Looks to Senate to Correct "Serious Defects and Discriminations."

According to Secretary of the Treasury Mills, "the Treasury estimates that the (tax) bill, during the fiscal year 1932-33, will raise approximately \$1,030,000,000 of new revenue, including increased postal charges, as against an estimated \$1,241,000,000 needed to balance the budget, exclusive of the sinking fund requirements. It is apparent, therefore," says Secretary Mills, "that there is a gap of something over \$200,000,000 which remains to be bridged."

The statement of Secretary Mills, issued April 2, had reference to the tax bill passed by the House on April 1. The Secretary stated that "the bill contains serious defects and discriminations" and he added, "I trust that these will be corrected in the Senate and that the changes will ultimately be concurred in by the House." Mr. Mills stated that "there is but little further room for large economies through administrative changes alone," and that to accomplish a real reduction in cost there must be an elimination of duplication of effort through consolidation, the curtailment of unnecessary functions, and the suspension of certain activities during the period of emergency. To attain this goal," he declared, "will require not only legislation, but close co-operation between the legislative and the executive branches of the Government in carrying out such a program."

Secretary Mills' statement follows in full:

The bill which passed the House of Representatives will raise a very large amount of revenue. What, however, is more important is that the House in passing it has recognized and affirmed the necessity of balancing the budget. This is a great victory for sound financial principles. There can be no turning back.

The differences as to estimates of revenue are minor in character. The Speaker seems to think the Treasury estimates are too low. I hope he is right. Only time will tell. All I can say is that the estimates represent our very best judgment.

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This the Ways and Means Committee and the House evidently plan to bring about by means of reduced expenditures. There never was any difference between the Ways and Means Committee and the Treasury Department as to the imperative need of reducing the cost of government, but in my letter to Chairman Crisp I pointed out "the extreme danger of attempting to balance the budget except on the basis of either ascertained facts or of prospects sufficiently substantial to justify a confident expectation of their realization."

Unfortunately, neither the Ways and Means Committee nor the House had before them in preparing their estimates of needed revenue a concrete program for definite reduction in expenditures. They were obliged to rely on more or less vague estimates.

It is now clear that if we are to have a balanced budget, the preparation and realization of such a concrete program is imperatively necessary.

This means that there must be substantial modifications of existing law affecting the duties and obligations of the departments and independent establishments of the Government. In view of the drastic cuts already made in the 1933 budget as presented to the Congress, amounting to \$370,000,000, there is but little further room for large economies through administrative changes alone.

To accomplish a real reduction in cost there must be an elimination of duplication of effort through consolidation, the curtailment of unnecessary functions, and the suspension of certain activities during the period of emergency. To attain this goal will require not only legislation but close co-operation between the legislative and the executive branches of the Government in carrying out such a program.

There is no saving in mere temporary postponement of an appropriation. In the discussion of savings much emphasis has been placed on the reduction in the estimates of appropriations made by the Committee on Appropriations of the House. The claim has been made that they represent an actual saving of as much as \$113,000,000. As a matter of fact, only \$27,000,000 of reductions can fairly be said to represent actual savings. The balance, in all human probability, merely represents deferred appropriations.

For instance, the largest single item of reduction is one of \$50,000,000 for the adjusted service certificate fund. The committee reduced an estimate of \$150,000,000 to \$100,000,000—to use its own language—"upon the assurance of General Hines that an appropriation of \$100,000,000 will take care of the obligations until the next session of Congress, when a deficiency appropriation can be made if needed."

In other words, the \$50,000,000 of supposed savings is to be appropriated next December—in the middle of the very fiscal year for which we are budgeting, and will have to be paid for out of taxes collected during that fiscal year.

This illustrates one of the causes of confusion. When the Treasury Department talks of a balanced budget, it means a balanced budget—not one balanced on paper. When it talks of reduced expenditures, it means an actual reduction in the cost of Government—not a postponement of an of an appropriation for a few months.

There can be no question as to the willingness of the Treasury Department and other departments of the Government to co-operate with the Congress in the development on a nonpartisan basis of a real program looking to genuine reductions in the cost of Government. As a matter of fact, the departments and independent establishments have already submitted suggestions to the appropriate committees for effecting substantial reductions.

Treasury and House Committee Estimates of Yield From Items in Tax Bill as Passed by the House.

When the House passed the tax bill on April 1, the Ways and Means Committee estimated that \$1,262,900,000 additional revenue had been assured for the 1933 budget, or \$21,900,000 above the \$1,241,000,000 estimated to be needed. The treasury (said a Washington dispatch to the New York "Times") calculated the total yield of the new revenue program at \$1,152,900,000, or \$88,100,000 short of the goal.

Comparative estimates by the Ways and Means Committee and the treasury of the yield for the fiscal year 1933 as given in the "Times" follow:

INCOME TAXES.		
	Treasury Revised Estimates.	Committee Revised Estimates.
Individual Income Tax—		
H. R. 10236 (Crisp bill).....	\$112,000,000	\$112,000,000
Amendment increasing highest normal rate (La Guardia).....	3,000,000	3,000,000
Additional surtax brackets, beginning \$6,000.....	7,000,000	7,000,000
Corporation Income Tax—		
H. R. 10236 (Crisp bill).....	21,000,000	21,000,000
Reduction in exemption from \$2,000 to \$1,000.....	6,000,000	6,000,000
Further increase in rate, 13% to 13 1/4%.....	8,400,000	8,400,000
Additional increase to 15% for consolidated returns.....	8,000,000	8,000,000
ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES.		
H. R. 10236 (Crisp bill).....	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000
Repeal net loss provisions.....	7,000,000	15,000,000
Dividends (Section 115B).....	6,000,000	6,000,000
Dividends (Section 115D).....	2,000,000	2,000,000
Revision of depletion allowance.....	1,000,000	3,000,000
Application of normal tax to dividends (unofficial).....	88,000,000	88,000,000
ESTATE TAX.		
H. R. 10236, as amended (Crisp bill).....	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
GIFT TAX.		
H. R. 10236, as amended (Crisp bill).....	\$5,000,000	\$10,000,000
MISCELLANEOUS TAXES.		
Sales of capital stock (1/4%, but not less than 4 cents per share, 4 cents to apply to loans of stock).....	70,000,000	70,000,000
Sales of bonds (1/4%).....	25,000,000	25,000,000
Issues of capital stock and bonds (10 cents per \$100).....	8,000,000	8,000,000
Conveyances (50 cents on \$100-\$500, 50 cents per \$500 in excess).....	10,000,000	10,000,000
Sales of produce (5 cents per \$100).....	6,000,000	6,000,000
Admissions (1 cent for each 10 cents over 45 cents).....	40,000,000	40,000,000
Lubricating oil (4 cents per gallon).....	35,000,000	35,000,000
Imported gasoline, fuel oil, &c. (1 cent per gallon).....	5,000,000	25,000,000
Malt and wort (35 cents per gallon, grape concentrates (40%)).....	46,000,000	46,000,000
Telegram and telephone messages, &c., except press and radio services (5 cents on messages costing 31 cents to 49 cents and 10 cents on messages costing 50 cents or more, &c.).....	33,000,000	33,000,000
Imported coal (\$2 ton).....	500,000	500,000
Cosmetics, &c. (10% of manufacturers' sales).....	20,000,000	20,000,000
Furs (10% of manufacturers' sales).....	15,000,000	15,000,000
Jewelry (10% of manufacturers' sales).....	15,000,000	15,000,000
Sporting goods and cameras (10% of manufacturers' sales).....	6,500,000	6,500,000
Beverages (1921 Act rates).....	10,000,000	10,000,000
Matches (4 cents per 1,000).....	11,000,000	11,000,000
Chewing gum (5% of manufacturers' sales).....	3,000,000	3,000,000
Radios and phonographs (5% of manufacturers' sales).....	11,000,000	11,000,000
Mechanical refrigerators (5% of manufacturers' sales).....	6,000,000	6,000,000
Automobiles (3% of manufacturers' sales).....	44,000,000	44,000,000
Trucks (2% of manufacturers' sales).....	4,000,000	4,000,000
Accessories (1% of manufacturers' sales).....	8,000,000	8,000,000
Candy (5% of manufacturers' price).....	12,000,000	12,000,000
Safety deposit boxes (10% of rental).....	1,000,000	1,000,000
Yachts, motor boats, &c. (above \$15 value, 10%).....	500,000	500,000
Oil transported by pipe line (8% of charge).....	20,000,000	20,000,000
Firearms and shells (10% of manufacturers' sales).....	2,500,000	2,500,000
Increased postage, &c. (revised estimate Post Office Department).....	135,000,000	135,000,000
Total in tax bill as passed to-day.....	\$997,400,000	\$1,032,400,000
SAVINGS.		
General budget cuts (estimated).....	\$125,000,000	\$200,000,000
Minor postal increases.....	80,500,000	30,500,000
Total new revenue.....	\$1,152,900,000	\$1,262,900,000
Additional funds needed for 1933 budget, \$1,241,000,000.		

President Hoover Would Abolish Shipping Board—Not to Name Successor to Late S. C. Plummer, Vice-Chairman of Corporation.

Declaring that "the present Shipping Board should be abolished," President Hoover, on April 1, expressed the hope "that Congress will pass the legislation necessary to reorganize the whole of our merchant marine activities in order that we may make drastic reduction of expenditures in this session." The President pointed out that "we now expend in aid and loans to the merchant marine services directly and indirectly, about \$100,000,000 per annum. We cannot remedy the situation," he said, "without legislation." In his statement the President indicated that he does not propose at the present time to fill the vacancy on the Board created by the death of E. C. Plummer, Vice-Chairman of the Board. We give the President's statement herewith:

I do not propose to fill the vacancy on the Shipping Board, created by the death of Mr. Plummer, for the present. I am in hopes that Congress will pass the legislation necessary to reorganize the whole of our merchant marine activities in order that we may make drastic reduction of expenditures in this session. If so, the situation as to membership of the board might be greatly altered.

I have pointed out in messages and elsewhere on several occasions the importance of this matter in production of sound economy. We have merchant marine activities in many different departments and independent establishments. We now expend in aid and loans to the merchant marine services, directly and indirectly, about \$100,000,000 per annum. We cannot remedy the situation without legislation.

The present Shipping Board should be abolished. Its administrative functions should be transferred to the departments. This is not a criticism of the Board, but a criticism of an impossible and expensive form of organization and divided responsibility.

The Board was designed originally for regulatory purposes and was set up by Congress independent of the Executive. It has been subsequently given enormous administrative and financial functions. The President has no authority or control over its activities.

With regional and bipartisan bases of selection, together with independence from all control except the indirect pressures of Congress, it has had extreme difficulty in functioning cohesively and, in any event, no board or commission can successfully function in executive work.

Moreover, the Board's authority in certain matters is divided with the Postmaster General. We are, under the law, giving ship subsidies as well as mail contracts. The Postmaster General necessarily looks at them as a matter of mail, the Shipping Board as a matter of trade routes and a matter of selling ships with a mail subsidy attachment. There can be no adequate check or co-ordinated direction of expenditure or commitments.

There is a function in regulation of shipping rates which should be extended to intercoastal rates and to inland water rates, which is a much-needed function for the development of shipping, and which could be administered at a comparatively small sum per annum by a new organism comprised of the present members of the Shipping Board, for their experience is most valuable.

As I have said, there are many other merchant marine activities in the Government and, if we are to secure real economies, we must have drastic consolidation and more definite responsibility.

President Hoover Again Urges Upon Congress Necessity of Economy in Governmental Expenditures with View to Balancing Budget—Consolidation of Government Bureaus Necessary.

A special message was addressed to Congress by President Hoover on April 4 in which he urged anew the necessity of reducing Governmental expenditures if the balancing of the budget for the year beginning July 1 next is to be accomplished. The President pointed out that there must be "a further reduction of expenditures for the next year of about \$200,000,000, in addition to the reduction of \$369,000,000 in expenditures already made in the budget recommendations which I transmitted to the Congress on Dec. 9. "Such sum," says the President, "can only be obtained, however, by a definite national legislative program of economy which will authorize the consolidation of Governmental bureaus and independent establishments."

Recommendation is made to Congress by the President "that in order to secure this unity of effort and prompt action, and thus insure the relief of the taxpayer and a balanced budget, at the same time protecting vital service of the Government, that representatives be delegated by the two Houses, who, together with representatives of the Executive should be authorized to frame for action by the present Congress a complete national program of economy and to recommend the legislation necessary to make it possible and effective." The President's message to Congress on April 4 follows:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I have in various messages to the Congress over the past three years referred to the necessity of organized effort to effect far-reaching reduction of Governmental expenditures.

To balance the budget for the year beginning July first next, the revenue bill passed by the House of Representatives on April 1 necessitates that there shall be a further reduction of expenditures for the next year of about \$200,000,000 in addition to the reduction of \$369,000,000 in expenditures already made in the budget recommendations which I transmitted to the Congress on Dec. 9.

It is essential in the interest of the taxpayer and the country that it should be done. It is my belief that still more drastic economy than this additional \$200,000,000 can be accomplished. Such a sum can only be obtained, however, by a definite national legislative program of economy which will authorize the consolidation of Governmental bureaus and independent establishments; and, beyond this, which will permit the removal of long-established methods which lead to waste; the elimination of the less necessary functions, and the suspension of activities and commitments of the Government not essential to the public interest in these times.

These objects cannot be accomplished without far-reaching amendment to the laws. The Executive is bound to recommend appropriations adequate to provide for the functions and activities of the Government as now established by law. This is mandatory, and the opportunity for administrative savings is limited. The appropriations committees are likewise bound and can only act within restricted limits. Therefore, to lessen the burden upon the taxpayers in a substantial amount, it is necessary to enter upon other fields by amending existing laws which place unnecessary obligations on the departments and independent establishments.

We need repeal of existing laws which require carrying on of functions not absolutely essential for the present. This means that we should undertake a definite, separate and co-ordinated program of economy legislation which will enable the Executive and appropriations committees to achieve the results desired.

A clear indication that the limitation of Executive authority to bring about economies has about been reached is shown by the fact that the total

expenditures estimated in the budget of \$4,112,000,000 (including post-office deficit after deduction of receipts) presented to the Congress, except for increased payments to veterans and expenditure on construction work in aid of employment, was the lowest in over five years.

A further indication of the existing limitations is shown by the fact that of the whole budget the appropriations bill passed by the House of Representatives, together with those recommended by the House Appropriations Committee and the permanent appropriations, already cover about 75% of the budget, and do not yet include the army and navy. Yet the positive reductions, including the urgency deficiency bill, so far made by the House and by its committees, on information supplied to me by the Director of the Budget, are less than \$35,000,000.

It is true that the Committee has reported reductions of a total of about \$113,000,000, but of this about \$78,000,000 are only postponements until the next December session of the Congress, and must then be provided for in deficiency bills.

I say this in no wise in criticism of the action of the Congress or of its committees, but as demonstration of the fact that the latitude necessary for real reduction of expenses can only be secured by a thoroughgoing renovation of the law to bring about real national economy program.

The Appropriations Committee of both the Senate and the House have given earnest consideration to these questions. Also a special economy committee and the committee on expenditures in the executive department of the House have been engaged upon these problems. Many suggestions of opportunities for further material reduction in Governmental expenditures have been made to these committees by the executive officers of the Government, but the major portion thereof require legislative action and authorization.

It appears to me that with four different agencies of the Congress at work on the problem, operating independently with the different departments, the time which has already elapsed and the short time available to us before the beginning of the new fiscal year, all point to the absolute necessity of better organized unity of effort in all the branches of the government primarily concerned with the problem.

Recommendation to Congress.

Therefore, I recommend to the Congress that in order to secure the relief of the taxpayer and a balanced budget, at the same time protecting vital service of the Government, that representatives be delegated by the two Houses, who, together with representatives of the Executive should be authorized to frame for action by the present Congress a complete national program of economy and to recommend the legislation necessary to make it possible and effective. Such a course would expedite rather than delay the passage of appropriation bills.

I am convinced that only by such unified, non-partisan effort, and by a willingness on the part of all to share the difficulties and problems of this essential task can we attain the success so manifestly necessary in public interest.

HERBERT HOOVER,
The White House, April 4, 1932.

Supplementing His Message to Congress, President Hoover Issues Statement Indicating Views as to Economies Which May Be Effected in Governmental Expenses.

Supplementing the message which he addressed to Congress on April 4, in which he urged that "a definite, separate and co-ordinated program of economy legislation" be undertaken with a view to effecting a reduction of \$200,000,000 in expenditures next year, the President on April 5 issued a statement in which he outlined three general directions wherein expenses may be cut. The President's message of April 4 is given above. He recommended therein that in order to secure unity of effort and prompt action "and thus insure the relief of the taxpayer and a balanced budget, at the same time protecting vital service of the Government, that representatives be delegated by the two Houses, who, together with representatives of the Executive, should be authorized to frame for action by the present Congress a complete National program of economy and to recommend the legislation necessary to make it possible and effective."

With reference to the President's statement of April 5, we quote the following from the Washington account on that date said:

President Hoover responded to the storm of Congressional criticism over the form of his proposal for a government economy program by insisting in a public statement to-day upon a board of Congressional and executive appointees to chart a cut in expenditures.

Plainly aroused by the reception which his proposal received in Congress, the President struck back forcefully at his critics. Without co-operative action of the kind he had suggested, concentrating economy efforts now divided and diffused, there was no way by which a maximum reduction in expenditures could be effected, he said.

Confusion Blocks Progress.

Meeting objections that he was offering no special suggestions for cuts, the President declared that his department heads had pointed to a multitude of potential economies, but that the large number of Congressional committees involved and the intermingling of legislative and executive responsibilities blocked progress.

Capitol Hill greeted the President's statement with less turmoil, but no more warmth, than that with which it had received his message yesterday proposing the economy board. A resolution to carry out his program was introduced in the Senate by Senator Wesley L. Jones, Republican, of Washington, Chairman of the Appropriations Committee.

Congress May Go Own Way.

Democratic leaders and some Republicans, however, asserted that it was too late to obtain economy action through a still uncreated board. They made it clear that Congress was likely to go its own way in attempts to reduce expenditures, slashing into the President's budget where possible and seeking to initiate economy reforms in the structure of the Government. A deadlock with the President and the possibility of further exchanges was indicated.

In the House, Speaker John N. Garner said that if the President had specific suggestions for cutting Federal outlays they would be followed.

"If Mr. Hoover has nothing to recommend," he said, "that is a different matter, and it is mighty late in the session for him to try to get anything done through a commission."

The Senate meanwhile continued its individual course on economy, a subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee achieving a 10% cut in the Interior Department bill in pursuance of Senate instructions. Resolutions attacking ocean mail contracts and ship construction loans were introduced also.

The Economy Committee of the House sidetracked the Federal pay-cut issue, determining to explore all other fields of possible savings before deciding on this delicate and highly controversial question. Elimination of Army and Navy transport service was considered at a private hearing.

What I asked for in my message yesterday was organized, non-partisan co-operation by all forces to reduce Government expenses in the national emergency, which insistently demands relief for the taxpayer.

There are three general directions in which expenses can be reduced:

First: The direct reduction of appropriations within the authority of existing laws creating and specifying various activities of the Government.

A definite program to this end was placed before Congress in the Executive budget proposals, in which there was a reduction of \$369,000,000 for the forthcoming year. I welcome and hope for further cuts by the Congress, providing such reductions do not destroy essential functions and that they are genuine and do not merely represent postponed appropriations until deficiency bills next December.

Second: There are a large number of expenditures within the bureaus and departments which cannot be reduced without a change in the laws so that the Executive or the Appropriations Committee can reduce such expenditures.

In this direction, the Department heads have appeared before many different committees in Congress in the last months, and have pointed out a multitude of directions which could be considered by these committees for a reduction of expenditures, but most of them require repeal or amendment of the laws which compel expenditures.

Seven departments alone have pointed out over 85 such different directions for consideration of those committees, and which offer a possibility of very large reductions. There are still other areas which could, no doubt, be developed.

Third: Those directions of economy which can only be accomplished by reorganization and consolidation of Government functions so as to eliminate overlap, useless bureaus and commissions, and waste.

Seven years ago, five years ago, as a member of a Cabinet committee on the subject, and again three years ago, two years ago, five months ago, four months ago, six weeks ago, I recommended authorization to the Executive to make a wholesale reorganization of Government functions so as to eliminate this overlap, abolish useless bureaus and commissions, and do away with waste, but such reorganization in each case to be subject to the approval of Congress. The action recommended has not been taken.

A dominant consideration is that all these items, methods and programs concern a great number of committees in the Congress. They concern a great number of departments and bureaus. If we take the 11 principal spending branches of the Government, each of them working independently with some part of over 30 different Congressional committees which are concerned in these ideas and proposals, then, even if we have the very best will in the world, without an atom of partisanship, the mere diffusion of effort seemingly makes effective progress on important items impossible.

What I have asked for is not a commission, but merely that the Senate and the House should each delegate representatives to sit down with representatives from the administration and endeavor to draft a comprehensive, general, national economy bill, covering the second and third areas of possible reduction in expenses.

Thus one single economy bill, or a few bills could be presented to the Congress embodying all the measures of economy proposed where change in the laws are necessary. Without such action I see no way by which there can be a maximum reduction in expenditures.

House Economy Committee Requests President Hoover to Furnish It with Specific Recommendations for Governmental Economies—Senator Byrnes' Resolution.

A letter in which he was asked to furnish specific recommendations to bring about Governmental economies was addressed to President Hoover on April 6 by the Economy Committee of the House. The Committee's letter to the President follows:

The Economy Committee of the House of Representatives recognizes, as you, too, must recognize, that the critical fiscal condition of the country not only precludes partisan politics but demands political co-operation to the end that the present crisis may be honestly and courageously met, and we take this occasion to inform you of our sincere desire to work in the fullest co-operation with you.

With this in mind, we extend to you an invitation to participate in the task of the Economy Committee by sending to the Committee your specific recommendations, or by sending your representative to present to the Committee your views and conclusions as to specific economies which might be effected, so that the country may have the benefit of a co-operative effort.

According to a Washington dispatch April 6 to the New York "Times," the letter was sent to the White House by Chairman McDuffie after a long and spirited executive session. The same account said:

The procedure was opposed by Representative Williamson of South Dakota and Representative Ramseyer of Iowa, both Republicans.

The action of the Committee followed a resolution offered in the Senate by Senator Byrnes calling on the President to submit to Congress his specific views on economy measures. At about the same time Senator Harrison was accusing Mr. Hoover of partisanship, and of "talking now as the campaign approaches of economy in general terms without specifying what he has in mind." * * *

Leaders in the House said the letter was in line with the criticism expressed yesterday by Speaker Garner when he said it was too late for the President to urge a Congressional and Executive Committee to study economies, but that he personally would guarantee enactment of any suggestion sent by the President to the House.

"We want to be as fair as we can, but the President has suggested in a vague way what he wants to do," Mr. McDuffie said. "If he accepts our invitation and tells us exactly what he recommends, we will do everything in our power to accomplish it. Isn't that as fair as anything that can be done?"

Action on the Byrnes resolution was delayed on objection voiced by Senator McNary. The resolution embodied requests for recommendations on the following subjects:

- "1. What specific items of appropriation heretofore recommended by him for the fiscal year 1933 can be reduced by the Congress?"
- "2. What specific existing laws require the carrying on of functions not absolutely essential for the present?"
- "3. What specific departments, bureaus or independent establishments of the government should be merged or consolidated?"
- "4. What specific legislation should be enacted to establish a complete national program of economy?"

The speech of Senator Harrison, in which he declared that the President should apologize to the American people, precipitated a sharp exchange between him and Senators Dill, Smooth and Long.

"In times like these," Senator Harrison said, "there is one question as to which there should be no partisanship or political consideration: it is economy in governmental expenditures. It is because of the message he sent to Congress day before yesterday and his fulminations to the press at the White House in a statement yesterday that I am provoked into this discussion this morning."

Accuses Hoover of Delay.

"There has been created a sentiment for rigid economy and stringent retrenchment in Government expenditures. The President did not catch the idea until the last few days. The President's attitude is the same that has characterized him during the three years he has been President; that is, if he gets the idea he delays too long; waits until the horse is out of the stable before he locks the door. But he has felt that sentiment has been aroused with reference to retrenchment, and now it is a daily occurrence that he sends a message to Congress or calls in the newspaper boys and gives expression to his sentiments to the country that he is for economy."

"He has been trying to create the impression that for three years he has been knocking at the doors of Congress and pleading with them to do something with reference to the reorganization of the departments of the Government."

"When the President of the United States is enthusiastic for a proposition, when he is sold on an idea and wants legislation, we know the methods he employs."

"Some of us received telegrams this Summer asking us to fly to Washington to breakfast with him in order that we might pass certain legislation he was sold on. We have seen him draw here influential leaders from all over the country, pry into business affairs and finance and bring every kind of influence to bear upon members of Congress to do something, in order to pass legislation."

Breakfasts "to Sell His Idea."

"Before the Christmas holidays men high in financial circles of New York came to certain members of the Senate and House, called them into conference with spokesmen high in the financial counsels of the administration, and pleaded with us not to adjourn over the holidays until the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act was passed; that it was necessary for the salvation of the country."

"We know how the President cracks the whip and employs these delightful breakfasts and other means to sell his idea to us and get us to pass the legislation."

"Has he called anybody into conference with reference to reorganization of the departments of the Government? Has he ever called into conference a Democratic or Republican leader with reference to retrenchment in Government expenditure?"

"No. The President has kept mum except in generalities, writing a message to the Congress at the beginning of each session in which he said, 'we ought to effect some of this reorganization.' On one occasion the President suggested that we ought to create a public works department. That bill is on the House calendar and will be passed in a few days."

"He suggested a co-ordination of the Veterans' Relief Services. We passed that legislation. It was suggested that the Patent Office ought to be taken out of the Interior Department and put over into the Department of Commerce, and we effected that. But one who would read the papers and these messages to Congress and statements to the press would think that everything depends on giving the President blanket authority to reorganize the departments of Government."

"Still, he speaks in general terms. Why does he not tell Congress how we can pass legislation to suspend activities and repeal commitments of the Government which are not essential to the public interest in these times? He is talking, as the campaign approaches, economy in general terms, without specifying and offering suggestions."

President Hoover Accepts Invitation of House Economy Committee to Co-operate in Economy Program—To Meet Committee To-day.

Replying on April 7 to the invitation of the House Economy Committee to suggest a program of economy in Federal expenditures, President Hoover indicated that he would be glad to confer with the Committee to-day (April 9). The President's letter follows:

THE WHITE HOUSE,

Washington, April 7 1932.

Hon. John McDuffie, Chairman Economy Committee,
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Chairman:

"I am in receipt of your letter of April 6. I greatly welcome the response of your Committee to my suggestion that the fiscal situation necessitates honest, courageous and non-partisan action in the development of a national economy program and the preparation of a definite comprehensive bill that will assure its accomplishment."

"With this purpose in mind, I would be glad if your Committee would meet with me at this office at 11 o'clock on Saturday morning, April 9, with a view to taking stock of the progress made by your Committee in the development of a program of economy, and according the Executive an opportunity to make suggestions."

"Through the interchange of ideas we can thus lay the foundation for the development of such national program."

"It is my understanding that your suggestion carries with it the thought that in such development the representatives whom I may appoint from the executive branches of the Government will sit in and co-operate with your Committee."

"I shall continue to urge that a similar committee be appointed by the Senate in order that we shall not need to traverse the whole subject again."

Yours faithfully,

HERBERT HOOVER."

Mr. McDuffie in his reply said:

"In answer to your letter received, I beg to advise that the Committee welcomes an opportunity to confer with you at 11 o'clock Saturday morning, April 9, and will be glad to receive your suggestions and to exchange ideas with you relative to a program of economy."

"The Committee is, and has always been, very glad to have constructive and specific suggestions from any source, and especially do we welcome your willingness to co-operate with us."

"We will also be glad to have representatives designated by you to present your suggestions and work with us in any way through which the best results may be obtained."

Hare Bill Granting Independence to Philippine Islands Passed by House.

By a vote of 306 to 47 the House of Representatives at Washington passed on April 4 the Hare bill, which would provide for the independence of the Philippine Islands effective eight years after the date of the inauguration of a Philippine Government. With regard to the action of the House on April 3 in seeking to expedite the passage of the bill, we quote the following from Washington (April 3) to the New York "Times":

Under parliamentary strategy seldom resorted to in the House, Democratic leaders are planning to pass within an hour to-morrow the Hare bill providing for independence of the Philippine Islands within eight years and then send it to the Senate, where it is generally agreed that it will not be accepted in its present form.

Friends of the Hare bill, it was said to-night, will offer objection when Mr. Hare asks unanimous consent to take up the bill under the rules of the House, which would allow for two hours' debate before the bill would be open to amendment. Their purpose in this manoeuvre will be to bring about suspension of the rules and limit debate to only 40 minutes, without opening the bill to amendments, so that, as one of them said, "agriculture" and beet sugar interests will not be permitted to shoot it full of holes in their own interest."

There appeared no doubt among leaders on both sides to-night that the bill would pass the House. The hopes of opponents were confined to the conviction that the eight-year period specified in the Hare bill would face objection in the Senate. It is their belief that the bill will be sent to conference eventually, where certain features would be incorporated with parts of the Hawes bill, which specifies independence after 19 years.

Filipino Criticizes Bill.

Vicente Villaman, Filipino attorney and economist of New York City, said to-day that the proposal to rush the bill through the House to-morrow "was legislative speed with a vengeance." He declared that the Philippine question involves not only the welfare and destiny of 13,000,000 Filipinos but also the position and policy of the United States in the Pacific and the maintenance of an international stability and equilibrium in the Orient.

"That the bill is hardly an expression of good-will to the Filipinos is shown by the fact that while it restricts the movement of Philippine products to the United States it does not impair the flow of American goods to the Philippines," he declared.

"The report says any plan for independence should afford a reasonable time for the readjustment of existent trade relations. The backbone of the Philippine economic system is the present reciprocal free trade with the United States. Abrupt termination of that relationship would destroy many of the basic industries of the Philippines; it would seriously imperil the future of the free Philippine nation and forfeit much of the gains the people have made under the guidance of the United States."

Sees Protection Need.

"The bill embarks the Filipinos upon eight years of conventions, elections, political speculations, the drafting of practically two Constitutions, the creation of a Philippine Commonwealth, which shall have a life of eight years, and finally the establishment of a separate and sovereign Philippine Republic. The Filipinos will have so little time and so limited opportunity for the difficult work of economic readjustment and preparation as to render the separation of the two countries not only abrupt but ruthless."

"There are no provisions regarding the international security of the Philippines. That aspect of the question has been studiously avoided at the Congressional hearings. The geographical location of the islands, coupled with the prevailing conditions in the Orient, render the security question of the highest moment. It is believed America has certain moral responsibilities in that connection. Deprived of America's international protection, the Philippines will be exposed to the overwhelming forces of mass immigration from China, economic penetration from Japan and communistic infiltration from Russia."

Elsewhere in this issue of our paper we print a letter addressed by Secretary of State Stimson to Senator Bingham giving his views on legislation for Philippine independence in which he pointed out the unsettling effect in the Far East which the withdrawal of United States sovereignty from the Philippines would have. In recording the House proceedings on the bill on April 4, the "United States Daily" said:

When the House met, Mr. Hare asked unanimous consent that the bill be considered under the rules of the House with debate to be set at one hour on each side, but that request was objected to. Later in the day, however, Mr. Hare moved that the House suspend the rules to pass the bill. Under this procedure, debate is limited to 20 minutes to a side.

Mr. Hare opened the debate with the statement that from the studies which had been given to the question by his Committee and other bodies it was evident that the Islands not only are capable of, but now have established a stable Government and are capable of governing themselves as an independent nation.

He told the House that the United States had pledged itself to give the Islands freedom as soon as such a condition was proven, and that it was the duty of this country to itself as well as to the Islands to give them their freedom.

He pointed to the facts and figures relative to the position of the Islands, stating that they showed conclusively the readiness of the Islands to govern themselves. Mr. Hare pointed out that "while we are trying to balance our budget, they have a balanced budget." The bill had been written, he said, with a view to taking care of the United States as well as the Islands during the transition period.

Islands' Budget Balanced.

Representative Knutson (Rep.), of St. Cloud, Minn., ranking minority member of the Committee, told the House that he had favored Philippine independence for a number of years, but that he objected to having the House consider such an important matter in only 40 minutes.

He said that opportunity should have been given for members to offer amendments to the bill, which could not be done under the rules under which the measure was considered. The bill, in its present form, he said, does not give adequate protection either to the 12,000,000 people of the Islands nor adequate protection to American agriculture.

It was pointed out by Representative Cross (Dem.), of Waco, Tex., that the Philippine Islands are costing this country millions of dollars annually which would be saved by their being given independence, beside the fact that this country was obligated to free the Islands when they were prepared, as they are now.

Opposed by Mr Underhill.

Representative Underhill (Rep.), of Somerville, Mass., declared that the granting of Philippine independence at this time would be a tragedy. He said that by taking only 40 minutes to "found a country is unwise, unchristian, unpatriotic and selfish," and that such action showed a disposition on the part of the House to hold politics paramount to the welfare of the world.

Representative Hooper (Rep.), of Battle Creek, Mich., told the House that he favored Philippine independence and that he would vote for the bill, although he did not like the limitation which had been placed upon debate. He said he thought it should be left open for amendment, and that if the President should veto the measure he would vote to sustain the veto.

Others speaking in favor of the measure were: Representative Thurston (Rep.), of Osceola, Iowa; Welch (Rep.), of San Francisco, Calif.; Jenkins (Rep.), of Ironton, Ohio; Dyer (Rep.), of St. Louis, Mo.; LaGuardia (Rep.), of New York City; Gilbert (Dem.), of Shelbyville, Ky., and Resident Commissioners Guerva (Nationalist) of Santa Cruz, Laguna, Philippine Islands, and Osias (Nationalist), Balaocan, La Union, Philippine Islands.

Others speaking against the passage of the measure were: Representatives Brumm (Rep.), of Miaersville, Pa.; Stafford (Rep.), of Milwaukee, Wis.

The same paper said:

A two-thirds vote was necessary because the bill was passed under a motion to suspend the rules which also prevented the offering of amendments.

A bill designed to accomplish the same purpose though providing different procedure in some respects, is now pending before the Senate, having been reported favorably to that body from its Committee on Territories and Insular Affairs.

Salient Provisions of Bill.

The House bill contains the following salient provisions, according to its accompanying report:

"1. The Filipino people are authorized to adopt a constitution and institute the government of the Commonwealth of the Philippine Islands which will exist pending complete independence. Under such government they will enjoy complete autonomy as to domestic affairs, subject only to certain reservations intended to safeguard both the sovereignty and the responsibilities of the United States.

"2. Pending final relinquishment of American sovereignty the free importation of certain Philippine products into the United States shall not exceed specified limits based upon the status quo as represented by estimated importations from existing investments.

"3. Pending independence, Philippine immigration to the United States is limited to a maximum annual quota of 50.

"4. On the July 4 immediately following the expiration of a period of eight years from the date of the inauguration of the government of the Philippine Commonwealth, American sovereignty will be withdrawn and the complete independence of the Philippine Islands formally recognized. Thereupon the Philippines, to all intents and purposes, will become a country foreign to the United States.

Right Reserved to Maintain Bases.

"5. The United States reserves the right and privilege, at its discretion, to retain and maintain military and naval bases and other reservations in the Philippine Islands."

Speaker Garner (Dem.), of Uvalde, Tex., had announced on April 2 that on April 4 he would recognize Representative Hare (Dem.), of Saluda, S. C., Chairman of the Committee on Insular Affairs, in charge of the bill, for the purpose of calling up the measure.

In a dispatch from Washington April 4 to the New York "Times" it was observed:

Knutson Switches His Vote.

Representative Knutson of Minnesota said it was unfair to pass the bill under suspension of the rules. He then declared he would never vote for the bill under such circumstances, but after the roll-call, he switched his vote from "nay" to "aye."

A dramatic appeal to defeat the bill was made by Representative Underhill of Massachusetts.

The vote to suspend the rules and pass the bill was, as indicated above, 306 to 47; the 306 votes were those of 186 Democrats, 119 Republicans, and one Farmer-Laborite. The 47 votes against the motion were those of Republicans.

Filipino Leaders Hail Vote for Independence, but Some Attack the House Bill on Clause to Retain Fortifications in Islands.

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

The reaction here to the passage by the House of Representatives in Washington yesterday of the Hare bill to grant to the Philippines independence in 1940 is difficult to determine, because the situation is so complex.

Doubtless most Filipinos are gratified at the recognition of their ability to govern themselves as well as at the sympathy shown by the majority in the House for their point of view.

At the same time the imminent prospect of increased economic difficulties in the Philippines causes general sobriety and prevents the possibility of there being any large public demonstration.

Commenting on the passage of the bill, Manuel Quezon, President of the Philippine Senate, said:

"The action of the House confirms my statement that no strong opposition to independence exists, therefore the legislation granting it will be enacted at this session.

"I have cabled to the Independence Mission: 'Heartiest congratulations. Confidently expect your labors to be crowned with complete success.'"

Emilio Aguinaldo and other leaders, while praising the House for passing the bill, raised strong objections to the retention of American military bases in the islands.

The American community naturally feels that the House failed to comprehend the situation in the islands and acted with irresponsibility.

Japan Would Sign Treaty with United States Guaranteeing Independence of Philippine Islands.

Associated Press accounts April 5 from Tokio said:

Japan would willingly sign a treaty with the United States guaranteeing perpetually the independence of the Philippine Islands if they are freed, a government spokesman said to-day.

The action of the House of Representatives caused considerable surprise in official circles here and the newspapers treated it as an event of first importance. News articles were accompanied by pictures of Secretary Stimson, who opposed independence for the Philippines at this time, saying that American withdrawal would be followed by domination "by some foreign power, probably either China or Japan."

Regarding this question, the Japanese Government spokesman asserted that Philippine domination "would be as great a liability to Japan as it has been to the United States."

Reconstruction Finance Corporation in Report to Congress Indicates That Emergency Fund Was Used to Assist 935 Institutions—Loans of \$238,740,000 Authorized up to March 31—Iowa Given Largest Number of Advances—More Than Half of Total Sum Granted to Banks and Trust Companies With Railroads Second Largest Borrowers.

Using up in the first two months of its operations a little more than one-tenth of the \$2,000,000,000 with which it is to revive industry and commerce, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation had authorized loans aggregating approximately \$238,740,000 up to the close of business on March 31, the Corporation announces in its first quarterly report to Congress made public April 1. We quote from the "United States Daily" of April 2, which also had the following to say regarding the report:

The Corporation had advanced \$192,350,000 on the loans it had authorized and had received back \$7,472,000 in repayments, leaving a balance outstanding on March 31 of \$184,870,000, according to the report. In addition to the loans authorized \$6,817,500 more will be advanced as soon as applicants fulfill specified conditions, according to the report.

Bank and Railway Loans.

Loans authorized thus far number 974 and have been distributed among 935 institutions, according to the report. More than half of the amount, or \$158,182,000, has been pledged or advanced to banks and trust companies, the report says. Railroads, having taken \$60,790,000, are the second largest class of borrowers.

Loans were announced as follows: \$158,182,242 to 858 banks and trust companies.

\$4,879,750 to 30 building and loan associations.
\$7,080,000 to 18 insurance companies.
\$775,000 to two Joint Stock Land banks.
\$496,990 to one livestock credit corporation.
\$21,200 to two agricultural credit corporations.
\$6,517,000 to eight mortgage loan companies, and,
\$60,787,757 to 16 railroads.

The advances to banks, the report explains, include \$2,173,000 to aid in the reorganization or liquidation of seven closed banks. The Corporation is permitted to use only \$200,000,000 in this way.

Iowa, where 91 banks have been granted loans, has had the greatest number of advances from the Corporation, a total of 96, according to the report; Illinois is second with 81 loans.

Number of Borrowers.

The number of borrowers by States and classes, as given in the report, are as follows:

Alabama, 21 banks and trust companies, 1 building and loan association, 1 insurance company, and 1 railroad; total, 24.
Arizona, 3 banks and trust companies; total, 3.
Arkansas, 20 banks and trust companies, 1 insurance company, 1 railroad; total, 22.
California, 38 banks and trust companies, 1 building and loan association, 1 joint stock land bank, 1 railroad; total, 41.
Colorado, 2 banks and trust companies, 1 railroad; total, 3.
Connecticut, 11 banks and trust companies; total, 11.
Delaware, 1 bank and trust company; total, 1.
District of Columbia, 3 banks and trust companies, 2 railroads; total, 5.
Florida, 2 banks and trust companies; total, 2.
Georgia, 26 banks and trust companies, 1 railroad; total, 27.
Idaho, 7 banks and trust companies; total, 7.
Illinois, 76 banks and trust companies, 3 insurance companies, 2 railroads; total, 81.
Indiana, 31 banks and trust companies, 1 building and loan association; total, 32.
Iowa, 91 banks and trust companies, 5 insurance companies; total, 96.
Kansas, 12 banks and trust companies; total, 12.
Kentucky, 14 banks and trust companies; total, 14.
Louisiana, 18 banks and trust companies; total, 18.
Maine, 2 banks and trust companies; total, 2.
Maryland, 4 banks and trust companies, 1 insurance company; total, 5.
Massachusetts, 11 banks and trust companies; total, 11.
Michigan, 9 banks and trust companies; total, 9.
Minnesota, 17 banks and trust companies, 1 railroad; total, 18.
Mississippi, 8 banks and trust companies, 1 railroad; total, 9.
Missouri, 39 banks and trust companies, 2 railroads; total, 41.
Montana, 14 banks and trust companies; total, 14.
Nebraska, 27 banks and trust companies; total, 27.
New Hampshire, 4 banks and trust companies; total, 4.
New Jersey, 22 banks and trust companies, 1 building and loan association, 1 insurance company, 1 mortgage loan company; total, 25.
New Mexico, 3 banks and trust companies; total, 3.

New York, 21 banks and trust companies, 1 building and loan association, 3 mortgage loan companies, 2 railroads; total, 27.
 North Carolina, 15 banks and trust companies, 2 building and loan associations, 2 insurance companies, 1 joint stock land bank; total, 20.
 North Dakota, 10 banks and trust companies, 1 agricultural credit corporation; total, 11.
 Ohio, 15 banks and trust companies, 21 building and loan associations, 1 railroad; total, 37.
 Oklahoma, 28 banks and trust companies; total, 28.
 Oregon, 21 banks and trust companies; total, 21.
 Pennsylvania, 45 banks and trust companies, 1 mortgage loan company; total, 46.
 South Carolina, 8 banks and trust companies, 1 insurance company; total, 9.
 South Dakota, 15 banks and trust companies; total, 15.
 Tennessee, 13 banks and trust companies; total, 13.
 Texas, 27 banks and trust companies, 1 building and loan association, 3 insurance companies, 3 mortgage loan companies; total, 34.
 Utah, 13 banks and trust companies; total, 13.
 Vermont, 3 banks and trust companies; total, 3.
 Virginia, 30 banks and trust companies, 1 building and loan association; total, 31.
 Washington, 46 banks and trust companies, 1 agricultural credit corporation; total, 47.
 West Virginia, 5 banks and trust companies; total, 5.
 Wisconsin, 1 bank and trust company; total, 1.
 Wyoming, 6 banks and trust companies, 1 livestock credit corporation; total, 7.

Thirty-three regional agencies have been set up throughout the country by the Corporation; each is under the direction of a manager and the total membership of the regional advisory committees is 363, the report says. The report follows in full text:

Sir: Pursuant to the provisions of section 15 of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act, we have the honor to submit the first quarterly report of the Corporation covering its operations to and including March 31 1932.

As the Act was approved by the President on Jan. 22 1932, and the board of directors of the Corporation was organized on Feb. 2, the operations reported herein cover a period of only two months. During this time, the Board has set up its central organization in Washington and established 33 separate agencies in various sections of the country. These agencies are located at:

- Atlanta, Ga.; Birmingham, Ala.; Boston, Mass.; Charlotte, N. C.; Chicago, Ill.; Cleveland, Ohio; Dallas, Tex.; Denver, Colo.; Detroit, Mich.; El Paso, Tex.
- Helena, Mont.; Houston, Tex.; Jacksonville, Fla.; Kansas City, Mo.; Little Rock, Ark.; Los Angeles, Calif.; Louisville, Ky.;
- Memphis, Tenn.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Nashville, Tenn.; New Orleans, La.; New York, N. Y.; Oklahoma City, Okla.; Omaha, Neb.
- Philadelphia, Pa.; Portland, Ore.; Richmond, Va.; St. Louis, Mo.; Salt Lake City, Utah; San Antonio, Tex.; San Francisco, Calif.; Seattle, Wash.; Spokane, Wash.

Each of these agencies is in charge of a manager, selected by the Board, who receives applications for loans and transmits them to Washington with his recommendations. Competent local advisory committees, the members of which serve without compensation, also have been appointed by the Board to assist the managers. The membership of these advisory committees totals 363.

Methods by Which Corporation Functions.

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation functions solely through the medium of loans. These loans, exclusive of acceptances referred to in section 5a of the Act and of the direct loans or advances to farmers which, under section 2, are to be negotiated by the Secretary of Agriculture, are authorized to be made to banks, savings banks, trust companies, building and loan associations, railroads and railroad receivers, insurance companies, mortgage loan companies, credit unions, Federal Land banks, Joint Stock Land banks, Federal Intermediate Credit banks, agricultural credit corporations, livestock credit corporations, and to aid in the reorganization or liquidation of closed banks. It is provided by law that the loans shall be fully and adequately secured.

Realizing that it was essential and in the public interest that its work should be expedited as much as possible, the active loaning operations of the Corporation were commenced and carried on while it was in the process of building up its executive and administrative staffs. This threw an immense amount of work on that portion of the staff which was first assembled. The Board expresses its appreciation of their accomplishment, which necessitated incessant and continuing work on their part, night and day.

The Board is endeavoring to give prompt consideration to the many applications which come to it each day and to make its decision without undue delay.

Authorization Given For 974 Separate Loans.

Altogether, at the close of March 31 1932, the Corporation had authorized 974 separate loans in the aggregate sum of \$238,739,939.06 to 935 institutions, as follows:

- \$158,182,242.06 to 858 banks and trust companies (including \$2,173,000 to aid in the reorganization or liquidation of 7 closed banks).
- \$4,879,750 to 30 building and loan associations.
- \$7,080,000 to 18 insurance companies.
- \$775,000 to 2 joint stock land banks.
- \$496,990 to 1 livestock credit corporation.
- \$21,200 to 2 agricultural credit corporations.
- \$6,517,000 to 8 mortgage loan companies, and
- \$60,787,757 to 16 railroads (including \$7,335,800 to 2 railroad receivers).

In addition, the Corporation had outstanding on March 31 1932, as indicated in the attached tables, agreements to make loans totaling \$6,817,500 upon the performance of specified conditions. The Corporation also allocated \$50,000,000 to the Secretary of Agriculture in accordance with the provisions of section 2 of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act, and agreed to take all or any part of the Feb. 15 and March 15 issues of the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank debentures, aggregating \$47,345,000, which might remain unsold on the dates indicated. As all the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank debentures were sold in the open market, it was unnecessary for the Corporation to take any part of the issues in question.

Of the total loans authorized, the Corporation at the close of March 31 1932, had advanced \$192,346,308.01, and repayments amounted to \$7,471,894.36, leaving \$184,874,413.65 outstanding on the books of the Corporation.

The following tables giving the information required by the Act are attached hereto:

(Signed Eugene Myer, Chairman, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board; Charles G. Dawes, President; Ogden L. Mills, director, Secretary of the Treasury; Paul Bestor, director, Federal Farm Loan Commissioner; Jesse H. Jones, Harvey Couch, Wilson McCarthy, directors.

AGGREGATE LOANS TO EACH CLASS OF BORROWER, FEB. 2 TO MARCH 31 1932, INCLUSIVE.

	*Authorized.	Advanced.	Repaid.	Outstanding.
	\$	\$	\$	\$ %
xBanks & trust cos.	158,182,242.06	125,417,141.01	6,249,542.36	119,167,598.65
Bldg. & loan assoc'ns.	4,879,750.00	2,430,500.00		2,430,500.00
Insurance companies	7,080,000.00	6,635,920.00	74,400.00	6,561,520.00
Mtge. loan cos.	6,517,000.00	1,277,000.00		1,277,000.00
Joint stock land banks.	\$775,000.00			
Livestock credit corps.	496,990.00	470,990.00		470,990.00
Agric. credit corps.	21,200.00	1,000.00		1,000.00
Railr'ds (incl. receivers)	60,787,757.00	56,113,757.00	1,147,952.00	54,965,805.00
Total	238,739,939.06	192,346,308.01	7,471,894.36	184,874,413.65

* The Corporation agreed to take all or any part of the Feb. 15 and March 15 issues of Federal Intermediate Credit Bank debentures, aggregating \$47,345,000, which might remain unsold on the dates indicated. As all the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank debentures were sold in the market, it was unnecessary for the Corporation to take any part of the issues in question. These agreements are not included in the above figures. In addition, the Corporation had outstanding on March 31 1932, agreements to make loans (not included in the above figures) upon the performance of specified conditions, as follows: Banks and trust companies, \$6,202,500; joint stock land banks, \$615,000.

x Loans to banks and trust companies include \$2,173,000 to aid in reorganization or liquidation of closed banks.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION AS OF THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS MARCH 31 1932.

Assets—	
Cash	\$116,278,163.72
Allocated to Secretary of Agriculture	50,000,000.00
Loans—proceeds disbursed (less repayments)—	
*Banks and trust companies	\$119,167,598.65
Building and loan associations	2,430,500.00
Insurance companies	6,561,520.00
Mortgage loan companies	1,277,000.00
Livestock credit corporations	470,990.00
Agricultural credit corporations	1,000.00
Railroads (including receivers)	54,965,805.00
	\$184,874,413.65
Loans—proceeds not yet disbursed—	
*Banks and trust companies	\$32,590,701.05
Building and loan associations	2,449,250.00
Insurance companies	444,080.00
Mortgage loan companies	5,240,000.00
Joint stock land banks	775,000.00
Livestock credit corporations	26,000.00
Agricultural credit corporations	20,200.00
Railroads (including receivers)	4,674,000.00
	\$46,219,231.05
Subscription to capital stock	150,000,000.00
Accrued interest receivable	668,157.29
Reimbursable expense	170.00
Furniture and fixtures	34,182.97
Total	\$548,074,318.60
Liabilities and Capital—	
Proceeds of loans not yet disbursed	\$46,219,231.05
Cash receipts not allocated pending advices	1,420,983.94
Unearned discount	15,009.76
Interest refunds payable	3.98
Interest earned, less expense	419,089.95
Capital stock	\$350,000,000.00
Capital stock subscribed	150,000,000.00
	500,000,000.00
Total	\$548,074,318.68

* Loans to banks and trust companies include \$2,173,000 to aid in reorganization or liquidation of closed banks.

From the New York "Times" we take the following:

Number of Borrowers by Classes.

The number of borrowers, by States and classes, Feb. 2 to March 31 1932, inclusive:

State—	Total.	Banks & Trust Cos. (a)	Building & Loan Assoc'ns.	Insurance Compan'ns.	Railroads Including Rec'rs (b).
Alabama	24	21	1	1	1
Arizona	3	3			
Arkansas	22	20			1
California	41	28	1	1	1
Colorado	3	2			1
Connecticut	11	11			
Delaware	1	1			
District of Columbia	5	3			2
Florida	2	2			
Georgia	27	26			1
Idaho	7	7			
Illinois	81	76		3	2
Indiana	32	31	1		
Iowa	96	91		5	
Kansas	12	12			
Kentucky	14	14			
Louisiana	18	18			
Maine	2	2			
Maryland	5	4		1	
Massachusetts	11	11			
Michigan	9	9			
Minnesota	18	17			1
Mississippi	9	8			1
Missouri	41	39			2
Montana	14	14			
Nebraska	27	27			
New Hampshire	4	4			
New Jersey	25	22	1	1	
New Mexico	3	3			
New York	27	21	1		2
North Carolina	20	15	2	2	
North Dakota	11	10			
Ohio	37	15	21		1
Oklahoma	28	28			
Oregon	21	21			
Pennsylvania	46	45			
South Carolina	9	8		1	
South Dakota	15	15			
Tennessee	13	13			
Texas	34	27	1	3	
Utah	13	13			
Vermont	3	3			
Virginia	31	30	1		
Washington	47	46			
West Virginia	5	5			
Wisconsin	1	1			
Wyoming	7	6			
Total	935	858	30	18	16

(a) Includes seven loans to aid in the reorganization or liquidation of closed banks, as follows: One each in Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Nebraska, New Jersey, South Carolina and Texas. (b) According to location of main offices.

The table also listed other types of borrowers, as follows:

- Joint Stock Land banks—California, 1; North Carolina, 1; total, 2.
- Live stock credit corporations—Wyoming, 1.
- Mortgage loan companies—New Jersey, 1; New York, 3; Pennsylvania, 1; Texas, 3; total, 8.
- Agricultural credit corporations—North Dakota, 1; Virginia, 1; total, 2.

Additional Railroads Seek Loans from Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

Additional applications for loans from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation have been filed with the Corporation and the Inter-State Commerce Commission. The receipt of these applications brings the total amount sought up to approximately \$360,000,000. The applications this week are as follows:

Fredericksburg & Northern Ry. (Texas)-----	\$15,000
Greene County RR-----	40,000
Jefferson & Northwestern Ry-----	40,000
Lehigh Valley-----	1,500,000
Minneapolis & St. Louis RR-----	3,898,629

Pittsburgh & West Virginia Ry. filed an amended application for a loan increasing the amount from \$7,541,032 to \$7,608,582.

Fonda, Johnston & Gloversville filed an amended application reducing the amount asked from \$315,000 to \$179,250, explaining that it expected to obtain the balance from the Railroad Credit Corporation.

Minneapolis & St. Louis.—W. H. Bremner, receiver, applied for a loan of \$3,898,629, including \$1,200,000 to pay receivers' certificates and \$950,000 to pay first mortgage bonds. As collateral he offers receivers' certificates.

Lehigh Valley applied for a loan of \$1,500,000 for three years to enable it to pay interest due on May 1 on its general consolidated mortgage bonds. It offered as collateral general consolidated mortgage bonds.

Fredericksburg & Northern, asked for a loan of \$15,000, stating that the two banks in Fredericksburg, Tex., had failed and that it needed money to pay a temporary loan of \$7,500.

Jefferson & Northwestern applied for a loan of \$40,000 for "current expenses," offering as security a first lien on all its property.

Greene County applied for a loan of \$40,000, including \$6,000 to pay the balance of the loan it received under Section 210 of the Transportation Act, and amounts to pay bills and purchase equipment.

Separate Agency for Rail Aid Sought—Senator Couzens Offers Bill to Take Loans from Hands of Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

Removal of emergency railroad financing from control of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to the Inter-State Commerce Commission, and the creation of a revolving fund of \$400,000,000 in the Department of the Treasury aside from Finance Corporation funds is provided in a bill introduced in the Senate, April 1, by Senator Couzens (Rep.), of Michigan. The "United States Daily" of April 2, in its account of the bill, also said in part:

The action followed criticism by the Michigan Senator recently in the Senate of the administration of railroad loan provisions of the Finance Corporation Act, and the proposal he now has put forward, he declared in an oral statement, will do away with the divided authority existing at present.

The new bill, Senator Couzens explained, repeals all of the railroad provisions of the Finance Corporation Act, and provides for loans to be made from the revolving fund "only for the purposes of paying maturing bonds, debentures and equipment notes."

"No loans are permitted under this bill," Senator Couzens said, "when the proceeds are to be used otherwise than for three purposes. In other words, there can be no loan for payment of operating expenses, taxes, or open accounts. It does away with a type of loan that has been made in several instances."

Senator Couzens said he was going to ask the Banking and Currency Committee of the Senate to take up the measure "right away." He said there appeared to be no necessity for hearings on it, although he was not aware of the sentiment in the committee that will have charge of it.

The machinery set up by the new legislation, Senator Couzens said, would provide for applications direct to the Inter-State Commerce Commission when railroads seek financing. The Commission would pass upon the merit of the application and, if it approved, a certificate of public convenience and necessity would be issued. That certificate would be transmitted to the Treasury which would pay over the money without further delay, because the necessity for determining the adequacy of the security rests with the Commission.

Applications would be received for a period of two years following enactment of the statute, and the money can be borrowed under its terms for a time of three years. Renewals beyond the three-year period are not authorized by the bill.

"It is to be readily observed," Senator Couzens added, "that there will be no divided authority in this case, no buck-passing, as it were. There will be no passing of a resolution by the Finance Corporation in advance of a decision by the Inter-State Commerce Commission such as occurred in the case of the application for the \$12,800,000 loan that was granted to the Missouri Pacific interests. The whole thing will be handled by experts in one place."

The Michigan Senator referred to his speech in the Senate earlier in the week when he declared the Finance Corporation board of directors had adopted a resolution approving the Missouri Pacific loan prior to action by the Commission. The Commission eventually approved that loan but announced "reluctance" in doing so.

T. S. Mersereau of New York Real Estate Securities Exchange Cites Some Factors Which Would Tend to Alleviate Frozen Condition of Real Estate Securities.

The "frozen" condition of millions of dollars worth of real estate securities can be attributed in large measure to the fact that up to 1929 no specialized public market place existed where such securities could have been purchased and sold at prices based on the laws of supply and demand and under carefully scrutinized dealings, according to Truman S. Mersereau, Executive Secretary of the New York Real Estate Securities Exchange. Mr. Mersereau, said in part:

In the past the market for real estate securities has been scattered with no centralized public market place where actual sellers and buyers might meet through their appointed broker representatives. As a result there have been at times almost as many different prices for such securities as there have been bids and offerings, and in consequence little on which to base loan values which, obviously, must be determined with some reference to what price such collateral would bring if the banker had to sell it on short notice.

The importance of a centralized market place can be readily visualized by considering what would happen if the New York Stock Exchange were to close its doors temporarily. When this did happen during the World War, the stock of one large industrial company, for example, dropped from \$30 to \$5 per share. The company was sound and a leader in its field, and the stock was worth just as much as it had been, but without the public market and in the absence of the daily newspaper quotations, the public, scattered far and wide, became worried and large amounts of the stock were offered for sale. Loans were called because the quick-sale value of the stock had almost disappeared. Unscrupulous dealers sprang up over night to prey upon the stockholders.

The liquifying of real estate securities is a great public necessity and the means to that end are apparent and not too difficult to attain. Some of the factors which would greatly alleviate the present "frozen" condition of millions of dollars worth of sound real estate securities are:

(1) The listing of all important real estate security issues on an exchange with current bid and asked prices quoted daily in the newspapers, as well as prices at which the securities are purchased or sold.

(2) Public confidence would be greatly improved through the publication of earnings statements and balance sheets at regular intervals. A central clearing house for such information should be maintained, at no cost to the public, similar to the statistical department of the New York Real Estate Securities Exchange.

(3) The banker should not discourage prospective investors in real estate securities because he does not have financial data on such investments at hand. He should get the facts.

(4) We must have conservative appraisals and conservative loans based on those appraisals. Bankers must be able to rely on selling such securities on short notice if necessary by sheer force of buyer attraction.

The New York Real Estate Securities Exchange which opened its doors Dec. 16 1929 is now in its third year of operation and is bending every effort to meet these conditions. Despite the fact that the two years through which it has just passed have been most distressing, the Exchange has accomplished much in this direction.

Initial Report of Railroad Credit Corporation—Loans Authorized \$14,538,452—Loans Made \$2,363,120—Total Assets \$18,609,378.

The first monthly report of the Railroad Credit Corporation was filed with the Inter-State Commerce Commission on April 1. It is announced that loans either actually made or authorized by the Corporation as of March 31 to railroads to meet fixed interest obligations totaled \$16,901,572. It is likewise stated:

Of that amount loans so far made total \$2,363,120, while loans authorized amount to \$14,538,452.

These are included in the loans from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation already approved by the Inter-State Commerce Commission and actually made by the Corporation, because, pending receipt of funds by the Railroad Corporation from the temporary emergency increase in freight rates authorized by the Commission, it has been authorizing loans to railroads to meet interest charges and issuing irrevocable orders for the amounts.

These are used in turn as part collateral for the advance of the money by the Government corporation, to be repaid when the Railroad Corporation receives its money. The report of the Government corporation shows that approximately \$1,000,000 has already been so repaid. The Government charges 6% interest, while the Railroad Corporation is limited to the discount rate.

Collection of rate increases for January, according to the report, totaled \$4,068,773. By the terms of the plan under which the fund is administered, the railroads have forty days after the end of each month in which to file with the Corporation the amount received from rate increases during that month and then are allowed ten days in which to turn the funds so derived over to the Corporation.

Thus it will be April 19 before the Railroad Corporation will have the February rate increase money, which will be slightly more than that received in January.

The Corporation has already accumulated \$952.60 in interest receivable, reserved \$405,865 for taxes, and incurred administrative expenses to the amount of \$31,658.

The report made available April 4 follows:

THE RAILROAD CREDIT CORPORATION.

Report to Inter-State Commerce Commission and Participating Carriers as of March 31 1932.

Assets.		Liabilities.	
Investment in affiliated companies (loans made)	\$2,363,120.00	Non-negotiable debt to affiliated companies (collections of rate increases under ex parte 103)	\$4,068,773.13
Cash	1,268,214.64	Deferred liabilities (loans authorized—contra)	14,538,452.50
Special deposit (reserved for taxes)	406,865.86	Income from funded securities (interest accrued on loans to carriers)	952.60
Miscellaneous accounts receivable (due from contributing carriers)	114.45	Capital stock	1,200.00
Interest receivable	952.60		
Deferred assets (loans authorized—contra)	14,538,452.50		
Expense of administration Dec. 14 1931-Mar. 31 1932 inclusive	31,658.18		
Total	\$18,609,378.23	Total	\$18,609,378.23

Survey by Edward B. Smith & Co. Reveals Many Corporations Sustain Losses Through Purchase of Own Common Stocks.

The extent to which large corporations have purchased their own common stocks, and the huge losses indicated on these commitments, in the face of the declining markets of the past two and one-half years, are disclosed in a tabulation by Edward B. Smith & Co. "for investment," "to support the market," "for retirement," "for employee stock

purchase plans," are some of the reasons given for these purchases. It is stated that with but few exceptions operations carried on for the first three purposes have been extremely unprofitable in the light of present prices, and in the case of the last, many corporations have found it necessary to assume the losses on employee subscriptions to company shares contracted at considerably higher levels. Of those companies whose annual reports have been reviewed, the indicated losses run as high as \$6,000,000; a loss of approximately this amount is shown for Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co. Edward B. Smith & Co. further report:

A few companies show a profit on their holdings even at existing low levels for the averages. Alaska Juneau and R. J. Reynolds are outstanding in this respect. The latter does not reveal the number of shares held, but cost of these shares has been written down, through profit made on earlier transactions, to a value below that now prevailing.

Substantial reduction of capitalization is another result of such operations. In addition to shares now held, Congoleum-Nairn, Inc., retired 251,026 shares of common stock in 1931, Petroleum Corporation of America retired 514,400 shares in 1930, and Commercial Investment Trust Corporation retired 125,000 shares in 1931, together with large amounts of prior capital.

The holdings as shown by recently published 1931 annual reports are as follows:

	No. of Shares Held End of 1931.	Approximate Average Cost of Present Holdings.	Market Price on March 31.
Alaska Juneau.....	60,000	13 1/2	15
Allis Chalmers.....	48,348	14 1/2	9 1/2
American Chicle.....	11,839	37 1/2	30
American Ice Co.....	40,800	23 1/2	18 1/2
American Radiator.....	74,471	13 1/2	5 1/2
Barnsdall.....	140,058	9 1/2	4 1/2
Borg Warner.....	61,525	Not available	7 1/2
Burroughs Adding Machine.....	133,300	25 1/2	9 1/2
Canada Dry.....	7,344	53 1/2	10 1/2
C. I. T.....	90,470	Not available	18 1/2
Commercial Solvents.....	20,180	21	7 1/2
Congoleum-Nairn.....	121,049	9 1/2	9
Congress Cigar.....	13,200	20 1/2	7
Continental Baking.....	10,000	54 1/2	4
Continental Oil.....	74,083	24 1/2	6
Cudahy Packing.....	27,940	43 1/2	33
du Pont.....	127,952	63 1/2	45 1/2
Drug, Inc.....	9,160	61 1/2	48
Eaton Axle & Spring.....	40,512	16 1/2	6
Electric Auto Lite.....	32,325	75 1/2	20 1/2
Foster Wheeler.....	19,931	19 1/2	7
General American Tank Car.....	67,195	50 1/2	30
General Asphalt.....	22,633	36 1/2	10 1/2
General Foods.....	83,460	55	34 1/2
General Motors.....	301,322	33 1/2	15 1/2
General Outdoor Advertising.....	63,250	6 1/2	3 1/2
Gold Dust.....	17,700	17 1/2	16 1/2
Gotham Silk Hosiery.....	45,100	10 1/2	9 1/2
Hudson Motor.....	50,250	20	5 1/2
Hupp Motor.....	180,163	10 1/2	3
International Business Machines.....	8,800	114	96
International Shoe.....	250,000	48 1/2	36 1/2
Kresge (S. S.).....	331,824	24 1/2	14
Lima Locomotive.....	25,000	24 1/2	9 1/2
May Department Stores.....	113,833	35 1/2	16
Montgomery Ward.....	50,811	51	7 1/2
Nash Motors.....	29,000	Not available	14 1/2
Penlek & Ford.....	33,773	32 1/2	23 1/2
Peoples Gas Light & Coke.....	59,075	187	84 1/2
Petroleum Corp. of America.....	389,140	5.85	4
Pullman.....	54,311	76	17 1/2
Reynolds Tobacco.....	Not available	Not available	34
Spalding.....	11,807	22.18	10
Union Carbide.....	66,905	50 1/2	28 1/2
United Biscuit.....	37,995	34 1/2	24 1/2
United States Realty.....	99,978	14 1/2	7 1/2
Waldorf System.....	23,191	21 1/2	13 1/2
Westinghouse Air Brake.....	46,311	29 1/2	12 1/2
Woolworth.....	46,382	Not available	40 1/2
Wrigley Jr.....	1,626,485	68 1/2	44 1/2

Plan Reported for Payment of Maturing Realty Guaranteed issues—Reconstruction Finance Corporation Said to Be Co-operating in Proposal—Will Stop Invocation of Eighteen Months' Notice.

From the New York "Journal of Commerce" of April 6 we take the following:

A plan under which guaranteed mortgages will be paid off without delay, thereby avoiding further resort to the "eighteen months' clause" in cases where building owners cannot refund maturing liens, is being rapidly perfected. It was stated in guaranteed mortgage circles here yesterday. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation will co-operate in the arrangement.

As a result of the unsettled conditions prevailing in the real estate field, a number of guaranteed mortgage companies have invoked this clause, which permits them for a year and a half to defer payment to the investor where the building owner himself has failed to pay off the maturing mortgage.

See Revival of Demand.

As a result of the plan, which will call for the use of funds of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, marked improvement in conservative investment demand for guaranteed mortgages is anticipated. In turn greater demand for guaranteed mortgages will lend to greater availability of new mortgage money, it is said.

About two weeks ago, it was stated, New York agents of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation commenced a survey of the field. The Corporation is now setting up a special department to consider applications from the guaranteed mortgage companies, it was stated. At the New York offices of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation no statement was issued, however.

One of the guaranteed mortgage companies, the Prudence Co., separately filed an application for a loan with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. A statement announcing the application, the proceeds of which were reported to have been used to meet maturities, has been issued by the company. "In order to increase its facilities for supplying funds to its clients in need of refinancing conservative mortgages, as well as to preserve the high public regard for the safety of guaranteed first mortgage

investments," it was said. "the Prudence Co., Inc., has obtained the co-operation of the United States Government through the Reconstruction Finance Corporation."

Deny Report of "Pool."

Reports circulated yesterday that the resources of the guaranteed mortgage companies would be "pooled" were denied by spokesmen for the strong companies. Such action, it was pointed out, would not be acceptable to the stronger companies.

Plans are being worked out, however, it was said, under which the Reconstruction Finance Corporation would set aside a specific sum which would be devoted to advances to the mortgage companies. These funds would be loaned on the security of maturing mortgages which owners cannot pay immediately, or other collateral. The mortgage companies then would be enabled to meet maturing mortgages without delay in virtually all cases, and under such conditions would be able to issue new mortgages with greater freedom.

Prohibition Repeal Urged by New York State Chamber Committee.

Immediate modification or repeal of the 18th amendment to permit state control of alcoholic beverages is urged by the Executive Committee of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York in a report presented to the Chamber on April 7. James S. McCulloh, Chairman of the Committee, moved the adoption of the report.

This is the second time that the prohibition question has come before the Chamber. On October 4 1923 the Chamber adopted resolutions recommending to Congress "that the Volstead act should be revised and modified so as to conform more nearly with public sentiment and on lines that are more reasonable, just and practicable."

The report of the Executive Committee presented to the Chamber on April 7 is based on an exhaustive study of the whole question of prohibition by a sub-committee. The results of this study, together with references, form a pamphlet of about 100 pages of closely printed matter which are made an appendix to the full Committee's report.

The appendix in its preface says, in part:

"Obviously, the tremendous increase in crime, the exactions of gangs and racketeers from legitimate trade, the congestion in our courts from prohibition cases, much of the malfeasance of officials in municipal, State and Federal governments, political bribery in general, and increased taxation are a serious detriment to legitimate business. Furthermore, the nationwide discussion in the newspapers, in politics and society in general of the prohibition problem keeps in the background other more constructive subjects. The evil ramifications of this ill-conceived law are so great that their enumeration and detailed description would require volumes.

"The foul mess produced by our prohibition laws could hardly have been dreamed of when these laws were enacted even by their most bitter opponents."

The resolution offered by the Executive Committee at the Chamber's meeting this week emphasized that the Chamber is firmly opposed to a return of the licensed saloon and expresses the belief that legislation can be framed to effectively prevent its return.

The report of Mr. McCulloh's committee says in part:

"Few, if any, deny that Prohibition has not had certain benefits. But as conditions exist to-day the benefits are of very minor importance, and the evidence against Prohibition, when taken in toto, is, in the opinion of your Committee, quite sufficient to show its failure.

"The experience of the United States is similar to that in other countries where laws to prohibit the use of intoxicating beverages have been enacted. There, also, all such laws have been found a serious mistake, and have accordingly been abrogated. Experience showed Prohibition produced more evil than good irrespective of whether drinking was greater or less than in pre-prohibition days.

"Furthermore, in all countries it has been found that legislation establishing prohibition at once resulted in the disbandment of temperance campaigns. The advocates of temperance as well as the Government concentrated upon law enforcement. Educational propaganda ceased, and the entire discussion of intoxicating beverages was devoted to fines, jails and enforcement affairs. History invariably shows that the best interests of mankind can be attained in matters of this kind by patient preaching and education. By this method alone can important progress be made towards temperance.

"Many are fearful that a repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment will bring back the saloon. It should be borne in mind, however, that we now have the speakeasy. The research expert of the Wickersham Commission in an article in Current History, 1931, states that there are three speakeasies for every saloon before Prohibition. Your Committee believes that the speakeasies are more harmful than the saloons; but it does not approve of the reopening of saloons. Insofar as our knowledge extends, no substantial number on either side of the controversy favors this, not even the former financial backers of brewery plants. It is the belief of your Committee that Congress and the Legislatures, by the light of the vast experience of Canada, Sweden and many other countries, can easily solve the problem of distributing alcoholic beverages in a way satisfactory to the great majority of citizens.

"It has been contended that our economic welfare should not be considered in weighing the merits of prohibition. Nevertheless, the advocates of the 18th Amendment have all along laid tremendous stress on its economic advantages. But the fact should not be lost sight of that economic blunders can cause as much misery as intemperance.

"Probably the most important economic question is the tax revenue obtainable from alcoholic beverages, if the 18th Amendment were repealed. This cannot under existing conditions of prohibition, be accurately estimated. It has always been recognized that taxes on tobacco, as the then Secretary of the Treasury, Andrew W. Mellon, stated last year, are a 'very dependable and important source of government revenue.' The same is true of alcoholic beverages, as is shown by long experience in this and other countries. An examination of their national finances reveals that most countries collect from 15% to 20% of all revenue from such

beverages. This has occurred in the face of a substantial deduction of 30% to 50% in recent years in the consumption of hard liquors.

"In England, in 1930, the revenue was £129,427,014 (\$629,856,544), which equalled over 19% of the total revenue. This sum was collected from a population of approximately 45,000,000.

"17 states in this country, with a population of 60,204,769, do not have any form of state prohibition. It is probably a conservative estimate that a revenue of \$840,000,000 might be collected from these states alone. As evidence of this is the fact that Great Britain in 1929 had a per capita consumption of only 0.28 imperial gallons of hard liquor, and 16.42 gallons of beer, which compares with a per capita consumption in the United States in 1916 of 1.35 gallons of hard liquor, and 17.59 gallons of malt liquors.

"All foreign countries have made decided advances in the rate of taxation of alcoholic beverages, which is obvious from the mere fact that the revenue obtained has remained comparatively constant in the face of a decided reduction in per capita consumption. As all forms of taxation have been advanced materially in recent years everywhere, it would be reasonable and proper to raise, substantially beyond pre-prohibition days, Federal, state and local taxes on alcoholic beverages.

"In view of the various considerations herein outlined, and the extensive evidence detracting from the merits of prohibition as set forth in the Appendix, your Committee with deep regret, is forced to conclude that prohibition is an idealism impossible of realization."

Secretary of State Stimson in Letter to Senator Bingham, Says Withdrawal of United States Sovereignty from Philippines Would Have Unsettling Effect in Far East.

Prior to the action of the House of Representatives in passing, on April 4, the Hare bill granting independence to the Philippine Islands, a letter addressed by Secretary of State Stimson to Senator Bingham, in which was voiced opposition to bills proposing independence to the Philippines was made public. Although made available only this week the letter bears date Feb. 15. Secretary Stimson declares that "at present or within any definite future, withdrawal of American sovereignty from the Philippines and the termination of American responsibility in and for the islands would . . . inevitably have an unsettling effect in the relations to political thought of the various races or nations in the Far East and relation to the contacts of those races or nations among themselves and with the rest of the world." "It would not," he adds, "be in the interest of world peace, but to the contrary. It would not be to the political, economic, social or moral advantage of the United States or to that of the people of the Philippine Islands or to that of any other country or people. It would throw additional burdens upon the stability of practically all other governments in that vicinity; and it would render more difficult the safeguarding of our own interests both in the Far East and throughout the world." The letter of Secretary Stimson was given out by Representative Robert L. Bacon (Rep.), of New York, with the concurrence of Senator Bingham. The letter follows:

Feb. 15 1932.

The Hon. Hiram Bingham,
United States Senate.

Dear Senator Bingham: I have received your letter of Feb. 9 inviting me to appear before an executive session of the Committee on Territories and Insular Affairs in order to give my views on the subject of the bills now pending before your Committee relating to Philippine independence.

The Secretary of War, whose Department exercises jurisdiction over the affairs of the Philippine Islands, has already laid his views before your Committee, and it is unnecessary for me to add to what he has said in many particulars.

I can, however, give you my views on the effect which the present movement for immediate independence in the Philippines, both in and out of Congress, is having upon our foreign relations. That is a matter within my jurisdiction, and as the stress of my other duties makes it very difficult for me to appear before you in person, I will take the liberty of submitting them in this letter.

Undoubtedly the outstanding development, for good or ill, in the foreign relations of the United States during the remainder of this century will be that of our relations with the countries on the Western side of the Pacific Ocean. The opening of the Panama Canal revolutionized the conditions of our trade with them, and during the 10 years succeeding the Great War that trade more than quadrupled—greatly exceeding the rate of the growth of our trade in any other quarter of the world. Whether we yet realize it or not, we are already a great Pacific Power, and as such will sustain a constantly increasing interest in the affairs of the Pacific.

By a fortunate coincidence with this development, the United States had, on the opening of the century, responded to an opportunity and assumed a responsibility in the Far East by our entry into the Philippine Islands. Under enlightened leadership we framed our policy along no selfish lines of colonial domination, but from the beginning undertook the courageous experiment of trying to establish among an Oriental people the practices of Western economic and social development and the principles of political democracy.

Thirty years ago the experiment was scoffed at as chimerical by the colonial powers of Europe. To-day its success meets with their profound surprise and respect. Under American guidance the Malay population of the archipelago have in 30 years made a progress in achieving a uniform language, a Western system of education, a hitherto unknown national feeling, and American methods of government which is extremely satisfactory. The Philippines to-day represent an islet of growing Western development and thought surrounded by an ocean of Orientalism. They are the interpreters of American idealism to the Far East. They are on the way to become the base of our economic civilization in that hemisphere.

Philippine Islands a Physical Base for American Influence in Far East.

The Philippine Islands have thus become a physical base for American influence—political, economic and social—in the Far East. There we

demonstrate before the eyes of all Far Eastern peoples and of all governments which exercise authority or influence in the Far East, American ideas, ideals and methods. We show, and they see, how we organize, and maintain, and administer agencies of government, agencies for establishing and preserving order, agencies for the peaceful solution of the problems of human contact, agencies for regulating, for adjusting, for safeguarding, and for promoting the interests and welfare of the individuals, the groups, and the whole people who make up a commonwealth.

This progress, however, has depended upon two things: first, the American leadership and guidance which has been constantly and intelligently exercised and without which this progress would have been impossible; and, second, the material assistance of a free market with the United States. If these two agencies should be at present withdrawn, it is the practically unanimous consensus of all responsible observers that economic chaos and political and social anarchy would result, followed ultimately by domination of the Philippines by some foreign power, probably either China or Japan.

It needs no imagination to grasp the effect which such a result would have upon the moral prestige and material influence of the United States in the Far East. To every foreign eye, it would be a demonstration of selfish cowardice and futility on our part. No matter under what verbal professions the act of withdrawal were clothed, to the realist observers of that part of the world it would inevitably assume the aspects of abandonment of the wards we had undertaken to protect. In the Orient, far more even than in the Occident, prestige is the measuring rod of success. Such a change would be an irreparable blow to American influence.

Unsettling Effect of Withdrawal of American Sovereignty.

Again, our presence in the Philippine Islands has already contributed to the development of a new base of political equilibrium throughout the area of the Western Pacific and Eastern Asia. At present, or within any definite future, withdrawal of American sovereignty from the Philippines and the termination of American responsibility in and for the islands would profoundly disturb that equilibrium. It would inevitably have an unsettling effect in the relations to political thought of the various races, or nations, in the Far East, and in relation to the contacts of those races, or nations, among themselves and with the rest of the world.

It would not be in the interest of world peace, but to the contrary. It would not be to the political, economic, social, or moral advantage of the United States or to that of the people of the Philippine Islands, or that of any other country or people. It would throw additional burdens upon the stability of practically all other governments in that vicinity; and it would render more difficult the safeguarding of our own interests both in the Far East and throughout the world.

Every consideration which I have enumerated in this letter applies with tenfold force at the present moment, when the state of affairs in the Far East is chaotic; when every element of stability is threatened, and when out of the Orient may again come one of those historic movements which will disturb the whole earth. Agitation of a change in the status of the Philippine Islands at this moment can only inflame most dangerous possibilities.

Finally, it is proper to say that I am not advocating a repudiation of any pledges which may have been given to the Filipinos as to their ultimate status being depended on their own free will. For as Governor-General, during my residence in the islands, I formed the sincere conviction that, given the requisite patient, disinterested and intelligent effort by the representatives of this country, a solution of the Philippine problem could ultimately be achieved with the full consent of the Filipino people, which would not only satisfy their aspirations for self-government, but honorably and justly safeguard the interests of the United States both at home and in the Far East.

Very sincerely yours,
HENRY L. STIMSON.

Governor Roosevelt of New York Signs Bill Creating State Banking Board of Nine Members.

On March 7 Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York signed the bill passed by the State Legislature creating a banking board of nine members, of which the State Superintendent of Banks is to be the Chairman and executive head. The bill was sponsored by the Cheney Banking Committee. Items regarding the passage of the bill by the Legislature appeared in these columns Jan. 16 page 432; Feb. 6 page 963; Feb. 13, page 1145, and Feb. 27, page 1487. In signing the bill on March 7 Gov. Roosevelt issued a memorandum on which he said that he approved it "in the belief that its possible merits outweigh its possible dangers." The Governor's statement follows:

I approve this bill in the belief that its possible merits outweigh its possible dangers. Among the objections are that, to a limited degree, it violates the fundamental that representatives of objects of governmental regulation should not do the regulating. This is answered by the fact that only a minority of the proposed banking board must have had some form of banking experience, and by the general theory that the banking board is to act primarily in only an advisory capacity, and not at all in an executive or an administrative capacity.

It is objected that the members with banking experience can, by virtue of the two-thirds vote provision, block progressive and adequate rules governing the conduct of banks; but it is equally true that the other members who have no banking experience can, by the same two-thirds vote rule, block an improper effort to subject the board to mere bank control.

I call attention also to the fact that the Governor does not have to appoint any persons recommended to him by banks, and that the members of the board can be removed at any time by the Governor.

In the last analysis, this board is intended to exercise advisory functions and, as such, with complete flexibility, it should be a great assistance to the Superintendent of Banks and his staff. In this spirit the board should organize and function.

If, in operation, the board does not so function—and if in any way it becomes a hindrance to the proper supervision of banks and the proper safeguarding of depositors—in that event this new law should be promptly repealed.

Therefore, in signing it, I express the hope that the actual results will measure up to our expectations.

The following is the bill as enacted into law; the matter in italics is new, the matter in brackets is the old law to be eliminated.

An Act to Amend the Banking Law, in Relation to the Creation of a Banking Board and to Defining Its Powers and Duties.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 369 of the laws of 1914, entitled "An Act in relation to banking corporations, and individuals, partnerships, unincorporated associations and corporations under the supervision of the Banking Department, constituting Chapter 2 of the consolidated laws," is hereby amended by inserting therein two new sections, to be Sections 10a and 10b, to read as follows:

Sec. 10-a. *Banking Board.*—There shall be in the Banking Department a Banking Board which shall consist of nine members. The Superintendent of Banks shall be a member of the Board and its Chairman and executive head. The remaining eight members shall be appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and any of them may be removed from office by the Governor whenever in his judgment the public interest may require. In case of such removal the Governor shall file with the Department of State a statement of the cause of such removal. Two members shall be designated by the Governor to serve until March 1 1933, and three members until March 1 1934, and three members until March 1 1935, and thereafter each member so appointed shall serve for a term of three years and until his successor has been appointed and qualified, and in case of a vacancy for any reason in the office of any such member the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate shall appoint a member to fill the unexpired term of such vacant office.

Of the eight members appointed, four shall have had banking experience, and of these four there shall be one member whose banking experience shall have been gained in group one, one in group two, one in group three, and one in group four, of the banking groups hereinafter established. Of the original eight members, the four specified to have had banking experience shall not be appointed by the Governor until after the Superintendent of Banks shall have submitted to him for his consideration a list of the names of those who have been selected as hereinafter provided by the several banking groups as their candidates for membership to the Banking Board to represent such groups. All State banks, trust companies and savings banks shall be divided into the following groups, and each group shall be entitled to select one candidate for membership to the Banking Board. Group one shall consist of all State banks and trust companies located in the City of New York and having total resources (as shown by the last call reports received by the Superintendent) of 150 million dollars or more. Group two shall consist of all State banks and trust companies located in the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth or ninth judicial districts, other than banks or trust companies in group one. Group three shall consist of all banks and trust companies located in the seventh and eighth judicial districts. Group four shall consist of all savings banks located in the State of New York. Within ten days after this section takes effect the Superintendent of Banks shall give written notice to each corporation entitled to vote for a candidate for membership to the Banking Board, to nominate a person to be such candidate. All nominations must be received at the office of the Superintendent within 15 days after the mailing of such notice. Immediately after the last day for the receipt of nominations, the Superintendent of Banks shall classify the nominees as to groups of corporations by which they have been nominated and shall mail to each corporation of each group a list of the persons nominated by such group indicating by whom nominated. Such elector corporation shall, within 15 days after such mailing of said list, certify to the Superintendent of Banks its first, second and third choice for candidate for membership to the Banking Board upon a ballot furnished by the Superintendent. No elector shall vote more than one choice for any one candidate. All ballots for the nomination and selection of candidates shall be accompanied by a certificate by the Secretary of the elector corporation that the person casting such ballot has been duly authorized so to do by the board of directors of such elector. Immediately after the last day for receiving such ballots the Superintendent shall count the votes and ascertain the first, second and third choices of each group. Any candidate having a majority of all votes cast as first choice shall be declared to be selected. If no candidate have a majority of all the votes cast for first choice, then there shall be added together the votes cast by the electors for such candidates for second choice and the votes cast for the several candidates as first choice. If any candidate then have a majority of the electors voting, by adding together the first and second choices, he shall be declared selected. If no candidate have a majority of electors voting when the first and second choices shall have been added then the votes cast for third choice shall be added to the votes cast for the first and second choice, and the candidate then having the highest number of votes shall be declared selected. The Superintendent shall immediately submit to the Governor a list of the names of the selected candidates and the groups by which selected, and at the same time post a copy thereof upon the bulletin board in his office. The Banking Board after its original appointment shall make rules to regulate the method of selecting candidates for consideration by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the office of any of the four members herein specified to have banking experience. The members of the Banking Board shall receive no salary but their expenses incurred in attending meetings shall be paid out of the State Treasury, on certificate of the Superintendent of Banks, upon the audit and warrant of the Comptroller. The Banking Board shall hold its regular meetings at such times and places as shall be fixed by the Board. The Board shall meet at any time on call by the Superintendent of Banks upon two days notice. The Superintendent shall call a meeting upon two days notice upon the written request of any two members of the Board. The Board may by resolution provide for a shorter notice of meeting by telegraph, telephone or otherwise. The Banking Board shall keep a record of all its proceedings, and shall elect a Secretary and such other officers as it deems necessary. For the purpose of considering questions before it, the Board shall have access to all the books and papers in the Department including all reports and confidential communications, and the members of the Board shall treat such communications as confidential.

Sec. 10-b. *Powers of the Banking Board.*—The Banking Board shall have power, by a two-thirds vote of all its members, to make, alter and amend rules and regulations not inconsistent with law which shall be complied with and enforced by the Superintendent and the employees of the Department, for the following purposes:

- (1) For regulating the method and standards to be used in making the examinations mentioned in Section 39, and for the valuation of the assets of any persons or corporations subject to the provisions of this chapter.
- (2) For defining what is an unsafe manner of conducting the business of the corporations and persons to which this chapter is applicable.
- (3) For defining what is, for such corporations and persons a safe or unsafe condition for transacting business.
- (4) For establishing safe and sound methods of banking throughout the State, and safeguarding the interests of depositors and stockholders generally in times of emergency. The Banking Board shall consider and make recommendations upon any matter which the Superintendent may submit to it for recommendations, and pass upon and determine any matter which he shall submit to it for determination. It shall submit to the Superintendent any amendments to this chapter which it deems desirable.

Sec. 2. Section 23 of such chapter is hereby amended to read as follows: Sec. 23. Investigation, by Superintendent of Proposed Corporation,

Private Banker or Personal Loan Broker; Refusal or Approval; Filing Certificate.—When any such certificate shall have been filed for examination, the Superintendent shall thereupon ascertain from the best sources of information at his command, and by such investigation as he may deem necessary, whether the character, responsibility and general fitness of the person or persons named in such certificate are such as to command confidence and warrant belief that the business of the proposed corporation, private banker or personal loan broker will be honestly and efficiently conducted in accordance with the intent and purpose of this chapter, and whether the public convenience and advantage will be promoted by allowing such proposed corporation, private banker or personal loan broker to engage or continue in business. In the case of a private banker who has not submitted with his certificate the affidavit specified in Section 160 of this chapter or whose affidavit has been refused by the Superintendent as provided in Section 25 of this article, the Superintendent shall also ascertain in like manner whether the facts stated in such certificate are true. In the case of a proposed savings bank the Superintendent shall also ascertain in like manner whether greater convenience of access to a savings bank will be afforded to any considerable number of depositors by opening a savings bank in the place designated in the certificate, whether the density of the population in the neighborhood of such place and in the surrounding country affords a reasonable promise of adequate support for the proposed savings bank, and whether the contributions to the initial guaranty fund and expense fund have been paid in cash. After the Superintendent shall have satisfied himself by such investigation [whether] that it is not expedient and desirable to permit such proposed corporation, private banker or personal loan broker to engage or continue in business, he shall within 60 days after the date of the filing of such certificate for examination, endorse upon each of the duplicates thereof over his official signature the word ["approved" or the word] "refused," with the date of such endorsement. In case of refusal, and he shall forthwith return one of the duplicates, so endorsed, to the proposed incorporators, private banker or personal loan broker from whom such certificate was received. In case the Superintendent shall have satisfied himself by such investigation that it is expedient and desirable to permit such proposed corporation, private banker or personal loan broker to engage or continue in business he shall submit to the Banking Board at its next regular meeting such certificate for examination and all other papers and correspondence, together with the results of his investigation and his recommendation in the matter, and the banking Board after consideration shall vote for approval or refusal. If the Board vote for approval, the Superintendent shall if he is still satisfied that it is expedient and desirable to permit such proposed corporation, private banker or personal loan broker to engage or continue in business, endorse upon each of the duplicates of such certificate over his official signature the word "approved" with the date of such endorsement. In case the Superintendent is not satisfied that it is expedient and desirable to permit such proposed corporation, private banker or personal loan broker to engage or continue in business, or in case the Banking Board votes for refusal, the Superintendent shall forthwith return one of the duplicates, endorsed "refused" with the date of such endorsement to the proposed incorporators, private banker or personal loan broker from whom such certificate was received. In case of approval he shall forthwith give notice thereof to the proposed incorporators, private banker or personal loan broker and file one of the duplicate certificates in his own office and the other in the office of the Clerk of the county in which is located the place of business of such proposed corporation, private banker or personal loan broker.

Sec. 3. This Act shall take effect immediately.

Gov. Roosevelt of New York Signs Farm Credit Bills.

Four important measures, dealing with agricultural credits, were signed on March 17 by Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York upon recommendation of Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Chairman of the Governor's Agricultural Advisory Commission. A dispatch from Albany, March 17, to the New York "Times" said:

Generally speaking, the bills will open the way for farmers to obtain credits through the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank at Springfield, Mass., to finance them for seed, fertilizer and other crop production purposes.

The Governor, in a memorandum filed with the new laws, said, in part: "Of the four bills, one will permit banks to purchase stock in agricultural credit corporations to discount farmers' notes and rediscount them with the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank; the second will permit the formation of agricultural credit corporations for the same purpose under the general corporations law; the third will permit the formation of co-operative credit corporations for the same purpose, and the fourth will permit existing co-operative organizations of producers to form similar credit corporations to accomplish the same end.

"I believe the enactment of this legislation will help very materially to remedy a situation that threatened to paralyze the farming industry in some sections of the State and to ruin many individual farmers."

Report That W. C. Potter Named to Represent New York City Banks on Newly Created State Bank Commission.

According to the New York "Journal of Commerce" of March 22, William C. Potter, head of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, will be named to represent the large New York City banks on the State Banking Commission which was created by Legislature in Albany during the winter session. No final confirmation of the report was received, said the paper quoted, which added:

Stewart Baker, President of the New York State Bankers Association, appointed two committees to nominate representative banks in the western part of the State and banks in the eastern section, including smaller banks in New York City.

The following committee was named to suggest nominees for the western State banks:

Lewis G. Harriman, President of the M. & T. Trust Co., Buffalo; Fred J. Coe, President of the Power City Trust Co., Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Raymond F. Leiner, Vice-President of the Lincoln Alliance Bank & Trust Co., Rochester, N. Y.; C. J. Neibank, Vice-President of Jamestown Jamestown, N. Y., and George B. Booth Jr., President of the First Trust Co., Wellsville, N. Y.

This committee at a recent meeting suggested the following nominees for the State Bank Board: Raymond N. Ball, President of the Lincoln Alliance Bank & Trust Co., Rochester.

Walter W. Schneckenburger, Vice-President Marine Trust Co., Buffalo, and Perry E. Wurst, Exec. Vice-President, M. & T. Trust Co., Buffalo.

The following is the committee representing the eastern State banks and the smaller New York City banks:

Chairman, C. R. Dewey, Vice-Chairman of the First Citizens Bank & Trust Co., Utica, N. Y.; J. S. Clute, President of the Manufacturers Bank, Cohoes, N. Y.; B. A. Grey, President of the Northern New York Trust Co., Watertown, N. Y.; Theodore Hertzler, President of the Fifth Avenue Bank, New York City, and A. H. Treman, President Ithaca Trust Co., Ithaca, N. Y.

This group has nominated Harry P. Gould, Chairman of the Lewis County Trust Co., Lowville, N. Y.; George Overocker, President of the Poughkeepsie Trust Co., Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and former Deputy Superintendent of Banks of New York State, and Fred W. Swan, President of the Chemung Canal Trust Co., Elmira, N. Y.

Bill Signed by Gov. Roosevelt of New York Permitting Savings Banks to Invest in Bonds of Natural Gas Distributing Corporations Approved by Wood, Struthers & Co.—Viewed as Step Forward.

One of the most important new bills just passed by both Houses of the New York Legislature, and signed on March 18 by Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, is the "natural gas" amendment to the New York banking law, as sponsored by F. V. Henshaw, of Wood, Struthers & Co., which permits the savings banks of the State to invest in the bonds of corporations supplying natural gas if purchased from another corporation, this to insure that bonds are not secured, partly or wholly, by pledge of natural gas properties. A statement issued by Wood, Struthers & Co. says:

This amendment, drafted in 1930 at the request of the Savings Banks Association of the State of New York, consists of a very simple modification of the definition of gas and electric companies, made necessary because the former wording of the law did not carry out the intent of the framers in that its literal interpretation excluded bonds of gas companies that had found it desirable to purchase natural gas brought to them by the extension of pipe lines adequate to furnish a supply of this excellent fuel.

The old law not only limited new investments which savings banks could make in the gas industry to the issues of those companies supplying artificial gas, but threatened the removal of a number of excellent bonds, already legal investments, as a result of the constantly extending use of natural gas in mixture with artificial gas by companies formerly furnishing artificial gas only.

Consequently the "natural gas" amendment was designed with a two-fold purpose of retaining on the legal list those bonds that were or might otherwise be in danger of losing their legal position; and to permit certain companies, which already were purchasing and distributing natural gas in substitution of or in mixture with artificial gas, to come within the field of legality, provided they meet other requirements of the law.

Important bonds already on the legal list that were in danger of being removed therefrom for the foregoing reason are those of: People's Gas Light & Coke Co., Public Service Electric & Gas Co., and Consolidated Gas, Electric Light, Heat & Power, of Baltimore.

Bonds that might become eligible for legality, but which have hitherto received no consideration for the reason above stated, are those of: Pacific Gas & Electric Co., Los Angeles Gas & Electric Co., Dayton Power & Light Co., and Cincinnati Gas & Electric Co.

As the possible loss of sound investments from the legal list on a technicality was imminent, this amendment, which also may give the benefit of several excellent additions, is of considerable importance to savings banks and trustees in the State of New York.

The amendment is one of those steps forward which from time to time are made necessary by changing conditions, and consists simply of an insertion in the first paragraph of Subdivision 12 of Section 239 of the New York Banking Law, after the words "artificial gas," of the following: "or natural gas purchased from another corporation and supplied in substitution for, or in mixture with, artificial gas."

Of the more than two billions of utility bonds which have become legal since March 1928, when the public utility amendment to the New York Banking Law was enacted, some \$400,000,000 would be safeguarded by the "natural gas" amendment. The list of legal bonds could be still further increased by \$448,000,000 by another proposed amendment that Mr. Henshaw has submitted to the Savings Banks Association of the State of New York, which would, under carefully drawn restrictions, admit certain collateral trust and debenture issues of the Bell Telephone System.

Gov. Roosevelt of New York Signs Bill Increasing Taxes on Motor Trucks and Buses.

On March 22 Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the bill for a 65% increase in the State tax on motor trucks and omnibuses. This is the measure which caused the dispute on the closing day of the Legislature, the Democratic members holding out against the Governor's plan to impose a 75% increase, said a dispatch from Albany on March 22 to the New York "Herald Tribune," from which we also take the following:

Technically the bill adds \$6,720,000 to the State's revenues, but it will expire March 1 1933, before the entire amount is collectible under its terms, unless renewed by the 1933 Legislature. The bill goes into effect July 1, this year, when the higher tax will be required on new registrations or re-registrations becoming due on and after that date.

Governor Roosevelt's original plan was to increase the truck and bus tax 100%, along with similar increases in the income and stock transfer taxes. This would have yielded approximately \$12,000,000 in revenue. After a public hearing at which the 100% increase was vigorously opposed, the impost was reduced to 75% by the legislative leaders. Democratic members of both houses, backed by pressure from Tammany Hall, forced the still further reduction to 65% in the closing hours of the session.

Completes Tax Rise Program.

The Legislature reduced the Governor's 100% gasoline tax increase to 50%, by adding one instead of two cents a gallon to the present tax of two cents. The signing of the truck and omnibus tax bill to-day completed the program of tax increases, which are estimated at \$110,720,000 in total increased revenues to meet the State's deficits and balance the budget.

Governor Roosevelt also signed three bills to prevent bootlegging in untaxed gasoline. The bills were sponsored by Senator Seabury C. Mastick, Republican, of Westchester, Chairman of the Tax Revision Commission. One imposes a \$2 license fee on all filling stations, another requires the filing of a bond, and the third requires periodic reports to the State Tax Commission regarding all transactions.

From the Albany account (March 22) to the New York "Times," we take the following:

According to estimates of the fiscal committees, the additional tax will yield \$6,700,000 with which to meet in part the heavy deficit in State income expected this year and will help to balance the budget.

The new schedules are compared with those now prevailing in the following table:

Omnibuses.	—License Tax—		Omnibuses.	—License Tax—	
	Present.	New.		Present.	New.
5 passengers-----	\$16.00	\$24.75	17 passengers-----	\$32.00	\$85.00
7 passengers-----	24.50	40.42	21 passengers-----	55.00	90.75
8 passengers-----	30.50	50.23	23 passengers-----	61.50	101.40
11 passengers-----	43.00	70.95	27 passengers-----	67.50	111.30

For buses with a capacity of 30 passengers or more the present tax is \$2 extra for each passenger above 27. Under the new plan \$3.20 will be levied for each.

Electric Buses Raised 50%.

For electric buses there will be a 50% increase over the present rates for all the classes listed.

The bill exempts buses operating under franchises over fixed routes wholly within a city or cities where the holder of the franchise pays a percentage of the gross earnings. Without regard to the seating capacity, the State will levy an annual fee of \$16.50 instead of \$10 on such vehicles where they operate beyond city boundaries.

Hearses and vehicles classified as light delivery vehicles of less than 1,800 pounds unladen must pay \$19.80 instead of \$12, as at present. Such vehicles with an unladen weight of more than 1,800 pounds pay \$1.24 instead of 75 cents for each 100 pounds additional.

For auto trucks weighing in excess of 1,800 pounds unladen, the new rate will be \$132 as compared with \$80 at present.

A 50% increase is provided for trucks and vehicles operated wholly with electricity. This is to compensate the State for the loss of gasoline tax.

While the bill becomes operative on July 1, the new rate will apply this year only to new registrations. Normally, vehicles in the classes affected would be required to obtain new licenses on Jan. 1, but a moratorium was established so the new rates would not become payable until March 1.

Gov. Roosevelt of New York Signs Bill to Continue Tax Relation Committee for Another Year.

The signing by Governor Roosevelt of the bill providing for the continuation of the Tax Relation Commission for another year, and the providing of funds with which to continue the Commission's studies designed to reduce the tax burden, is listed as one of the most important real estate measures put through the Legislature this year by J. Irving Walsh, President of the New York State Association of Real Estate Boards. This was noted in the New York "Evening Post" of March 19, which also said:

Real estate boards and property owners all over the State are hopeful that the next Legislature will give serious consideration to the overburden of taxes now being borne by real estate and will enact some much-needed remedial legislation.

Governor Roosevelt also signed the bill prohibiting the misrepresentation of the political or territorial description of real estate in advertising.

A great number of amendments to the real property and tax laws are now awaiting the Governor's signature. One provides for a combination form of bond and mortgage for simplifying the use of these documents and lessen the danger of misplacement. The amendment provides that members of the committee must have been engaged in the real estate business in the State for at least 10 years prior to their appointment. It also specifies the method of call and term of appointment.

Only one of the bills designed to lower the cost of mortgage foreclosure met with favorable consideration, that being relative to service outside the State. The other bills of the series reducing the fees of referees and the number of publications met with organized opposition.

Among other bills passed was one amending the penal law to prevent the removal, destruction or changing of a building or part of mortgaged realty with intention to defraud the mortgagee by depreciating the value of real property.

"Of particular interest to the residents of the four counties of Long Island was the bill appropriating \$75,000 for making engineering studies of highway links to connect the Southern State Parkway with Linden Boulevard; the Grand Central Parkway with Brooklyn by way of Interborough Parkway, and the Grand Central Parkway with the new Triborough Bridge," said George S. Horton, President of the Brooklyn Real Estate Board.

"For the improvement of these important links the State is limited by the bill to a total expenditure of \$5,000,000. The passage of this bill will provide Brooklyn with two badly needed connections to the important highways of Long Island."

Gov. Roosevelt of New York Signs Amendment to Banking Statute—Bill Leaves Time of Two Annual Examinations to Superintendent's Discretion.

Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York on March 16 signed the Sargent bill clarifying the meaning of the provision in the banking law requiring the Superintendent of Banks to examine every bank in the State "at least twice in each year." An Albany dispatch, March 16, to the New York "Herald Tribune" said:

Until the failure of the Bank of United States, the construction put upon this provision had been that the examinations might be made at any time during the year. Critics of Joseph A. Broderick, Superintendent of Banks, contended after the failure of the New York bank that he had been negligent in not causing an examination to be made of that bank and others once every six months. The amendment approved by the Governor to-day gives the Banking Superintendent discretion as to the dates on which he deems it proper that the two examinations should be made.

In approving the Sargent bill, the Governor said the construction that the examinations should be made once every six months "is unsound from the point of view of practical administration of the Banking Act, and also from the point of view of the intention of the original statute."

Gov. Roosevelt Signs Two Anti-Stock Fraud Bills to Strengthen New York Securities Law.

The following, from Albany (United Press), is from the "Wall Street Journal" of March 18:

Two bills passed by the Legislature, designed to strengthen the Martin Anti-Stock Fraud Law, have been signed by Governor Roosevelt. One of the bills amended the general business law by authorizing the Attorney-General to apply to courts for permanent injunctions prohibiting defendants in such actions from selling any securities issued or to be issued.

The other measure amended the general business law by providing no person shall be excused from attending an inquiry of the Attorney-General and answering questions because witness fees or mileage were not paid, payment of such fee or mileage not to apply to those whose conduct is being investigated.

The Governor also signed a bill amending the Agriculture and Markets Law for regulation of manufacture and sale of ice cream, iced milk or sherbert.

New York State Income Tax—Deduction of State's Share of Employees' Tax by Withholding Agent or Employer.

The new law of New York State increasing rates of tax upon income for 1931 and 1932 does not affect a withholding agent, or employer who deducts the State's share of an employee's income tax, as to the amount to be deducted and withheld for 1931, according to a ruling of the State Tax Commission made public April 1 by Thomas M. Lynch, President. The difference between the amount withheld and the tax due under the new rates will be collected direct from the employee. This ruling affects only non-residents of New York who receive income here. The announcement by the Tax Commission further says:

Last September personal income tax rates were jumped from 1, 2 and 3% to 1½, 3 and 4½%, respectively, and the Commission ruled that employers or withholding agents would deduct the increased amounts from employee's salaries or wages, providing the employee was in service after Sept. 23 1931. If he or she had left prior to that date the amount withheld was to be at the old rate.

The second jump in the tax rates was made by the Legislature this winter and the law became effective March 1. The new rates are 2% on the first \$10,000 of net income, 4% on the next \$40,000 and 6% on all net income above \$50,000. The question arose as to the effect on withholding agents and employees. Employers had already paid salaries and wages for 1931 and had deducted at the rates effective in September. The Commission decided that the amount due because of increased rate on 1931 incomes could not be taken out of income now being paid for services performed in 1932, unless it was by mutual agreement between employer and employee.

Therefore deduction was to be made at the rates effective last Fall if the employee was working after that period.

The ruling made public to-day states that deducting and withholding must be made at the new increased rates for 1932, except in the case of employees who left the service of a withholding agent prior to March 1 1932

United States Tariff Commission Submits to Senate Report on Copra, Whale Oil and Certain Vegetable Oils.

It was announced March 24 that the U. S. Tariff Commission has submitted to Congress a report in accordance with provisions of Senate Resolution No. 323, 71st Congress, which reads as follows:

Resolved, That the United States Tariff Commission is hereby instructed and directed to prepare and submit to Congress a detailed study of the costs of production and of transportation to the principal consuming markets of the United States of the following commodities, namely: Coconut oil and copra from the Philippine Islands and other principal producing regions, palm oil, palm-kernel oil, whale oil, rapeseed oil, perilla oil, and sesame oil. Also a statement of the principal uses of these oils in the United States and of the kinds and amounts of domestic oils and fats replaced in domestic industry by such imports.

As to its report the commission says:

The report presents a survey of world production and world trade in the oils named and in the other important animal and vegetable oils. The position of the United States with respect to these oils, collectively and individually, has been analyzed. Following the division indicated in the resolution the report then deals with the cost of the oils named, including transportation to the principal consuming markets. Inasmuch as the principal item in the cost of the several vegetable oils named in the resolution consists of the cost of producing the raw material, and inasmuch as the Commission found it impracticable to ascertain the cost of producing the raw material, the invoice prices of imported oils have been used as best available evidence of such costs.

The uses of the several oils named in the resolution, and of important domestic oils with which they compete, are treated at length. This involves an analysis of their consumption in the soap, lard compound, margarine, and other manufacturing industries.

The report points out that no definite quantitative statement can be made regarding the "kinds and amounts of domestic oils and fats replaced in domestic industry by such imports." Two major sections of the report, however, deal with facts bearing on this question of replacement. One of these relates to the interchangeability of the several kinds of oils and fats in different uses from the technical standpoint—that is, from the standpoint of the chemical and physical characteristics of the several oils and of the products derived from them. The second analysis covers the economic factors involved, such as relative costs, prices, supply and demand. The report includes a discussion of the degree to which imported oils might be replaced by a reduction of the exports of domestic oils

and fats, including lard, and a discussion of the quantitative limitations surrounding the potential increase in production of domestic oils and fats to replace imports.

The importance of this investigation is indicated by the magnitude of the consumption of oils and fats in the United States.

The Senate resolution named six imported vegetable oils together with copra, the raw material from which cocoonut oil is produced, and whale oil. The total consumption of the oils named, including the cocoonut oil derived from imported copra, in the United States during 1929 was more than one billion pounds, the most important items being cocoonut oil, 662 million pounds; palm oil, 231 million pounds; and palm-kernel oil, 84 million pounds. The investigation covers not merely these specified foreign oils but also others of less importance, as well as the domestic oils and fats with which the foreign products compete. Thus there is a discussion of the relation of imported oils to butter, the consumption of which is more than two billion pounds, and to lard, of which about one and three-quarter billion pounds are consumed. The other principal domestic oils discussed are cottonseed oil, with consumption in 1929 of about 1,580 million pounds (including foots); oleo oil and related edible animal fats, 124 million pounds; inedible tallow and animal greases, 840 million pounds; corn oil, 138 million pounds; and peanut oil, 17 million pounds. There is also a discussion of the possibility of increased production of soy-bean, sunflower-seed, and other vegetable oils not now produced in this country, or produced only in relatively small quantities.

The report takes up separately the position of the various imported and domestic oils in the several manufacturing industries in which they are principally consumed. The largest consumption is in the soap industry, in which during 1929 there were used about 1,500 million pounds of domestic and foreign oils. In the lard compound or lard substitute industry, the consumption was about 1,200 million pounds; in the margarine industry, about 300 million pounds; and in the paint and varnish industry, about 450 million pounds; minor quantities are used in a number of other industries. Besides this industrial use there is an immense direct consumption of several oils and fats in their original form as food, as well as considerable direct consumption of some oils in non-food uses.

The report shows that in the soap industry there is approximately an equal consumption of domestic and of foreign oils, the leading domestic oils or fats used being inedible tallow and greases and cottonseed oil foots, and the leading foreign oils, cocoonut, palm and palm-kernel. In the lard compound industry most of the oils consumed are of domestic origin, with cottonseed oil predominant. In the margarine industry, much more than half of the consumption of oils consists of cocoonut oil, but there is also a considerable consumption of domestic oleo oil, neutral lard and cottonseed oil. In the paint and varnish industry the principal oils used are linseed, partly of domestic and partly of foreign origin, and tung oil, which is exclusively an imported product.

U. S. Tariff Commission's Report to Congress on Dead or Creosote Oil—Finds No Warrant for Duty.

The Tariff Commission submitted to the Congress on March 25 a report on dead or creosote oil, prepared in accordance with Senate Resolution No. 470, 71st Congress. Creosote oil is at present free of duty. The resolution of Congress required the Commission to compare the cost of production in the United States with the cost in the principal competing country, which is the United Kingdom, and further provided:

If this investigation discloses that the domestic cost of production exceeds the cost of production abroad in the principal competing country, the Commission shall include in its report a statement as to the rate or rates of duty necessary to equalize said cost difference based on the American selling price as defined in section 402 (g) of the tariff act of 1930.

In its conclusions the Commission said:

On the basis of the facts shown by the investigation with respect to the differences in costs of production during the three-year period, including transportation and delivery to the principal markets in the United States, in different years and by different methods of computation, some of which differences show a very small excess of domestic over foreign costs and others a very small excess of foreign over domestic costs, the Commission finds no sufficient warrant on the basis of cost differences for a duty on creosote oil.

The findings of the Commission were as follows:

1. Dead or creosote oil is free of duty under paragraph 1651 of the tariff act of 1930. It was also free of duty under the act of 1922 and previous acts.
2. The domestic production of creosote oil increased from 28,864,000 gallons in 1921 (37,557,000 gallons in 1920 and 33,874,000 gallons in 1922) to 126,779,000 gallons in 1928 and 127,750,000 gallons in 1929; it fell only slightly—to 122,572,000 gallons in 1930 and to approximately 118,115,000 gallons in 1931.
3. The imports of creosote oil amounted to 33,239,000 gallons in 1921 and increased in nearly every year until 1927 when the total was 95,915,000 gallons. Since then they have declined in each year, amounting to 88,385,000 gallons in 1928, 79,301,000 gallons in 1929, 66,922,000 gallons in 1930, and 36,885,000 gallons in 1931.
4. On the average during the three-year period covered by the cost investigation, domestic production amounted to 125,700,000 gallons and the imports to 78,203,000 gallons, the domestic product being 61.19% of the consumption; in 1931 the domestic product was 76.23% of the total.
5. While there are many grades of creosote oil used for various purposes the great bulk, both of that made in the United States and of that imported from the United Kingdom, is made to conform to specifications for use in the preservation of wood; the domestic product, considered as an aggregate, is like or similar to the grades manufactured in the United Kingdom for export to the United States.
6. The Senate Resolution No. 470 specifically directed the Commission to ascertain the domestic and foreign costs for the years 1928, 1929, and 1930; these years, taken together, constitute a representative period of time, although the conditions as regards costs of production differ during the several years.
7. The principal competing country during the period covered by the investigation was the United Kingdom.
8. The markets for creosote oil are chiefly wood-treating plants which are widely distributed throughout the United States. The Commission selected for the purpose of cost comparison in this investigation, a number of towns in which both the domestic and the foreign product were sold, or towns representative of areas in which both were sold.
9. By reason of the fact that creosote oil is a joint product along with other products of the distillation of coal tar, as well as by reason of the fact that coal tar is itself a by-product of the coke and gas industries, there are various methods of computing the cost of production of creosote oil.

10. The cost of production of creosote oil in the United States averaged 10.82 cents per gallon for the three-year period covered by the investigation. The corresponding cost of production of creosote oil produced for export to the United States in the principal competing country was 10.14 cents per gallon.

The cost of transportation and other delivery charges on creosote oil to the principal markets in the United States from the domestic plants, weighted according to their respective shipments to each market, was 2.19 cents per gallon during the three-year period covered by the investigation, and the corresponding cost from the plants in the principal competing country to the same markets was 3.33 cents per gallon.

The total cost of production of domestic creosote oil, including transportation and other delivery charges to the principal markets in the United States, was thus, for the three-year period, 13.01 cents per gallon, and the corresponding cost of the product of the principal competing country was 13.47 cents per gallon.

The total cost of production of domestic creosote oil, including transportation and other delivery charges to the said markets, was 13.74 cents per gallon during 1928, 12.84 cents in 1929 and 12.70 cents in 1930. The corresponding cost of the product of the principal competing country was 15.00 cents in 1928, 12.70 cents in 1929 and 12.34 cents in 1930.

The results of other methods of computing the domestic and the foreign costs are set forth in the summary of information.

11. Beginning in September 1931 the United Kingdom went off from the gold standard and the exchange of the pound sterling depreciated as compared with the dollar, the depreciation since that time having ranged from about 20 to 30%. Inasmuch as the Senate resolution specified the three years 1928 to 1930 as the basis for the cost investigation, the Commission did not undertake to ascertain the effect of this depreciation of the pound sterling upon costs, but it has examined the statistics of imports of creosote oil into the United States from the United Kingdom since the depreciation set in. During the four months, October 1931 to January 1932, the total imports from all countries amounted to 11,948,000 gallons, or at the rate of about 36,000,000 gallons annually, whereas the imports for the corresponding months in the preceding year were 13,992,000 gallons, or at the rate of about 42,000,000 gallons annually. The imports from the United Kingdom from October 1931 to January 1932 were 5,098,000 gallons as compared with 6,529,000 gallons in the corresponding months of the preceding year.

Edward Plaut Announces Publication of Seligman Price Maintenance Report—Views on Capper-Kelly Bill.

The final solution to price maintenance on trade-marked products will be a matter of evolution, Edward Plaut, President of Lehn & Fink, Inc., said yesterday in making public his opinions on Prof. Edwin R. A. Seligman's price maintenance report, just published. The passage of the Capper-Kelly price maintenance bill now before the Senate, he said, will be the first step in this evolution. The bill would permit manufacturers of trade-marked products to make contracts with wholesalers and retailers who want to kill predatory price cutting and thereby help create better business conditions, Mr. Plaut explained. Much more attention, Mr. Plaut said, will have to be given in the future to unfair competition almost regardless of what form of price maintenance legislation may be passed. Mr. Plaut further said:

"While I am convinced that it is important to get immediate legislation to correct price conditions that menace trade, I do not believe that any bill now introduced, except the Capper-Kelly bill, could possibly be passed quickly enough to give any help. We should make this bill a law. Try it out and after seeing how it works prepare at once for further legislation to correct any shortcomings that may develop.

"The need for co-operation between the retailers and the manufacturers is more urgent than ever. I hope that the retailer can be made to understand that he cannot fight the manufacturer with threats of private brand switching, but must earn the manufacturer's respect and co-operation by proving that he can do his duty toward the advertised product. I also hope that the manufacturer can be made to give up his conviction that the retailer must sell his product whether he wants to or not, just because great sums are being spent on advertising. The retailer, too, should understand how the manufacturer's hands are tied under present judicial decisions; and the manufacturer be made to realize that he has shown a deplorable lack of interest in his distributors. These things are the first necessary steps toward the shining goal of fair trade.

"Prof. Seligman's report is interesting not only because it is the first thorough and unhurried study of the subject ever made, but because for the first time a leading economist has analyzed and placed in their proper proportions the arguments for and against price cutting. In sponsoring the survey Lehn & Fink is indeed glad to have contributed its bit to assist the drug industry which for so many years has given us its goodwill and co-operation. In this report for the first time, too, the orgy of price cutting is conclusively proven to be economically unsound. The bugbear of consumer ill-will, presumable caused by higher prices, he also shows to be entirely imaginary.

"Professor Seligman points out that every sort of price cutting is not entirely unjustified. Some kinds of leader price cutting are sound provided that they actually lead to increased sale on other products by bringing people into the store; provided they are not done constantly on the same products; and provided they do not lead to price cutting wars out of hand and beyond the control of the originators themselves.

"I am inclined to agree with Prof. Seligman when he says that few manufacturers would be likely to take advantage of the right to make resale-price contracts with retailers. The public has been led away from the idea of full prices and cannot readily be educated back. It would bring a manufacturer too much loss of sales to be the only one in his field to maintain prices. Nevertheless, I believe that many manufacturers would be willing to adopt a legalized sales contract plan if they became convinced that all retailers would do what some say can be done, and have vainly promised to do in the past—co-operate to keep prices of nationally advertised items at profitable levels."

Mr. Plaut believes more complete co-operation is necessary between manufacturer and retailer to make price maintenance more fully operative than proposed in the Seligman program. He adds:

"The sort of co-operation I have in mind, would be in the form of agreements between the manufacturer and retailer groups to establish the price or the price range at which a product is to be maintained. For example, the dealers in a city or neighborhood should be permitted to decide with the manufacturer to set a minimum figure in that district at which (through the manufacturer's right to refuse to sell) he is to maintain an item ordinarily listed at 50 cents. To my mind this would not be restraint of trade but a necessary step by which price maintenance could be made an actuality.

"At the present time the manufacturer's control on his product is weakened in two ways. With the jobber as his channel of distribution to the dealer, even though he refuses to sell, he has no hold on the resale since his contact with the ultimate sales point is through a third party—the jobber. Where the manufacturer sells direct to the dealer he may refuse to supply an objectionable cut rater, but still have no redress when his merchandise is obtained through underground channels."

3-Cent Stamp in Effect April 1 in Foreign Countries.

There are no foreign countries to which the 2-cent stamp constitutes sufficient postage, according to advices received from the Post Office Department by G. Stanley Shoup, of the Commerce Department's transportation division. Domestic rates still apply, of course, to the non-contiguous territories of the United States. The new rates, effective April 1 1932, are indicated as follows by the Department:

Those countries requiring 3-cent postage are as follows: Argentine, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras (Republic of) Labrador, Mexico, Newfoundland, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Salvador, El; Spain (including: Andorra, Alhucemas Island, Baleares Islands, Canary Islands, Ceuta, Chaferinas or Zafarani Islands, Melilla, Penon de Velez de la Gomera, Tangier, Uruguay, Venezuela.

For those countries not mentioned above the letter rate is 5 cents per ounce and 3 cents for any additional ounce.

The postal card rate for the countries mentioned above is 2 cents single and 4 cents double, while the postal card rate for countries not mentioned is 3 cents single and 6 cents double.

Short-paid letters and post cards inadvertently dispatched to the above mentioned countries, and letters subject to more than one rate but prepaid only 3 cents, will be subject to the collection of the amount of the deficient postage from the addressee, except that on short-paid letters and post cards to Canada, Labrador and Newfoundland, double the amount of the deficient postage will be collected from the addressee, as is also the case for destinations to which the letter rate is 5 cents.

Also effective April 1, rates of postage on printed matter (including second-class matter), samples of merchandise, commercial papers, and 8-ounce merchandise packages will be increased, information concerning which may be had upon application to any post office (including those of the fourth class) or direct to the Division of International Postal Service, Post Office Department, Washington, D. C. The new rates were published in "The Postal Bulletin" of Feb. 18 1932 (Vol. XIII, No. 15834) which may also be obtained gratis by writing to the Division of International Postal Service. The subscription price for the Postal Bulletin, published daily except Sundays and holidays, is \$2 per year, obtainable from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. Articles of the classifications mentioned in this paragraph must be fully prepaid before dispatch, otherwise they will be returned to the sender.

New York Central RR. To Re-Employ Approximately 7,000 Workers—West Albany Shops to Reopen April 4.

Approximately 2,400 men will return to work on April 4 at the locomotive and car departments of the New York Central RR. at West Albany. About 3,700 who recently were re-employed for two weeks will return at the same time to the passenger car shops at Beech Grove, Ind., and Allston, Mass., and to the locomotive shops at Collinwood, Ohio; Beech Grove, Ind.; Jackson, Mich.; Bucyrus, Ohio; West Springfield, Mass., and St. Thomas, Ont.

Will of Late George Eastman, Founder of Eastman Kodak Co.—Disposes of Estate of Over \$15,000,000—Bulk Goes to University of Rochester—Community Chest Gets Bequest—Residence Given as Home for Presidents of University.

The will of the late George Eastman disposing of an estate of more than \$15,000,000, was offered for probate in the Surrogate's Court at Rochester, N. Y., on April 4. The Security Trust Co. of Rochester is named as executor. Mr. Eastman was a director of that company for something over fifteen years and a member of the Executive Committee for a period of five years. He gave unstintingly of his counsel and reluctantly gave up his place when his worldwide interests made such demands upon him. A summary of the will is taken as follows from the Rochester "Times-Union" of April 4:

The principal bequests to go to various Rochester institutions, the University of Rochester receiving the principal share.

Mr. Eastman's palatial East Avenue home was given to the University of Rochester for use of its Presidents, together with a fund of \$2,000,000 for its maintenance.

The statement was given to the press:

The Security Trust Co. of Rochester, executor named in the will of George Eastman, and Thomas J. Hargrave and Milton K. Robinson, attorneys named in his will to handle the legal affairs in connection with the settlement of his estate, have announced that the will has been presented to the Surrogate for probate to-day.

The following is a statement of the contents of the will, which was executed July 17 1925, as modified by a codicil executed on the day of Mr. Eastman's death, March 14 1932.

The bulk of the estate goes to the University of Rochester.

Home to University.

The home on East Avenue, including all the furnishings and the hunting trophies and scientific exhibits in his museum, he gives to the University for the purpose of a residence for its President, together with a fund of \$2,000,000 to provide for its upkeep, with the provision, however, that if after ten years, the trustees of the University decide that such use is no longer advisable, they may dispose of the property and of the fund in the manner they deem best for the purposes of the University.

His hunting property known as "Oak Lodge" in North Carolina Mr. Eastman devises to his niece, Mrs. Ellen Andrus Dryden, of Evanston, Ill. The bequests to the University, exclusive of the home, amount to somewhat in excess of \$12,000,000. All of these gifts, with the exception of the fund of \$2,000,000 for the upkeep of the home, above mentioned, and of a fund of about \$2,500,000 to be used for the Eastman School of Music, are given without restriction as to the use either of principal or income.

Other Beneficiaries.

Other institutions, all of Rochester, in addition to the University of Rochester, share as follows:

Rochester Dental Dispensary	\$1,000,000
Rochester General Hospital	50,000
Genesee Hospital	50,000
Young Men's Christian Association	50,000
Rochester Orphan Asylum	50,000
Door of Hope Association	50,000
Friendly Home	50,000
Family Welfare Society of Rochester	50,000
Peoples Rescue Mission	25,000

His principal individual beneficiaries consist of his niece, Mrs. Dryden and her children, Ellen Maria Dryden and George Eastman Dryden, and his secretary, Mrs. Alice K. Hutchison, who has been with him since almost the beginning of his business career. Mrs. Dryden shares to the extent of \$200,000, \$100,000 of which consists of a fund for the upkeep of the Oak Lodge property, and her two children each receive the income from a fund of \$100,000. The gift to Mrs. Hutchison amounts to \$100,000.

Annuity to Dr. Burkhart.

To Dr. Harvey J. Burkhart, director of the Rochester Dental Dispensary and Mr. Eastman's personal representative in the establishment of the dental dispensaries for children which he has established abroad. Mr. Eastman has given the equivalent of the income for life from a fund of \$50,000.

In addition, there are bequests to a number of his personal employees at his home, including a bequest to his housekeeper, Miss Marie Cherbuliez, of \$10,000; to his cook, Eliza De Lea, of \$3,000, and to his butler, Soomon C. Young, of \$3,000. There are also a number of bequests in the form of annuities to certain distant relatives.

Mr. Eastman's personal effects go to Mrs. Dryden, and his hunting and camping equipment is bequeathed to her husband, Mr. George B. Dryden of Evanston, Ill.

Codicil Revokes Gifts.

By the codicil to his will Mr. Eastman revokes bequests to the Young Women's Christian Association of Rochester, Cornell University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Between the date of execution of his will and that of the codicil Mr. Eastman made substantial pledges to each of these three institutions.

The will provides that all of Mr. Eastman's existing unpaid subscriptions and commitments for educational institutions and philanthropies will be carried out. In addition, he gives to the Rochester Community Chest \$100,000 for the first year following his death, and \$50,000 for the second year. He also provides for the continuance of his support to the Bureau of Municipal Research of Rochester for one year.

Security Trust Named.

Mr. Eastman names the Security Trust Co. of Rochester as executor of his will, and designates Thomas J. Hargrave, Vice-President in charge of the legal department of the Eastman Kodak Co., and Milton K. Robinson, associated with him in the legal department, as attorneys to handle the legal matters in connection with the probate of the will and the settlement of the estate.

The witnesses to the will were Frank M. Crouch, Cashier of Eastman Kodak Co. and Mr. Eastman's close business associate for many years, Marion B. Folsom, Assistant Treasurer of the company, and Milton K. Robinson.

The witnesses to the codicil were Mr. Crouch and Mr. Folsom and Dr. Albert K. Chapman, production manager of the company.

Mr. Eastman's death was noted in our issue of March 19, page 2078.

Annual Convention of New York State Bankers' Association to Be at Rye, N. Y., June 13-15.

The 39th Annual Convention of the New York State Bankers' Association will be held at the Westchester Country Club, Rye, N. Y., on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, June 13th, 14th and 15th. Rye is about 50 minutes by train from Grand Central Station. It is planned to have three morning sessions as usual, the golf tournament on Tuesday afternoon and the Banquet Tuesday evening. In addition, there will be a Shore Dinner and entertainment at the Beach Club on Monday night. W. Gordon Brown is Executive Manager of the Association, the headquarters of which are at 33 Liberty Street, New York.

Financial Advertisers Association to Hold Annual Convention in Chicago About Sept. 15.

Directors of the Financial Advertisers Association at their Mid-Year meeting in New York voted to hold the 1932 annual convention of the organization in Chicago. The invitation to come to Chicago was extended in behalf of the Chicago Financial Advertisers, local chapter, by Edward A. Hintz, Cashier of the Peoples Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Treasurer of the Association and Chairman of the

Convention Committee. Other cities who bid for the convention were Baltimore and Grand Rapids, Michigan. Charles H. McMahon, First National Bank, Detroit, President of the national body, announced that the convention will be held about September 15.

Pacific Coast Trust Conference of A. B. A. to Be Held Sept. 29-Oct. 1 at Los Angeles—Annual Convention of A. B. A. at Los Angeles Oct. 3-6.

The tenth regional trust conference of the Pacific Coast and Rocky Mountain States will be held at Los Angeles, California, September 29-October 1 1931, under the auspices of the Trust Division, American Bankers Association, it is announced by President of the Division Thomas C. Hennings. The conference region embraces the states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

The conference will immediately precede the annual convention of the American Bankers Association in Los Angeles, October 3-6 1932.

Southern Trust Conference Under Auspices of A. B. A. to Be Held at Nashville, April 29-30—Spring Meeting of A. B. A. at White Sulphur Springs, April 25-27.

The fifth southern trust conference, under the auspices of the Trust Division, American Bankers Association, will be held at Nashville, Tennessee, April 29 and 30, it is announced by President of the Division Thomas C. Hennings. The conference region embraces the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. The conference will follow closely upon the annual spring meeting of the Executive Council, American Bankers' Association, at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, April 25-27.

Western Regional Savings Conference to be Held in St. Louis April 21-22.

The most pressing problems of the banking world will be analyzed and discussed at the two-day session of the Western Regional Savings Conference, which meets in St. Louis at Hotel Jefferson on April 21 and 22, according to an announcement by H. H. Reinhard, Chairman of the Executive Committee. Mr. Reinhard says:

The program has been planned to include up-to-the-minute topics and discussion periods following each address so that delegates may have full opportunity to ask questions or inject new thoughts of their own. Every effort has been made to build a Conference of distinct benefit not only to the savings bankers but to all bankers as well.

Some of the topics to be discussed are "What's Ahead," "Investment of Savings Funds," "Coming Out of The Economic Woods," "How Shall We Advertise?" "Real Estate Loans," "Bringing Out the Hoarded Dollars," "Being Prepared for Emergencies," "Has the Public Lost Confidence in Banks?" "Reconstruction Financing," "Financing Agriculture" and "Meeting Public Fear."

Some of the speakers will include:

- W. O. Woods, Treasurer of the United States.
- William McChesney Martin, Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank, St. Louis;
- Jay Morrison, President Savings Bank Division of the American Bankers Association and Vice-President Washington Mutual Savings Bank, Seattle, Wash.
- Wood Netherland, President Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of St. Louis.
- J. V. Holdam, Assistant Vice-President First National Bank, Chattanooga, Tenn.
- R. S. Hawes, President Clearing House Association of St. Louis and Vice-President First National Bank in St. Louis.
- W. R. Morehouse, Vice-President Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles and former President of Savings Bank Division.

One of the main features of the Conference will be the banquet on Thursday evening, April 21, at which United States Treasurer Woods will speak on the hoarding problem. It is announced that bankers who desire to make up their own parties for the banquet may do so by writing to W. A. Crockett, Chairman of the Registration Committee, care of Mississippi Valley Trust Company, St. Louis.

Negotiations are under way for reduced railroad fares to the Conference. One passenger association has agreed to a fare and a half rate for the round trip, provided 100 or more delegates in attendance hold "certificate plan" receipts. Other passenger associations are expected to offer the same terms. Under the "certificate plan" the delegate must pay a full fare to the Conference but at time of purchase of ticket he must obtain a certificate receipt from his ticket agent. This receipt must be validated on arrival at the Conference. If 100 or more present such receipts, the reduced fare will be effective.

Prohibition—"5 and 10" Dry Law Repeal Killed in House Committee.

An effort to repeal the Jones "five and ten" prohibition law was killed on March 29 by the preponderantly dry House Judiciary Committee, said an Associated Press dispatch on that day from Washington to the New York "Herald Tribune," which likewise stated:

A show of hands behind closed doors was all that was necessary to defeat the proposal. No record of the vote was taken, but committee members said later that the rejection was overwhelming.

Members said that the vote was further evidence of the Committee's determination not to bring any important prohibition legislation, either wet or dry, before the House this session.

The "five and ten" law, sponsored by Senator Wesley Jones, Republican, of Washington, is so called because it provides maximum penalties of five years' imprisonment and \$10,000 fine for prohibition offenders. It since has been amended to lighten the penalties on minor and casual offenders. The repeal bill was sponsored by Representative Ralph Horr, Republican, of Washington.

Another prohibition proposal, to provide for ratification by State conventions of constitutional amendments giving added power to the Government over the people, was taken up to-day by a subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee. George H. Williams, former Republican Senator from Missouri, urged the change in the law sponsored by Senator Hiram Bingham, Republican, of Connecticut, contending that the people never actually had approved the prohibition amendment. The legislation is part of the Bingham campaign for referenda on prohibition.

Trust Fees Book Published by Trust Division of A. B. A.

A "Guide to Trust Fees, with Recommended Cost Accounting System," has been published by the Trust Division of the American Bankers Association. It embodies the results of three years' study by the Committee on Costs and Charges of the Trust Division, of which Henry A. Theis, Vice-President Guaranty Trust Company of New York, is Chairman. Regarding the publication the Association on Mar. 3 said:

The book contains a suggested comprehensive schedule of charges for as many of the trust services as lend themselves to schedules, a description of a cost accounting system and the results of the application of this system to nine trust institutions located in widely separated sections of the United States. It is the first suggested nation-wide uniform schedule of trust fees that has been published since the Division's first schedule was distributed to members in 1920, and which has since been rendered entirely obsolete by changing conditions.

The new schedules are based upon the costs of doing business, as determined by the application of a cost system to the trust departments of a number of trust institutions located in different sections of the country. While these schedules are not designed to be adopted in their entirety in all of the 48 states, where at present there are about 48 varieties in rates, both statutory and non-statutory, for services as executor, administrator, trustee, guardian, committee, etc., they are intended as a guide to the adjustment of fees consistent with local practices and conditions.

As an accurate cost accounting system is essential to the determination of whether or not a trust department is making adequate profits, the tested cost accounting system presented by the committee is a particularly valuable feature of the book. It also contains 13 tables setting forth the application of the cost accounting system to the trust departments of nine banks and trust companies and to the various individual divisions of these trust institutions.

The book may be obtained from the Trust Division, American Bankers Association, 22 East 40th Street, New York. The price is one dollar.

Transamerica Corp. Elects New Board.

Directors of the Transamerica Corp., to replace temporary appointees selected at the annual meeting of stockholders in Wilmington, Del., were chosen in San Francisco on April 6, according to San Francisco advices by the Associated Press, which went on to say:

A. P. Giannini, founder of Transamerica, who recovered control of the huge banking concern from Elisha Walker of New York, is Chairman of the new Board. Other members are John M. Grant, President of the corporation; Chester H. Loveland, San Francisco; Theodore M. Stuart, Fresno; Russ Avery, Los Angeles; P. A. Bricca, San Francisco; George J. De Martini, San Francisco; G. Ferro, Ventura County; Gordon Gray, San Diego; Dr. O. G. Hamlin, Oakland; T. W. Harris, Oakland; Ercole H. Locatelli, New York; Senator Vittorio Scialoja, Italy; F. G. Stevenot, Angeles Camp, Calif.; Herbert E. White, Sacramento, and A. P. Jacobs, San Francisco.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, &c.

The Liberty National Bank & Trust Co., of this city opened yesterday as a branch of the Harriman National Bank & Trust Co., the merger having been arranged following meetings of directors of both banks late on April 7. The New York "Sun" of last night (April 8) from which we quote, also said:

The Harriman institution announced this morning that it had acquired the banking business and assets of the Liberty and that it would operate its two offices at 57th Street and Broadway and 50 Broadway.

The merger gives the Harriman a well equipped office in the heart of the financial district, with safe deposit vaults, in addition to an office in the Columbus Circle business district. The Harriman's head office is at 527 Fifth Avenue. It also has an office at 59 Liberty Street.

The deposits of the Liberty National Bank are approximately \$5,000,000 and its capital is \$2,250,000 divided into 90,000 shares of the par value of \$25 each. This acquisition by the Harriman National Bank was foreshadowed some weeks ago, when the Harriman Securities Corp., an affiliate

of the Harriman National Bank, announced a plan for the exchange of shares of the Liberty bank for shares of the Harriman National Bank. The ratio of exchange was 180 shares of Liberty for one share of Harriman. More than 75% of the Liberty stockholders have already deposited their stock under this plan. This acquisition by the Harriman Bank does not involve the issue by the Harriman Bank of any additional stock, since Harriman stock, already outstanding, has been used to effect the exchange of stock.

The State Banking Department at Albany to-day authorized the Liberty National Safe Deposit Co. to open a branch at its uptown headquarters at 256 West 57th St., the Harriman Safe Deposit Co. withdrawing its application to open a branch at the same address. In view of the merger of the Liberty into the Harriman National Bank & Trust Co. to-day it is probable that the Liberty National Safe Deposit Co. will be merged into the Harriman Safe Deposit Co.

In connection with the consolidation of the Liberty into the Harriman the latter announced this afternoon that John J. Mulligan, former President of the Liberty, had been elected Vice-President of the enlarged bank and that the following had been appointed Assistant Cashiers: Eugene T. Neville, Walter J. O'Toole and Alfred D. Cella.

Items regarding the proposed merger appeared in these columns, March 5, page 1702, and April 2, page 2461.

A special meeting of the stockholders of the Columbus Bank, of this city, will be held at the office of the corporation, 186 Grand Street on April 22, for the purpose of taking action on the liquidation of the bank.

F. N. B. Close, a director and former senior Vice-President of Bankers Trust Co. of New York, died yesterday (April 8) at his home in Tenefly, N. J. Mr. Close was the first clerk to be employed at Bankers Trust Co., when it was organized in March 1903, and the first books of the company were opened in his handwriting. With this institution, Mr. Close rose through the positions of Asst. Trust Officer, Asst. Secretary and Secretary, until he became Vice-President in 1912, a member of the board of directors in 1915, and a member of the executive committee in 1923. In the course of the growth of the company's affairs abroad, he unselfishly relinquished his duties in New York to assume the serious responsibility for the direction of its branches in London and Paris. He served three extended terms abroad and gave further effective demonstration of his executive talent. A. A. Tilney, Chairman of the board of directors of Bankers Trust Co., paid this tribute to Mr. Close:

"He was one of the wisest and most useful officers in the Bankers Trust Co. To him is due great credit for the development of the company's trust department,—for its sound principles, its conservatism, and its sympathetic attitude in the interests of its clients. He was in large part responsible for the creation of the corporate agency and reorganization department. But it was not in departmental duties alone that his energies and ability were valuable. His advice was sought in all important matters, and he never spared himself until serious illness made it necessary for him to withdraw from active work. Mr. Close was high in the esteem of his fellow officers and directors of Bankers Trust Co."

Among his directorships were the International Paper & Power Co., the International Agricultural Corp., Seaboard Airline Ry., and Northern Ohio Power Co. Mr. Close was born at Cranford, N. J., Feb. 26 1876.

John J. Pulleyn retired on April 1 as Chairman of the Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank of New York after having served as an officer of the bank 29 years. Mr. Pulleyn, who is 72 years old, was elected Chairman in January 1931. Mr. Pulleyn became connected with the bank in 1903 as Comptroller being formerly with the New York Life Insurance Co., of which he is now a trustee. He was elected a trustee of the bank in 1906 and ten years later he was elected President, succeeding Thomas M. Mulry.

The Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank of this city plans to move its mid-town branch office from 43rd St. and Lexington Ave. to larger quarters at 5-7 East 42nd St. and 12-14 East 43rd St. Walter H. Bennett, President, making the announcement, said:

"The number of accounts handled at the mid-town branch has increased since last April to 85,894 from 75,693 and deposits in the same period to \$120,504,312 from \$106,709,955."

The new quarters for the bank branch will not be ready for some months.

Charles E. Millen, Vice-President of the American Surety Co., 100 Broadway, New York, died of heart disease on April 5. He was 58 years old. Mr. Millen, who entered the employ of the American Surety Co. 44 years ago as an office boy, worked his way up until his election as Vice-President on June 18 1927. He was considered an authority in underwriting and fidelity bonding in New York State, and was in charge of the American Surety Co.'s fidelity department.

According to the weekly bulletin of the New York State Banking Department, issued April 1, the National City Safe Deposit Co., 17 East 42nd Street, New York, has filed an

application, dated March 23 1932, for permission to open a branch office at 103-125 Eighth Avenue, in New York.

The Morris Plan Co. of New York, 33 West 42nd Street, has filed an application, dated March 24, with the New York State Banking Department for permission to open a branch office at 32 Graham Avenue in Brooklyn. According to the weekly bulletin of the Department, issued April 1, the company is to discontinue the branch office heretofore authorized to be maintained at 804 Manhattan Avenue in Brooklyn.

An application, dated March 31, was filed by the Harri-man Safe Deposit Co., 527 Fifth Avenue, New York, with the New York State Banking Department on April 1 for permission to open a branch office at 250 West 57th Street.

Philip J. Vogel, Vice-President and a director of the International Acceptance Bank, Inc., of New York City, died suddenly on April 5. Mr. Vogel was born at Frankfurt A/M., Germany, in 1866. He served his early banking apprenticeship with the Disconto Maatschappij in Rotterdam, Holland, joining the organization in 1887. From there he went to London and assumed charge of the Foreign Exchange Department of the London agency of the Deutsche Bank. In 1900 he became associated with the organization which is now known as the London and Liverpool Bank of Commerce. In 1907 he relinquished his position there as Deputy Manager to become Manager of the Anglo-Austrian Bank in London. Following a merger of the latter institution, Mr. Vogel came to New York in 1919. When Paul M. Warburg was forming the International Acceptance Bank, Inc., early in 1921, he invited Mr. Vogel to become associated with him. His appointment as Vice-President followed. He was one of the bank's senior executives from its beginning, and recently was elected a director. Mr. Vogel was an expert in matters pertaining to credits, gold movements, and all other features of international banking, and was particularly active in the summer of 1931 in working out arrangements with other American banks for dealing with the European financial crises.

The New York State Banking Department, in announcing, on March 30, that it had taken over the National Credit Union at 381 Livonia Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., said:

Superintendent of Banks Joseph A. Broderick, pursuant to the provisions of Section 57 of the Banking Law, as amended by Chapter 664 of the Laws of 1930, has taken possession of the property and business of the National Credit Union.

In view of the general unsatisfactory condition of the affairs of this Credit Union, the Superintendent deems it unsafe and inexpedient to permit it to continue in business, and has, therefore, pursuant to the authority vested in him, taken possession of the said Credit Union for the purpose of liquidation.

The amount due shareholders and depositors, as shown by the books of the institution as at the close of business Oct. 26 1931, was \$24,798.

The Brooklyn (New York) Trust Co.'s statement of condition as of March 28 1932, issued April 6, showed undivided profits of \$2,996,991 against \$2,893,065 on Dec. 31 1931, an increase of \$103,926. Surplus of \$10,000,000 and reserves of \$10,210,342 were shown. Deposits were \$101,987,519, which total compares with \$116,774,588 on Dec. 31 1931, a seasonal decrease of \$14,787,069. A dividend amounting to \$328,000 was declared during the first quarter, which, together with the increase in undivided profits, indicates earnings of \$431,926. In the period between Dec. 31 1930 and March 25 1931 a dividend amounting to \$410,000 was declared and undivided profits increased \$5,139, indicating earnings of \$415,139 for that period.

At a meeting of the directors of the Catskill National Bank & Trust Co., Catskill, N. Y., on March 29, the following changes were made in the personnel of the institution: John H. Story, heretofore Assistant Cashier, was chosen President to succeed the late James P. Phillips, and Charles L. Van Loan, formerly a Teller, was advanced to Assistant Cashier to succeed Mr. Story. The bank's roster is now as follows: John H. Story, President; Samuel C. Hopkins and Lyle B. Honeyford, Vice-Presidents; P. Gardner Coffin, Cashier, and Charles L. Van Loan, Assistant Cashier.

On March 24 the New York State Banking Department approved an increase in the capital stock of the Rensselaer County Bank at Rensselaer, N. Y., from \$200,000 to \$222,500.

Leonard C. Nickerson, heretofore Assistant Treasurer of the Institute for Savings in Roxbury, Boston, Mass., was

recently promoted to Treasurer, succeeding Henry West, resigned. Mr. Nickerson has been with the bank for 23 years, becoming Assistant Treasurer in 1913. Mr. West, whose resignation was due to ill health, had been associated with the institution for 43 years and its Treasurer since 1913.

Samuel R. Ruggles, formerly Assistant Cashier of the Atlantic National Bank of Boston, Mass., was advanced to the Cashiership on April 6 to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of Edgar F. Hanscom. After having been employed for a short period in a bank, in Newtonville, Mass., Mr. Ruggles entered the employ of the old Atlantic National Bank as a clerk and messenger 31 years ago. His close application to business brought him steady advancement and he became in turn, Transit Manager, Receiving Teller, Paying Teller, New Business Manager, and also served the institution in the handling of the Liberty bond issues. In 1919 he was promoted to Assistant Cashier, the office from which he has now been advanced to Cashier. While Assistant Cashier, Mr. Ruggles also served for several years as Treasurer of a subsidiary of the bank.

The Middletown National Bank & Trust Co. of Middletown, Conn., as of March 28 1932, changed its title to the Middletown National Bank.

The New Jersey Trust Co. of Long Branch, N. J., closed since Dec. 23 last, reopened for business on Monday of this week, April 4. A dispatch from Long Branch to the Newark "News," in reporting the reopening, said in part:

State and county bankers, also President Hoover, extended greetings to the New Jersey Trust Co. at its reopening to-day.

The bank starts with new capital and surplus of \$126,000 and assets in excess of \$1,000,000. John W. Flock, President, other officials, directors and staff received many visitors at the opening.

Trenton, N. J. advices, last week, to the same paper, regarding the approaching reopening of the trust company, contained in part the following:

The plan under which the bank will reopen will give the depositors complete access to their accounts 12 months after the date of opening. Depositors have signed an agreement permitting a 5% withdrawal on opening date, 2½% more at the end of each of the two following months, when the scale will graduate to 5% for the next two months. For the remainder of the year, 10% withdrawals will be permitted from all accounts each month.

Regarding the affairs of the closed Asbury Park and Ocean Grove Bank, Asbury Park, N. J., a dispatch by the Associated Press from that place on April 2 said:

John B. Stetson, Jr., Philadelphia banker, in a signed statement to-day, said he is ready to take over the reorganization of the closed Asbury Park and Ocean Grove Bank, largest bank in Monmouth County.

Mr. Stetson, also President of the American Readjustment Corporation, is halting his activities rather than interfere with the Depositors' Protective Committee. "However," Mr. Stetson said, "should Colonel William H. Kelly, Banking Commissioner, fail to approve the plans of the local committee, the Stetson organization will try not only to reopen the Asbury Park and Ocean Grove Bank, but also the Seacoast Trust Co., third largest bank in the county."

Both banks closed last December.

The State Bank of Bergenfield, N. J., has been absorbed by the Bergenfield National Bank & Trust Co. of that place, according to Hackensack advices on April 4 to the New York "Times," which went on to say:

All deposits and other liabilities of the State bank are reported to be in sound condition, and its business will be carried on by the National bank. Inability of the State bank to continue on a paying basis is the reason given for the move.

The State bank was opened in 1912 as an offspring of the Bergenfield National Bank & Trust Co. Several directors of the latter institution were interested in the State bank, but later relinquished their connections.

Concerning the affairs of the Glassboro Title & Trust Co. of Glassboro, N. J., the closing of which on Sept. 28 1931 was noted in our issue of Oct. 3 last, page 2208, Associated Press advices from Woodbury, N. J., on April 2, contained the following:

Thirty-three indictments charging him with illegally borrowing funds of the closed Glassboro Title & Trust Co., of which he was Treasurer and director, remained to-day (April 2) against Morgan W. Van Loehr, who was found guilty on a charge of having borrowed \$900 in December 1930 without authority.

A jury deliberated six hours last night to bring in a verdict against Van Loehr after the prosecution had charged the "directors have shown the loan was not approved."

The thirty-three counts remaining accuse Van Loehr of borrowing \$12,050 without approval of the board of directors during the two years before the bank closed last Sept. 28.

Wesley Brown, another officer of the bank, indicted on a similar charge, testified yesterday that the \$900 loan had the approval of the Finance Committee of the institution. Prosecutor Summerill, in summing up, said this had not been proved.

James M. Planten, former Assistant Cashier of the People Bank of Hawthorne, N. J., was found "guilty" by a jury

before Judge Joseph A. Delaney in Quarter Sessions Court at Paterson, N. J., on April 6 of embezzlement and falsifying the bank's records. Paterson advices to the New York "Herald Tribune," reporting the foregoing, continuing said:

It was charged by the State that on Feb. 13 1930, Planten had taken the money and then falsified the records in the accounts of Daniel P. Zelliff and Mrs. Bernadine V. Welle, attorney for Bernard Kearns, her uncle, to cover the shortage.

Planten was acquitted of similar charges on Jan. 5. In all the Passaic County Grand Jury returned 12 indictments against Planten charging defalcations of \$44,500.

Concerning the affairs of the closed Lancaster Trust Co. of Lancaster, Pa., advices from that place on April 6 to the Philadelphia "Ledger" contained the following:

The State Banking Department to-night caused the arrest of Flyod H. Evans, a former receiving teller in the Lancaster Trust Co., on charges of embezzlement. . . . Evans failed to post \$2,000 bail and was detained at police headquarters.

The complaint says: "That on or before Jan. 11 1932, the defendant did unlawfully, as a receiving teller of the Lancaster Trust Co., incorporated under laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, embezzle, abstract and willfully misapply the moneys, funds or credits of the said Lancaster Trust Co. of the amount of \$7,500 and did willfully and unlawfully make, or cause to be made, false entries in the books, reports or statements of the said Lancaster Trust Co. with intent to injure or defraud the said institution and with the intention to deceive the officers of the said institution or the bank examiner of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or other persons legally authorized to examine the affairs of the said institution."

The Union Banking Co. of Marysville, Ohio, failed to open for business on March 28, according to Associated Press advices from that place, which added:

A notice, posted on the door, said the directors of the company had requested Ira J. Fulton, State Superintendent of Banking, to take over the institution.

Frederick Jesse Reynolds, Chairman of the Board of the First National Bank of Toledo, Ohio, died in that city on April 2 at the age of 74. The deceased banker had been in ill health for four years. Mr. Reynolds, who was born in Jackson, Mich., began his career as a clerk in the office of the Reynolds Brothers Co., a Toledo grain house. In 1887 he became Vice-President and General Manager of the Toledo & Michigan Belt RR. Co., holding the office until the company was taken over by the Michigan Central RR. He was a member of the New York Produce Exchange.

Samuel A. Brown, former President of the closed Iroquois County Bank at Cissna Park (Chicago), Ill., committed suicide on March 29. His act was ascribed to despondency because of financial matters. The deceased banker was 65 years of age.

Herman H. Heins, Vice-President of the First National Bank of Chicago, Ill., died March 29 at his home in Chicago after a protracted illness. Mr. Heins was born in Monee, Ill., May 5 1872, and had been continuously connected with the First National Bank for more than 40 years, becoming an official in 1909.

The Farmers' & Merchants' State Bank of Bushnell, Ill., recently assumed the deposit liabilities of the Bank of Bushnell, and the business of the latter institution was liquidated. The Farmers' & Merchants' State Bank, which is capitalized at \$50,000, now has total deposits of \$700,000. No change was made in the personnel of the institution.

State Auditor Nelson of Illinois on April 4 announced that depositors of the Bryn Mawr State Bank, 2110 East 71st St., Chicago, and of the Brainerd State Bank, 8648 South Ashland Boulevard, Chicago, would receive a dividend of 10%, probably at the end of the week, according to the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of April 5, which went on to say:

These will be the first dividends paid by any of the closed banks of the Bain chain. There were 12 Bain banks which closed last June owing 114,000 depositors \$12,889,144.

The Princeton State Bank, Princeton, Wis., which had been closed for several months, reopened March 15 last, with H. J. Maxwell as Vice-President and Cashier, according to the "Commercial West" of March 26. Mr. Maxwell is also a Vice-President of the First National Bank of Ripon, Wis., it was stated.

The Princeton State Bank, Princeton, Wis., after having been closed for several months, reopened on March 15. The new bank has combined capital and surplus of \$60,000, deposits of \$346,957, and total resources of \$407,175.

The following changes were made in the personnel of the Winona National & Savings Bank of Winona, Minn., at

the annual meeting of the directors held recently, according to the "Commercial West" of April 2: William B. Watkins, sales director of the J. R. Watkins Co.; Ralph G. Boalt and D. C. Alexander, Secretary and Assistant Treasurer, respectively, of the Watkins Co., and L. D. Allen, formerly Cashier of the Bank, were appointed Vice-Presidents, while W. F. Queisser, heretofore Assistant Cashier, was promoted to Cashier, to succeed Mr. Allen.

On March 28 the Comptroller of the Currency issued a charter for the Newton National Bank at Newton, Iowa, capitalized at \$100,000. H. C. McCardell is President and O. L. Karsten, Cashier of the institution.

A new State bank has been organized in Washington, Iowa., according to the "Commercial West" of April 18 has been announced tentatively as the opening date of the institution, which will be known as the Washinton State Bank. It will have combined capital and surplus of \$100,000. Officers will be as follows: Glenn Barelay, President; R. F. Davis, Vice-President, and Lee Holland, Cashier.

The closing of a small Kansas bank, the Farmers' State Bank at Bloom, was announced by the State Banking Department on March 29, according to the Topeka "Capital" of the following day, which furthermore said:

The closing was by order of the bank's Board of Directors. "Frozen" assets and depleted reserves were given as the reason. A. E. Von Trebra, Deputy Bank Commissioner, was placed in charge.

That the State Bank of Commerce, at Gate, Okla., and the Farmers' State Bank at Knowles, Okla., had reopened was reported in advices from Oklahoma City, Okla., on April 1, printed in the "United States Daily," which said, in part:

Two Oklahoma State banks have been permitted to reopen by C. G. Shull, State Bank Commissioner, after a suspension of several weeks, and will operate under the moratorium plan devised by the State Banking Department officials to prevent closing of banks.

Under the moratorium plan, according to M. B. Cope, attorney for the Banking Department, the banks operate under agreement with the old depositors not to withdraw any of their funds until bank officials can liquidate frozen or slow assets.

The banks, however, accept new deposits and pay funds out of these deposits on demand of depositors and handle matters of exchange, but make no new loans.

Effective at the close of business March 12 last, the National Bank of Kaw City, Okla., went into voluntary liquidation. This bank, which had a capital of \$25,000, was absorbed by the First National Bank in Kaw City.

That the Arkansas Supreme Court on April 4 upheld the conviction of A. B. Banks (reputed the foremost financier in Arkansas before his chain of banks collapsed in the fall of 1930) for being an accessory to the receipt of deposits in the American Exchange Trust Co. of Little Rock (of which he was President) when the institution was insolvent, was indicated in Little Rock advices on April 4 to the New York "Journal of Commerce." Mr. Banks was sentenced in the Circuit Court of Little Rock on Sept. 8 last to serve a year in the State penitentiary, as noted in our Sept. 12 issue, page 1720.

Effective March 28 1932, the First National Bank of Jefferson City, Mo., was placed in voluntary liquidation. The institution, which was capitalized at \$200,000, was absorbed by the Exchange National Bank of Jefferson City. An item with reference to the proposed taking over of the First National by the Exchange National appeared in our Feb. 27 issue, page 1509.

Two former officials of the defunct People's Bank & Trust Co. of Tupelo, Miss., were indicted, arraigned and released under bond on March 31, and two other former officers were indicted on the same day for later appearance in connection with the closing of the institution on Dec. 26 1930. Associated Press advices from Tupelo, reporting this, went on to say:

S. J. High, President, was indicted on two charges of embezzlement, one charge of obtaining a loan without consent of the Executive Committee and a majority of the directors, and two counts of receiving deposits after the bank became insolvent.

He was released under bond along with O. H. Dabbs, who was indicted on two counts of receiving deposits in the insolvent bank. Both men pleaded "not guilty."

The two others indicted were V. S. Whitesides, Cashier, and J. M. Thomas, Vice-President. They were charged with receiving deposits after the bank was insolvent.

Robert F. Young, a Vice-President of the Deposit Guaranty Bank & Trust Co., of Jackson, Miss., and one of the leading financiers of that city for more than 25 years, com-

mitted suicide in the bank building early on the morning of April 2. Personal business worries, in no way connected with the affairs of the bank, caused a nervous breakdown. All of Mr. Young's affairs directly related to the Deposit Guaranty Bank & Trust Co. were found in good shape. The Jackson "News" of April 2, in reporting Mr. Young's death, said in part:

The nervous breakdown of Mr. Young is directly attributed to his worries over the affairs of the defunct First National Bank (Jackson), which closed its doors more than a year ago, and of which he had been an officer for 23 years.

A few days since formal notice was served by J. R. Stevens, receiver of the First National Bank, on all former officers and directors, irrespective of the time when their affiliations with the institution ceased, that they would be held financially responsible for certain loans made by the bank, and suits instituted in due course of time.

Although he had retired from the First National Bank in February 1929, more than three years ago, Mr. Young received one of these notices and it is believed that this was the direct provoking cause of the nervous breakdown.

The First National Bank of Goree, Tex., capitalized at \$25,000, went into voluntary liquidation on March 2 1932. It was succeeded by the First National Bank in Munday, Texas.

As of March 15 1932, the Citizens' National Bank of Brownwood, Tex., with capital of \$100,000, was placed in voluntary liquidation. It was succeeded by the Citizens' National Bank in Brownwood.

Reopening of the Southern Counties Bank of Anaheim, Cal., and its branches in Cypress, Buena Park and El Monte, closed the latter part of January 1932, has been authorized by Edward Rainey, State Director of Banking for California, according to a dispatch from Anaheim on March 31, printed in the Los Angeles "Times." The terms of the authorization require that the bank and its branches shall reopen by April 18 next. The dispatch furthermore said in part:

Virtually all depositors have signed agreements to leave 60% of their present commercial deposits in the banks for periods ranging from six to eight months. This money is to be transferred to the savings department.

The bank expects to have \$300,000 in available cash to start business. Its capitalization has been increased from \$130,000 to \$175,000 and may exceed this figure when business actually is resumed, according to Mr. Schumacher (one of the directors).

Five members of the Board of Directors will be replaced and business is to be resumed with a board of 15 members. A Manager will be selected at the first meeting of the Board, which will be held immediately after the doors of the bank have opened.

The Anaheim branch home is to be remodeled inside and out, giving the structure the atmosphere of a modern banking institution.

The closing of the Southern Counties Bank and its branches was indicated in our issue of Feb. 6 1932, page 969.

The First National Bank of Ontario, Ore., capitalized at \$50,000, was placed in voluntary liquidation on March 12. The institution was taken over by the Ontario National Bank of the same place.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

The New York stock market met with a further severe setback this week as sharp declines were recorded all along the line. New lows were registered day after day by many of the active speculative favorites due to heavy liquidation, and while there were numerous attempts to rally the market they were not maintained for any very lengthy period and the trend again turned downward. Railroad shares continued to show great weakness due to unsatisfactory earnings and dividend cuts. Public utilities have been weak and industrial stocks and specialties have slipped back to new lows for the current movement. The interesting feature of the week was the cut on Tuesday in the dividend rate on the common stock of the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. Co. from \$1.50 to \$1.00. Call money renewed at 2½% on Monday, remained unchanged at that rate throughout the week.

Liquidation dominated the trading during the short session on Saturday and carried the averages down to new low levels for the current movement. Railroad shares were the weak issues owing to dividend uncertainties for the second quarter. Utilities and industrials were also down, many active issues slipping to new lows for the year. Motor stocks moved around without definite trend, the aggressive sales campaign now in progress having little effect on the day's transactions.

The outstanding changes on the side of the decline included among others such stocks as Allied Chemical & Dye 3 points to 110¼, Atchison 2 points to 61, Auburn Auto 3½ points to 62½, J. I. Case 2¾ points to 29½, General

Railway Signal 2½ points to 15, Homestake Mining 2¾ points to 123¼, National Lead 2½ points to 60, Peoples Gas 2⅞ points to 80½, Union Pacific 2 points to 66½, Worthington Pump 2¼ points to 11½ and Reading 2½ points to 20½.

On Monday the stock market continued its downward drift and railroad stocks and public utilities were again conspicuously weak. Active issues in every group sagged and losses ranging up to 5 or more points were registered at the close. Auburn Auto was particularly weak and at one period of the trading was off more than 6 points. There was a very moderate rally late in the session that cancelled part of the early losses, but there remained a long list of active stocks that were fractionally down on the day. The principal changes on the down side included, among others, American Tobacco, 2½ points to 73; Atchison pref., 2½ points to 72½; Bangor & Aroostook, 2¾ points to 17¼; Utah Copper, 3½ points to 36½; Pacific Tel. & Tel., 3 points to 89½; National Biscuit, 2 points to 35; Delaware & Hudson, 2½ points to 62; Louisville & Nashville, 2 points to 15; Brooklyn Union Gas, 2⅞ points to 74½, and Brooklyn Manhattan Transit, 3 points to 39. The market broke badly on Tuesday and a host of active issues dropped down to new low levels. High priced railroad shares were particularly hard hit, Atchison at one period showing a loss of 7 points and Union Pacific closed at 61½, with a loss of 4½ points. Specialties were down from 1 to 4 or more points and Auburn Auto dipped 5½ points to 56. The interesting feature of the day was the cut in the quarterly dividend rate on the common stock of Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe from \$1.50 to \$1.00. The outstanding changes on the side of the decline were Allied Chemical & Dye, 3¼ points to 68½; American Can, 2¾ points to 56½; American Tel. & Tel., 3½ points to 107¾; J. I. Case, 2½ points to 28; Consolidated Gas, 2½ points to 54¾; Detroit Edison, 2 points to 95; du Pont, 2½ points to 42½; Eastman Kodak, 3½ points to 68½; Peoples Gas, 6¾ points to 71¾; Norfolk & Western, 5¼ points to 94¾; Studebaker, 2¾ points to 97; Standard Gas & Electric, 2¼ points to 17¼, and Coca Cola, 2¾ points to 105.

The market was decidedly irregular on Wednesday, with mixed changes throughout the list and while there was a brisk rally for a brief period toward the close of the session renewed selling developed in some parts of the list, which cancelled a good part of the early gains. In the morning trading some of the speculative favorites scored substantial advances, including Air Reduction and Allied Chemical & Dye, but the gains failed to hold in the later recessions. The closing prices were again on the side of the decline and included among others, American Can, which slipped back 1¼ points to 55¼; American Water Works, which fell off 2 points to 20; United States Steel, which dipped 1½ points to 35; National Biscuit, which dropped to 32 with a loss of 1¼ points and Peoples Gas, which tumbled 3½ points to 68½. Other losses were Atchison, 1¾ points to 53½; Bon Ami, 2 points to 46; Consolidated Gas, 2¼ points to 52½; Homestake Mining Co., 2½ points to 120; Detroit Edison, 4 points to 91; Eastman Kodak, 2⅞ points to 65¼, and Pacific Gas, 1½ points to 27.

Liquidation was again in evidence during the forenoon on Thursday, several popular issues being under heavy pressure during the morning. As the day advanced, the market steadied, due to short covering and stocks took an upward turn toward the close of the session. One of the features of the day was the weakness of American Can, which slid off to 52½ in the early transactions and finally closed at 53½, with a net loss of 2⅞ points. Kresge was another noteworthy feature as it was driven sharply downward to a new low for the year at 8¾, with a loss of nearly 3 points. Other recessions recorded at the end of the session included many preferred stocks, which closed with declines ranging up to 5 or more points. United States Steel sold down to the minimum and so did such stocks as Bethlehem Steel, Del. Lack. & West., General Motors, New York Central, Union Pacific, Eastman Kodak, du Pont and a host of others.

Sharp declines in the railroad shares and public utilities was the outstanding feature of the transactions on Friday, and while the volume of sales were very moderate the steady stream of liquidation forced prices downward, the losses ranging from 1 to 3 or more points. Industrial issues were also down and new lows for the present decline were recorded by such speculative favorites as U. S. Steel, American Tel. & Tel., Consolidated Gas, American Can,

CLEARINGS—(Continued.)

Table with columns for Clearings at (Month of March, Three Months Ended March 31, Week Ended April 2) and rows for various Federal Reserve Districts (e.g., Second Federal Reserve District - New York, Third Federal Reserve District - Philadelphia, etc.) showing dollar amounts and percentage changes.

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1931 is as below:

Table with columns: Exports for Week and Since July 1 to, Flour, Wheat, Corn. Sub-columns: Week April 2 1932, Since July 1 1931, Week April 2 1932, Since July 1 1931, Week April 2 1932, Since July 1 1931. Rows include United Kingdom, Continent, So. & Cent. Amer., West Indies, Brit. No. Am. Col., Other countries, Total 1932, Total 1931.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, April 2, were as follows:

GRAIN STOCKS. United States—Wheat, bush. Corn, bush. Oats, bush. Rye, bush. Barley, bush. Rows include New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Newport News, New Orleans, Galveston, Fort Worth, Buffalo, Toledo, Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee, Duluth, Minneapolis, St. Louis, Kansas City, Wichita, Hutchinson, St. Joseph, Mo., Peoria, Indianapolis, Omaha, and various totals for Apr. 2 1932, Mar. 26 1932, Apr. 4 1932.

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 1,000 bushels; total, 1,000 bushels, against 10,000 bushels in 1931. Barley, New York, 61,000 bushels; Buffalo, 465,000; total, 526,000 bushels, against 754,000 bushels in 1931. Wheat, New York, 1,695,000 bushels; New York afloat, 296,000; Baltimore, 75,000; Buffalo, 3,345,000; Buffalo afloat, 5,790,000; total, 11,201,000 bushels, against 9,777,000 bushels in 1931.

Canadian—Wheat, bush. Corn, bush. Oats, bush. Rye, bush. Barley, bush. Rows include Montreal, Ft. William & Pt. Arthur, Other Canadian, and various totals for Apr. 2 1932, Mar. 26 1932, Apr. 4 1931.

Summary—American, Canadian, and various totals for Apr. 2 1932, Mar. 26 1932, Apr. 4 1931.

The world's shipments of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending Friday, April 1, and since July 1 1931 and 1930, are shown in the following:

Exports. Wheat, Corn. Sub-columns: Week April 1 1932, Since July 1 1931, Since July 1 1930, Week April 1 1932, Since July 1 1931, Since July 1 1930. Rows include North Amer., Black Sea, Argentina, Australia, India, Oth. countr's, Total.

San Francisco Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at San Francisco Stock Exchange, April 2 to April 8, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Rows include Alaska Juneau Gold Min., Anglo Calif Trust Co., Anglo London P Nat Bk., Assoc Ins Fund Inc., Bank of Calif N A, Bond & Share Co Ltd., Byron Jackson Co., Calamba Sugar com, 7% pref., Calaveras Cem Co 7% pf., Calif Packing Corp., Caterpillar Tractor, Chlorox Chemical Co A., Coast Cos G & E 6% 1st pt, Cons Chem Indus A., Crown Zell vot tr cts., Preferred A., Preferred B., Eldorado Oil Works, Emporium Capwell Corp., Fageol Motors com.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Rows include Firemans Fund Ins., Food Mach Corp com, Golen State Co Ltd., Hawaiian P & S Ltd., Hawaiian Pineapple, Home F & M Ins Co., Honolulu Oil Corp Ltd., Honolulu Plantation, Langendorf United Bak A., Leslie Calif Salt Co., L A Gas & Elec Corp pref., Magnavox Co Ltd., Magnin & Co I 6% pref., Marchant Calif Mach com, Merc Amer Rly 6% pref., No Amer Inv com, 6% preferred, North Amer Oil Cons., Oliver United Filters A., Paauihu Sugar, Pacific G & E com, 6% 1st pref., 5 1/2% preferred, Pac Lighting Corp com, 6% preferred, Pac Pub Serv non-vot., Non-voting preferred, Pacific Tel & Tel com, 6% preferred, Paraffine Cos com, Rall Equip & Real 1st pref., Series I, Richfield Oil com, 7% preferred, Roos Bros common, Preferred, S J L & Pow 7% pf pref., 6% prior preferred, Shell Union Oil com, Sherman Clay & Co pr pf., Southern Pac Co., So Pac Golden Gt A., Spring Valley Water Co., Standard Oil Co of Calif., Thomas Allee Corp A., Tide Water Assd Oil com, 6% preferred, Transamerica Corp., Un Oil Associates, Un Oil Co of Calif., Wells Fargo Bk & U T., West Amer Fin Co 8% pf., Western Pipe & Steel Co., Yel Checker Car Co A.

Los Angeles Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Los Angeles Stock Exchange, April 2 to April 8, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Rows include Associated Gas & Elec A., Bolsa Chile Oil A., Broadway Dept St pfd 100, California Bank, Central Investment Co 100, Citizens National Bank 20, Claude Neon Elec Prod., Chrysler Corp, Emseo Derlick & Equip., Goody Tire & Rub pfd 100, Goodyear Textile pref 100, Hancock Oil com 25, Internat'l Re-insur Corp 10, Los Ang Gas & Elec pfd 100, Los Angeles Invest Co 10, MacMillan Petrol Co 25, Mtge. Guarantee Co 100, Pac Amer Fire Insur Co 10, Pac Finance Corp com 10, Preferred series A 10, Series D 10, Pac Gas & Elec com 25, 1st preferred 25, Pacific Lighting com, Pac Mutual Life Insur 10, Pac Public Serv com, 1st preferred, Pacific Western Oil Co, Petrolite Corp, Republic Petroleum Co 10, Richfield Oil com, Preferred 25, Rio Grande Oil com 25, San Joa L&P 7% pf 100, Seaboard Nat'l Bank, Security First Nat'l Bank of Los Angeles, Shell Union Oil Co com 25, Signal Oil & Gas A 25, So Calif Edison com 25, 7% preferred 25, 6% preferred 25, 5 1/2% preferred 25, So Calif Gas 6% pref 25, Southern Pacific Co 100, Standard Oil of Calif, Taylor Milling Corp, Trans-America Corp, Union Oil Associates, Union Oil of Calif, Union Bank & Trust Co 100, Western Air Express 10.

* No par value.

National Banks.—The following information regarding National banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

Table with columns: CHARTERS ISSUED, Capital. Rows include Mar. 28—The Newton National Bank, Newton, Iowa, \$100,000, President, H. C. McCardell; Cashier, O. L. Karsten. CHANGE OF TITLE. Mar. 28—The Middletown National Bank & Trust Co., Middletown, Conn., to "The Middletown National Bank." BRANCHES AUTHORIZED UNDER ACT OF FEB. 25 1927. Mar. 30—The First National Bank of Pontiac, Mich. Location of branches: Corner South Saginaw St. and Wilson Ave.; corner North Perry St. & Glenwood Ave.

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS.

Table listing voluntary liquidations with columns for date, company name, and amount. Includes entries for Mar. 28, Mar. 29, and April 1.

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 Adrian H. Muller & Son, New York:

Table of shares and stocks for Adrian H. Muller & Son, listing company names and prices.

By Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Table of shares and stocks for Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, listing company names and prices.

By R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Table of shares and stocks for R. L. Day & Co., listing company names and prices.

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table of shares and stocks for Barnes & Lofland, listing company names and prices.

By A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo:

Table of shares and stocks for A. J. Wright & Co., listing company names and prices.

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 of dividends announced this week, listing company names, amounts, and dates.

Main table of dividends, listing company names, percentages, payable dates, and books closed dates.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes entries for Miscellaneous (Continued), Amer. Smelting & Refg. Co., Archer-Daniels-Midland, Arrowhead Bridge Co., etc.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes entries for Miscellaneous (Concluded), Oahu Sugar Co., Onomea Sugar, Outlet Co., etc.

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 entries for Railroad (Steam), Atlantic Coast Line RR., Augusta & Savannah, etc.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive, Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Contains financial data for various utility and industrial companies.

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, April 7, and showing the condition of the twelve Reserve banks at the close of business on Wednesday. In the first table we present the results for the System as a whole in comparison with the figures for the seven preceding weeks and with those of the corresponding week last year. The second table shows the resources and liabilities separately for each of the twelve banks. The Federal Reserve Agents' Accounts (third table following) gives details regarding transactions in Federal Reserve notes between the Comptroller and Reserve Agents and between the latter and Federal Reserve banks. The Reserve Board's comment upon the returns for the latest week appears on page 2623, being the first item in our department of "Current Events and Discussions."

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS APRIL 6 1932

Main table showing combined resources and liabilities of the Federal Reserve banks from Apr. 6 1932 to Apr. 8 1931. Includes sub-sections for RESOURCES (Gold with Federal Reserve agents, Gold redemption fund, Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes, etc.) and LIABILITIES (F. R. notes in actual circulation, Deposits, Total liabilities, etc.).

*Revised figures

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS APRIL 6 1932

Table showing weekly statement of resources and liabilities for each of the 12 Federal Reserve banks (Total, Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran.). Includes sub-sections for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES.

Bankers' Gazette.

Wall Street, Friday Night, April 8 1932.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 2659.

Following are sales at Stock Exchange this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on pages which follow:

Table with columns: STOCKS, Week Ended Apr. 8, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Rows include Railroads, Indus. & Miscell., and various company names like Caro Clinch & Ohio, Amalgam Leather, etc.

Foreign Exchange.

Table with columns: To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange, Exchange for Paris on London, The week's range for exchange rates follows: Sterling, Actual, Checks, Cables, Paris Bankers' Francs, Germany Bankers' Marks, Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders.

Quotations for United States Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, &c.

Table with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked, Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked. Rows include Sept. 15 1932, Mar. 15 1933, June 15 1932, Sept. 15 1932, Dec. 15 1932.

United States Liberty Loan Bonds and Treasury Certificates on the New York Stock Exchange.

Below we furnish a daily record of the transactions in Liberty Loan and Treasury certificates on the New York Stock Exchange. The transactions in registered bonds are given in a footnote at the end of the tabulation.

Table with columns: Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices, Apr. 2, Apr. 4, Apr. 5, Apr. 6, Apr. 7, Apr. 8. Rows include First Liberty Loan, Second Liberty Loan, Fourth Liberty Loan, Treasury 4 1/2% 1947-52, Treasury 4s, 1944-1954, Treasury 3 1/2% 1940-1956, Treasury 3 1/2% 1943-1947, Treasury 3s, 1951-1955, Treasury 3 1/2% 1940-1943, Treasury 3 1/2% 1941-43, Treasury 3 1/2% 1940-1949.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were:

Table with columns: 1st 4 1/2% s., 13 4th 4 1/2% s., 15 Treas 4s., 4 Treas 3 1/2% 1943-47-94.

The Curb Exchange.—The review of the Curb Exchange is given this week on page 2660.

A complete record of Curb Exchange transactions for the week will be found on page 2691.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Robert D. Cavanaugh, formerly resident manager of the Los Angeles office of Bancamerica-Blair Corp., has become affiliated with the Los Angeles office of Geo. H. Burr, Conrad & Broom, Inc., in an executive capacity. Pierce R. Garrett, formerly with Bancamerica-Blair Corp., has been named manager of the firm's Los Angeles trading department, and Charles M. Gooding and Richard W. Grigg, who were likewise with Bancamerica-Blair Corp., have joined the sales organization. The firm's Los Angeles commercial paper department will be in charge of Allan W. Dickinson, for the past ten years the Pacific Coast representative for Hathaway & Co. —Ray T. Sterling and Gerald F. Barron announce the opening of Sterling, Barron & Co., secondary market experts in all issues of municipal, Land Bank and U. S. Territorial bonds, with offices at 120 South LaSalle St., Chicago. Mr. Sterling was formerly resident partner, in charge of the Chicago office of Gertler, Devlet & Co., which he opened in November, 1929. Mr. Barron has been connected with the latter house, and prior to that was in charge of trading for Albert E. Pierce & Co. A complete counselor service is also offered in their specialties. —Charles Thomas, formerly Vice-President and Los Angeles resident manager of Geo. H. Burr, Conrad & Broom, Inc., was recently elected a member of the board of directors of Pacific Co. of California. All other members of the board of directors were re-elected at the annual meeting. —Milton G. Hulme, President, Noble H. Metzler, Vice-President, Charles D. Passavant, 3rd, Treasurer and O. E. McPherson, Secretary, have formed the firm of Glover & MacGregor, Inc., to conduct a general investment business in the Oliver Building, Pittsburgh. —Samuel K. Cunningham, formerly Vice-President of Glover, MacGregor & Cunningham, Inc., has formed the firm of Cunningham & Co. for the transaction of a general investment business, with offices in the Commonwealth Building, Pittsburgh. —DuBosque, George & Farrington, members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce that Darton L. Babcock, formerly with Tooker & Co., is now associated with them. —Stanley M. Waldron, formerly with Lehman Brothers, has become associated with Wertheim & Co. as Manager of the municipal bond department.

FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE SECOND PAGE PRECEDING.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday Apr. 2 to Friday Apr. 8), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE (Lowest, Highest), and PER SHARE (Lowest, Highest) for the previous year (1932, 1931).

• Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-right

FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE THIRD PAGE PRECEDING.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday Apr. 2 to Friday Apr. 8) and 'Sales for the Week'. Rows list various stock prices and sales volumes.

Vertical text on the right side of the first table, possibly indicating stock categories or specific share types.

Main table titled 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE'. Columns include 'PER SHARE Range for Year 1932' and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1931'. Rows list numerous stock names and their corresponding price ranges.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. * Ex-dividend. * Ex-dividend and ex-rights.

FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE FOURTH PAGE PRECEDING.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and 'per share' prices. It lists various stock entries with their corresponding prices for each day.

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Table listing various stock companies and their share prices. Includes entries like 'Indus. & Miscell. (Con.)', 'Dome Mines Ltd.', 'Dominion Stores', etc.

PER SHARE Range for Year 1932 On basis of 100-share lots

Table showing the range of share prices for the year 1932, with columns for 'Lowest' and 'Highest' prices.

PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1931

Table showing the range of share prices for the previous year (1931), with columns for 'Lowest' and 'Highest' prices.

* Bid and asked prices: no sales on this day. r Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights. b Ex-dividends.

FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE FIFTH PAGE PRECEDING.

Table with columns for dates (Saturday Apr. 2 to Friday Apr. 8), High and Low Sale Prices, Sales for the Week, Stocks New York Stock Exchange, and Per Share ranges for 1932 and 1931. Includes various stock symbols and prices.

* 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.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and 'Sales for the Week'. It lists various stock symbols and their corresponding prices.

Main table of stock listings under the heading 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE'. It includes columns for 'PER SHARE Range for Year 1932' (Lowest, Highest) and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1931' (Lowest, Highest). The table lists numerous stock names, their current prices, and historical price ranges.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. b Ex-dividend and ex-rights. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE SEVENTH PAGE PRECEDING.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday Apr. 2 to Friday Apr. 8), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range for Year 1932 (Lowest, Highest), PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1931 (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like Pittsburgh Coal, Standard Oil, etc.

* Bid and asked prices: no sales on this day. † Ex-dividend. ‡ Ex-rights.

SALES FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE EIGHTH PAGE PRECEDING.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday Apr. 2, Monday Apr. 4, Tuesday Apr. 5, Wednesday Apr. 6, Thursday Apr. 7, Friday Apr. 8), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range for Year 1932, PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1931.

* Bid and asked prices: no sales on this day. * Ex-dividend. † Ex-rights.

On Jan. 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now "and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds.

Main table with columns: BONDS, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended April 8, Interest Period, Price Friday Apr. 8, Week's Range of Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and various bond details including issuer, maturity, and price.

* Cash sale * At the exchange rate of \$4.8665 to the £ sterling. a Deferred delivery

Table with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended Apr. 8, Interest Period, Price Friday Apr. 8, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes sections for Foreign Govt. & Municipals, Railroad, and various corporate bonds.

Table with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended Apr. 8, Interest Period, Price Friday Apr. 8, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes sections for various corporate bonds, preferred stocks, and other financial instruments.

7 Cash sale. a Deferred delivery.

Table of bond listings under 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' for the week ended Apr. 8. Columns include Bond description, Interest Period, Price (Friday Apr. 8), Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Table of bond listings under 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' for the week ended Apr. 8. Columns include Bond description, Interest Period, Price (Friday Apr. 8), Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, and Range Since Jan. 1.

r Cash sale. d Due May. d Due August. a Deferred delivery.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Apr. 8.', 'Price Friday Apr. 8.', 'Week's Range or Last Sale.', 'Bonds Sold.', 'Range Since Jan. 1.', and 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Apr. 8.' with sub-columns for 'Price Friday Apr. 8.', 'Week's Range or Last Sale.', 'Bonds Sold.', and 'Range Since Jan. 1.'.

r Cash sale a Deferred delivery.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Name, Interest Period, Price (Friday Apr. 8), Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and various other details. The table is organized into two main sections: 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE'.

r Cash sales a Deferred delivery. d Union Oil 5s series C 1935 sold on Jan 5, \$1,000 at 73 "deferred delivery."

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Boston Stock Exchange, April 2 to April 8, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes sections for Railroad, Miscellaneous, and Bonds.

* No par value. † Ex-dividend.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange, April 2 to April 8, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes sections for Bonds and various stocks.

Table with columns: Stocks (Continued), Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes sections for Bonds and various stocks.

Table of stock prices for various companies including Ross Gear & Tool, Ryan Car Co, Ryerson & Sons, etc. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table of stock prices for various companies including Russel Motor, Preferred, Stand Steel Cons, etc. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Toronto Curb.—Record of transactions at the Toronto Curb, April 2 to April 8, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Beath & Son, W D, A, Brewing Corp, Canadian Bronze, etc. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Toronto Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Toronto Stock Exchange, April 2 to April 8, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Abitibi Fr & Paper, Atlantic Sugar, Beatty Bros, etc. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Unlisted—Coast Copper, Noranda, Sherritt Gordon, Teek Hughes, Wright Hargreaves.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, April 2 to April 8, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including American Stores, Bankers Securs, Bell Tel Co of Pa, etc. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, April 2 to April 8, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Arundel Corp., Atlant Coast Line, Black & Decker, etc.

* No par value.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, April 2 to April 8, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Allegheny Steel, Arkansas Nat'l Corp, Preferred, etc.

* No par value.

Cleveland Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange, April 2 to April 8, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Allen Industries, Apex Electrical, Central United, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Patterson Sargent, Peerless Motor, etc.

* No par value.

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange, April 2 to April 8, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Am Laund Mach, Amer Rolling Mill, etc.

* No par value.

Milwaukee Grain & Stock Exchange.—Following is the record of transactions at the Milwaukee Grain & Stock Exchange, April 2 to April 8, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Bucyrus Erie, Harnischfeger, etc.

* No par value.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange, April 2 to April 8, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Bank and Trust, Boatmen's Nat Bank, etc.

* No par value.

New York Produce Exchange Securities Market.—Following is the record of transactions at the New York Produce Exchange Securities Market, April 2 to April 8, 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). Includes entries like Admiralty Alaska Gold, Andes Petroleum, etc.

Table of San Francisco and Los Angeles Stock Exchange transactions. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, and Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries for Bagdad Copper, Bancamerica Blair, Belmont Metals, etc.

* No par value.

San Francisco Stock Exchange.—See page 2665.

Los Angeles Stock Exchange.—See page 2665.

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 (April 2 1932) and ending the present Friday (April 8 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.

Main table of New York Curb Exchange transactions. Columns include Week Ended April 8, Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, and Range Since Jan. 1. Includes categories like Indus. & Miscellaneous, Consol Theatres, and various utility and bond issues.

Table with multiple columns: Public Utilities (Concluded), Mining Stocks (Concluded), and various stock listings. Columns include Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1 (Low, High), and dates. The table is organized into sections for Public Utilities, Mining Stocks, Former Standard Oil Subsidiaries, and Other Oil Stocks.

Quotations for Unlisted Securities

Public Utility Bonds.

Table of Public Utility Bonds with columns for bond name, price, and other details. Includes entries like 'Am Com'th P 5 1/2% '53. M&N' and 'Broad Riv P 5% 1954. M&S'.

Investment Trusts (Concluded).

Table of Investment Trusts with columns for trust name, price, and other details. Includes entries like 'Public Service Trust Shares' and 'Trustee Standard Oil Shs A'.

Public Utility Stocks.

Table of Public Utility Stocks with columns for stock name, price, and other details. Includes entries like 'Alabama Power \$7 pref.' and 'Arizona Power \$7 pref.'.

Industrial Stocks.

Table of Industrial Stocks with columns for stock name, price, and other details. Includes entries like 'Adams Mills \$7 pref.' and 'Aeolian Co \$7 pref.'.

Investment Trusts.

Table of Investment Trusts with columns for trust name, price, and other details. Includes entries like 'A B C Trust Shares ser E' and 'Amer Brit & Cont \$6 pref.'.

Telephone and Telegraph Stocks.

Table of Telephone and Telegraph Stocks with columns for stock name, price, and other details. Includes entries like 'Am Dist Tel of N J \$4.' and 'Bell Tel (Can) 8% pref.'.

Chain Store Stocks.

Table of Chain Store Stocks with columns for stock name, price, and other details. Includes entries like 'Bohac (H C) Inc com.' and 'Butler (James) common'.

* No par value. a Last reported marked. d New stock. e Ex-stock dividend. z Dividend. y Ex-rights.

Quotations for Unlisted Securities—Concluded—Page 2

Sugar Stocks.

Table with columns: Par, Bid, Ask, Sugar Estates Oriente pt 100, United Porto Rican com, Preferred.

Federal Land Bank Bonds.

Table with columns: 4s 1937 optional 1937 M&N, 4s 1938 optional 1938 M&N, 4 1/2s 1935 opt 1935 J&J, etc.

New York Bank Stocks.

Table with columns: Bank of Yorktown, Chase, City (National), Columbus Bank, Comm'l Nat Bank & Tr, etc.

Trust Companies.

Table with columns: Banca Com Italiana Tr, Bank of Siliy Trust, Bank of New York & Tr, etc.

Chicago Bank Stocks.

Table with columns: Central Republic, Chic Bk of Commerce, Continental II Bk & Tr, etc.

Industrial and Railroad Bonds.

Table with columns: Adams Express 4s '47 J&D, American Meter 6s 1946, Amer Tobacco 4s 1951 F&A, etc.

Insurance Companies.

Table with columns: Aetna Casualty & Surety, Aetna Fire, Aetna Life, American Allance, etc.

Realty, Surety and Mortgage Companies.

Table with columns: Bond & Mortgage Guar, Empire Title & Guar, Guaranty Title & Mortgage, etc.

Aeronautical Stocks.

Table with columns: Alexander Indus 8% pref, American Airports Corp, Aviation Sec of New Engl, etc.

Quotations for Other Over-the-Counter Securities

Short Term Securities.

Table with columns: Allis-Chal Mfg 5s May 1937, Alum Co of Amer 5s May '52, Amer Metal 5 1/2s 1934 A&O, etc.

Water Bonds.

Table with columns: Alton Water 5s 1956 A&O, Ark Wat 1st 5s 1954 ser B, M&S, Ashtabula W W 5s 1958A&O, etc.

Railroad Equipments.

Table with columns: Atlantic Coast Line 6s, Equipment 6 1/2s, Baltimore & Ohio 6s, etc.

Investment Trust Stocks and Bonds.

Table with columns: Bankers Nat Invest com A, Beneficial Indus Loan pref, Colonial Investors Shares, etc.

* No par value. aAnd dividend. d Last reported market. f Flat price. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

Table with 3 columns: Name of Company, Issue of Chronicle, Page. Lists various companies like Texas Corp, United States Steel Corp, etc.

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—We give below the latest weekly returns of earnings for all roads making such reports:

Table with 6 columns: Name, Period Covered, Current Year, Previous Year, Inc. (+) or Dec. (-), and a column for \$ amounts.

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.

Table with 5 columns: Month, Gross Earnings (1931, 1930), Inc. (+) or Dec. (-), Length of Road (1931, 1930).

Table with 5 columns: Month, Net Earnings (1931, 1930), Inc. (+) or Dec. (-), Amount, Per Cent.

Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.

Table with 5 columns: Company, 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929. Includes Canadian Pacific Lines in Maine and Vermont, Minn St Paul & Sault Ste Marie.

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...

National Railways of Mexico.

Table with 2 columns: Railway operating revenues/expenses, Net operating revenue, Percentage expenses to revenue, etc.

New York City Street Railways.

Table with 6 columns: Companies, Operating Income, Gross Income, Deductions from Income, Net Corp. Income.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS COS.

Alaska Juneau Gold Mining Co.

Table with 5 columns: Period End, Mar. 31, 1932—Month—1931, 1932—3 Mos.—1931, Gross earnings, Net prof. after oper. exp. but before deprec., deple'n & Fed. taxes.

American Power & Light Co. (And Subsidiaries.)

Comparative Consolidated Statement of Income (Intercompany Items Eliminated). 12 Months Ended— Subsidiaries— Operating revenues... Operating expenses, including taxes... Net revenues from operation... Other income... Gross corporate income... Interest to public and other deductions... Preferred dividends to public... Retirement (depreciation) reserve appropriations... Portion applicable to minority interests...

Balance applicable to American Power & Lt. Co. American Power & Light Co.— Balance of subs. income applicable to American Power & Light Co. (as shown above) Other income... Total income... Expenses, including taxes... Interest to public and other deductions... Balance applicable to preferred stocks... Dividends on preferred stocks... Regular dividends on common stock... Paid in cash... Paid in common stock...

x In addition to the regular stock dividends on common stock, an extra stock dividend of one-tenth of a share (10%) was paid in common stock in December, 1930, the distribution being from surplus and amounting to \$3,213,174.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Mar. 12 '32, p. 1950

American Ship & Commerce Co.

Earnings for Quarter Ended March 31 1932. Income from interest received... General expenses... Interest charges... Net loss...

American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.

—Month of February— 12 Mos. End. Feb. 29— 1932. 1931. 1932. 1931. Gross earnings... Oper. expenses, maint. & taxes... Gross income... Less—Int. & amortiz. of discount of subsidiaries... Preferred dividends of subsidiaries... Balance... Balance... Int. & amortiz. of discount of American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc... Balance... Reserved for renewals, retire. & depletion... Net income... Preferred dividends... Available for common stock... Non-recurring income... Total available for common stock... Shares of common stock outstanding...

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Mar. 12 '32, p. 1942

Bangor Hydro-Electric Co.

—Month of February— —12 Mos. End. Feb. 29— 1932. 1931. 1932. 1931. Gross earnings... Oper. exp. & taxes... Gross income... Interest, &c... Net income... Preferred stock dividend... Depreciation... Balance... Common stock dividend... Balance... Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Feb. 20 '32, p. 1369

Broad Street Investing Co., Inc.

3 Months Ended March 31— 1932. 1931. Cash dividends on stocks... Interest on bonds... Interest on deposits... Total income... Comp. to Broad Street Management Corp... Interest credited to contingent tax reserve... Custodian fees... Registrar & transfer agent services... State franchise taxes... Legal & auditing... Directors' fees... Miscellaneous... Operating income... Note.—Net loss realized on sale of securities during the 3 months ended March 31 1932 (computed on the basis of average cost) which has been charged against a special account under surplus amounts to \$89,779.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Jan. 30 '32, p. 851

Century Shares Trust.

Earnings for Three Months Ended March 31 1932. Cash dividends... Interest... Total income... Trustees' fees... Operating expenses... Net income... Net div. accrued on purchase and sales of participating shares... Undistributed income... Loss from sales of securities... Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Feb. 13 '32, p. 1199

Capital Administration Co., Ltd.

3 Mos. End. March 31— 1932. 1931. Cash dividends on stocks... Interest on bonds... Interest on deposits... Total income... Interest on 5% gold debentures... Amortization of disc. & expenses on debentures... Compensation to Broad St. Management Corp... Custodian fees... Registrar and transfer agent services... State franchise & other taxes... Legal, auditing, stockholders reports, &c... Directors' fees... Miscellaneous...

Net income for the three months carried to operating deficit account... The net loss realized from sale of securities during the 3 mos. (computed on the basis of average cost), which has been charged against a special account under surplus amounts to...

Note.—Aggregate depreciation in market value of securities as compared with cost as at Dec. 31 1931, \$2,638,488; as at March 31, 1932, \$2,121,897. Decrease in this item during the three months, \$516,591.

Change in Net Assets Adjusted for Market Value of Securities Owned.

Net assets—Dec. 31 1931... Cost of 5% gold debentures, series A, repurchased... Dividend on preferred stock... Total... Decrease for the 3 months—incl. adjustment for present market value of investments... Net assets—March 31 1932

Net assets as above per \$1,000 debenture stock (\$50 par)... Net assets as above per sh. of cl. A stk... x Including investments at market prices and before deducting outstanding debentures.

Statement of Surplus for the 3 Months Ending March 31 1932.

Capital surplus: Balance at Dec. 31 1931... Arising from the repurchase at a discount of \$155,000 face value 5% gold debentures, series A... Total... Dividend on preferred stock...

Total capital surplus... Realized losses on securities sold: balance at Dec. 31 1931... Net loss realized on securities sold during the 3 months ending March 31 1932... Total realized losses on securities sold... Operating deficit: balance at Dec. 31 1931... Net income for 3 months end. March 31 1932... Net operating deficit... Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Jan. 16 '32, p. 509

Consolidated Gas Electric Light & Power Co. of Balt.

2 Months Ended— Feb. 29 '32. Feb. 28, '31. Revenue from electric sales... Revenue from gas sales... Revenue from steam sales... Miscellaneous operating revenue (interest on money on deposit, rents & sundry items of inc)... Total gross operating revenue... Operating expenses... Retirement expense... Taxes... Net operating revenue (remainder after operating exp.—incl. retirement exp.—and taxes)... Miscellaneous non-operating revenue... Total revenue... Fixed charges... Net income... Preferred dividends... Common dividends... Surplus... Shs. com. stk. outstand. (no par)... Earnings per share... Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Mar. 5 '32, p. 1758

Cresson Consolidated Gold Mining & Milling Co.

Earnings for Period from Sept. 1 1931 to Dec. 31 1931. Net ore sales... Interest on bank balances... Royalty including gold sovereign lease... Total income... State and County taxes... Total mine expense... Other expenses... Net revenue... Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Jan. 30 '32, p. 853

Eastern Steamship Lines, Inc.

—Month of February— —2 Mos. End. Feb. 29— 1932. 1931. 1932. 1931. Operating revenue... Operating expense... Operating deficit... Other income... Other expense... Net deficit... Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle May 16 '31, p. 3720

First American Corp.

Earnings for Three Months Ended March 31 1932. Cash dividends on stocks... Interest on bonds... Interest on deposits... Total income... Compensation to Broad Street Management Corp... Custodian fees... State franchise taxes... Legal and auditing... General expense... Net income... Net loss on securities sold... Net loss for the three months... Note.—Aggregate depreciation in market value of securities as compared with cost: As at Dec. 31 1931, \$464,983; as at March 31 1932, \$139,320; decrease in this item during the three months, \$325,663. Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Jan. 30 '32, p. 855

Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Co., Inc.

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1932, 1931, 1932, 1931. Rows include Telep. oper. revenues, Net telep. oper. rev., Operating income, etc.

Third National Investors Corp.

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1932, 1931, 1932, 1931. Rows include Interest, Cash dividends, Total income, etc.

Security Profits Account Three Months Ended March 31 1932. Loss realized on sale of securities, based on average cost...

Decrease in unrealized loss \$642,236 Change in Net Assets Three Months Ended March 31 1932.

Table with 4 columns: Item, Total, Per Share. Rows include Net assets, market value—Dec. 31 1931, etc.

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1932, 1931, 1932, 1931. Rows include Decrease for period—Net income, Net loss on sale of securities, etc.

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1932, 1931, 1932, 1931. Rows include Net assets, market value—March 31 1932, etc.

Ward Baking Corp.

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1932, 1931, 1932, 1931. Rows include Net after int. deprec. and Federal taxes, etc.

Wesson Oil & Snowdrift Co., Inc.

Table with 4 columns: Item, Feb. 29, '32, Feb. 28, '31. Rows include Net sales, Cost of sales, Depreciation, etc.

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1932, 1931, 1932, 1931. Rows include Operating profit, Other income, Total income, etc.

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1932, 1931, 1932, 1931. Rows include Net profit, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, etc.

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1932, 1931, 1932, 1931. Rows include Deficit, Earnings per sh. on 600,000 shs. comm. stk. (no par), etc.

Zenith Radio Corp.

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1932, 1931, 1932, 1931. Rows include Net loss after exp. deprec & adjust., etc.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Louisville & Nashville RR.

(81st Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.)

The report, signed by Chairman Lyman Delano and President W. R. Cole, together with income account, comparative balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1931, and other statistical data, will be found under "Reports and Documents" on subsequent pages of this issue.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Large table with 4 columns: Calendar Years—1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Freight revenue, Passenger revenue, Total income, Expenses—Maint. of way, Net from railroad, etc.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Co.

(85th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.)

W. W. Atterbury, President, says in substance:

The Year 1931.—The world-wide economic upheaval, with its attendant industrial recession and large reduction in production and consumption, became more acute as the year progressed, with no improvement at the close of 1931.

Revenues and Expenses.—Total railway operating revenues decreased \$122,375,081, or 21.5%. Freight revenues decreased 21.1% and passenger revenues decreased 23.7%.

Total railway operating expenses decreased \$74,317,250, or 17.4%. The principal decreases were: \$18,698,673 in maintenance of way and structures; \$17,716,134 in maintenance of equipment, and \$34,591,475 in transportation. Taxes decreased \$5,692,019, due chiefly to a reduction in taxable income.

Net Railway Operating Income.—Net railway operating income amounted to \$51,055,806, a decrease of \$41,125,751, and was equal to only 2% upon the investment in road and equipment.

Dividend Income.—The decrease in "dividend income" is due chiefly to lower rates of dividends on stocks of affiliated and other companies, offset to some extent by dividends on increased holdings of stocks of leased and other companies. The decrease in "income from funded securities" results chiefly because of sales of bonds owned by the company.

Fixed Charges and Other Payments.—The increase in "interest on funded debt" is due chiefly to a full year's interest on the 40-year 4 1/2% gold debenture bonds sold during 1930, and to interest on \$50,000,000 general mortgage 4 1/2% bonds sold during the year, partly offset by reduced interest payments through redemption at maturity in 1930 of the 10-year 7% secured gold bonds, and the payment at maturity during 1931 of other items of funded debt.

Net Income.—The net income amounted to \$19,545,194, a decrease of \$49,264,624. Against this net income were charged the usual appropriations to the sinking and other reserve funds amounting to \$4,594,213, and \$930,875 advanced to leased and affiliated companies which were unable to make repayment.

Profit and Loss.—Dividends aggregating \$36,161,805, being 5 1/4% upon the capital stock, were charged to this account as the net income was insufficient to meet the full dividend requirements. This account was also charged with \$3,075,602, being full discount on bonds sold during 1931, and \$7,181,417 on account of property retired and replaced in connection with the improvements being made in Philadelphia.

Investments.—The increases in "investments in affiliated companies" are due to purchase of additional capital stock of the Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis RR., whose railroad is leased, and additional advances to various leased and affiliated companies, chiefly for improvements. The decrease in bonds of affiliated companies is due chiefly to the sales of bonds of such companies.

The increases in "other investments" are due chiefly to purchases of additional common stock of the New York New Haven & Hartford RR., with which railroad a large volume of traffic is interchanged, and U. S. Government notes, the latter having been acquired as a temporary investment. The decrease reflects sales of bonds of the United New Jersey RR. & Canal Co. and of the U. S. Government.

Capital Stock.—The increase in outstanding capital stock reflects chiefly the issue of stock subscribed to by employees under the plan authorized by the stockholders in 1930. A number of employees were unable to continue payments on the stock to which they had subscribed, and the payments made by them were refunded. Some of this stock was sold at market prices in excess of par.

Changes in Funded Debt and Other Liabilities.—There were issued and sold during 1931, \$50,000,000 50-year 4 1/2% general mortgage gold bonds, due April 1 1981. Equipment trust obligations with a par value of \$5,800,000 matured and were paid. Funded debt was further reduced by purchases through sinking funds, of other bonds. The decreases in "current liabilities" generally reflect decreased business. The company had no outstanding unpaid loans or notes at the close of the year.

Electricification.—Work continued on the electricification of the company's lines between New York and Washington, D. C. It is expected that the work between New York and Philadelphia will be completed and this section of the line ready for service in 1932, at which time electric operation of local and through passenger trains between those cities will be inaugurated. This service will mark the completion of the first unit of the company's electrification project, which will eventually provide electrified service for both passenger and freight trains between New York and Washington. When the electricification of the lines to Washington is completed it not only will greatly speed up and improve operations in the dense traffic territory between New York and Washington, but will improve materially the through service between the North and South.

The program of suburban electrification was completed in 1930, since which time electric train service on all of the company's suburban lines in the Philadelphia district has been in operation.

Acquisitions.—The railroad of the Marion Railway Corp., extending from Newark to Marion, N. Y., a distance of 8.13 miles, was acquired during the year by the Elmira & Lake Ontario RR. (a subsidiary), and is now operated as a part of the Pennsylvania RR. System.

There were also acquired, at receiver's sale, the railroad and property of the Sharpville RR., between New Wilmington and Wilmington Junction, Pa., and the terminals in Sharpville.

Abandonments.—In accordance with authorizations of the I.-S. C. Commission and State Commissions, the following portions of lines in the Pennsylvania RR. System, having become unprofitable because of the lack of business, were abandoned.

West Jersey & Seashore RR., extending from a point near Haddonfield to a point near Medford, N. J., a distance of 9.85 miles.

Ohio River & Western Ry., extending from Key to Woodsfield, O., a distance of 30.73 miles. The remaining portion of the line extending from Bellaire to Key, O., a distance of 11.29 miles, was purchased by the Pittsburgh Ohio Valley & Cincinnati RR. (a subsidiary), and is operated as a part of the System.

Co-ordination of Rail and Motor Transportation.—Mindful of the advantage and necessity of furnishing the type of service demanded by the public, and of adopting modern methods of transportation where they are found to be economical and efficient, the company continues its policy of developing and co-ordinating rail and motor transportation.

On Nov. 5 1931 a new form of rail-truck operation—the "Demountable Truck Body"—was inaugurated between New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, and between Baltimore and Richmond, Va. Under this arrangement truck bodies are loaded by the shipper, hauled by motor truck from his place of business to the receiving station of the railroad where they are transferred from the truck to railroad car and moved in railroad freight service to destination. Upon arrival at destination they are transferred from the railroad car to a motor truck and hauled to the consignee's receiving platform. This form of service provides a close working relationship between the trucker and the railroad, relieves the trucker of the terminal-to-terminal or road-haul transportation; obviates difficulties arising from unfavorable weather conditions, congested highways and irregular service; effects economies, since the cost between terminals is less by railroad than by truck over the highways, and offers a simplified plan for the determination of transportation costs. It combines the advantages possessed by motor truck operation in congested metropolitan centers with the advantages of economy and expedition in railroad line-haul movement.

The service will be extended as rapidly as justified by the growth of traffic. The company also further extended the service for less-than-carload freight through the use of portable steel containers so constructed that they can be carried upon either railroad cars or motor trucks. This service was inaugurated on your lines in 1928, to make available to patrons the advantages of co-ordination between motor trucks and the railroads, and to meet the needs of patrons who desired to be relieved of handling their shipments between railroads and their places of business. Shippers have found the containers of great advantage in loading small lots of merchandise not requiring an entire car, and the wide-spread demand for this service necessitated the acquisition of additional containers during the year. The container also has been utilized by the company to handle

economically lower than carload freight. This service is now in operation upon your lines between the New York metropolitan area and the principal cities east of Pittsburgh, as well as between Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Cleveland, Chicago, East St. Louis and other important cities in the Middle West.

New types of equipment are constantly being developed to improve and attract traffic, and to reduce costs to the shipper and the railroad, such as a new 70-foot automobile car with automatic locking devices, side and end doors, eliminating necessity for expensive blocking, etc.; covered hopper cars and metal containers for handling bulk cement, lime, etc., eliminating cost of bagging and packing; special containers for brick, and other improved devices.

The demand for bus service continues to increase, and, as announced in previous years, such service has been substituted to a considerable extent for unprofitable passenger train service. The company owns, through one of its subsidiaries, a substantial interest in the Pennsylvania Greyhound Lines, Inc., which company had a profitable year.

Increased Freight Rates.—As a result of the decline in railroad traffic and earnings, threatening serious impairment of their financial resources and credit, and their ability to assure the public a continuance of an efficient and adequate transportation service, the company joined with the other railroad companies of the country, and, in June 1931, submitted an application to the I.-S. C. Commission for an increase of 15% in freight rates as an emergency measure, which, if it had been granted, would have restored the freight rate levels approximately to those in effect in 1921. Such rates, it was estimated, would have enabled the railroads to earn approximately 4% upon their investment in road and equipment, based on the then existing volume of traffic. The railroads have never been able to earn in any one year even the moderate return of 5 1/4% fixed by the I.-S. C. Commission for rate making purposes under the provisions of the Transportation Act.

After numerous hearings throughout the country, the I.-S. C. Commission, in October 1931, denied the application for an increase of 15% in rates, but authorized modified increases, which became effective Jan. 4 1932, and are to continue until March 31 1933, on certain classes of traffic. It is estimated that these increases in rates will approximate 3 1/4% of the freight revenues.

The Commission held that the increases authorized were justified only as a temporary emergency measure to assist some of the financially weak carriers to meet their fixed charges and avoid further receiverships. The increases were authorized on condition that the income therefrom be segregated from other income of the carriers and placed in a pool for distribution in the first instance among carriers who fail to earn their fixed charges, such distribution to be made in proportion to their deficiencies, under a plan to be submitted by the carriers to the Commission for its approval. The decision of the Commission further provided that any carrier whose obligations were already in default, or which was in receivership, or which earned less than 50% of its revenue from freight traffic, would be permitted to retain the full amount of the revenue accruing to it from the increases in rates, but should not receive benefits from the fund thus created.

Following this decision, the carriers suggested certain modifications in the Commission's findings, the principal modification being permission to loan to financially weak carriers the income derived from the increase in rates rather than make an outright contribution. The suggested modifications were neither approved nor disapproved by the Commission, but the increases in freight rates were allowed to stand, and thereupon "The Railroad Credit Corporation" was incorporated by the carriers for the purpose of collecting, receiving and administering the funds resulting from the increases in rates authorized. These funds will be available for advances to financially weak carriers in such amount, or amounts, as are necessary to enable them to meet their fixed interest obligations and avoid default thereon, no advances or loans to be made for any other purpose, nor to any carrier in default or receivership; to any carrier which derives less than 50% of its revenue from freight traffic; to any carrier which is able to meet its fixed interest obligations from its earnings, other income or resources, nor to any carrier which, with the aid of a loan from the Corporation, would still be unable to meet its fixed interest obligations or to avoid default.

The Railroad Credit Corporation is now in active operation. Loans to carriers will bear interest at the current rediscount rates prevailing at the Federal Reserve Bank in the New York District. A condition precedent to any loan by the Corporation to a carrier is that the recipient is not permitted to declare or pay any dividend until the loan has been fully repaid, both principal and interest, except in cases where, by contract or otherwise, the payment of a specific dividend is a fixed charge.

Employees' Wages.—The general conditions prevailing throughout the year made it necessary to adjust wages of officers and employees. A reduction of 10% was made in the salaries of all officers, effective July 1 1931, and request was made upon the employees (including those operating under the Pennsylvania Railroad Employees Representation Plan) in a spirit of mutual understanding of the existing unfavorable business and economic conditions, and of the problems confronting railroad management, and an agreement was effected under which they agreed to accept a deduction of 10% from wages, effective Feb. 1 1932, for a period of one year.

Railroad Consolidation.—In October 1931, a definite plan for the grouping of the railroads in the Eastern District (excluding New England) was submitted by the executives of the Baltimore & Ohio, Chesapeake & Ohio, New York Central and the Pennsylvania RR., to the I.-S. C. Commission with an application for a modification of the plan published by the Commission in December 1929, which provided for five railroad systems in the Eastern District.

Under this plan, the Commission is asked to allocate to the Pennsylvania RR. System the Wabash Ry.; the Detroit Toledo & Ironton R.R.; Toledo Peoria & Western RR., and the Norfolk & Western Ry., together with certain short lines, various trackage rights and a part interest in other lines.

The plan recommends the assignment of the following railroads to the four systems jointly: Delaware & Hudson RR., Lehigh & New England RR., Mountour RR., Pittsburgh Chartiers & Youghioghny Ry. (trackage over the Pennsylvania RR. from Woodville Junction to Van Emman, Pa., to reach new construction of the Pittsburgh Chartiers & Youghioghny Ry. and the Monongahela Ry., Van Emman to Clarksville, Pa.), Monongahela Ry., Pittsburgh & West Virginia Ry. (each of a point at or near Gould's Tunnel), Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Ry., Akron & Barberton Belt RR., and Akron Canton & Youngstown Ry.

The plan also recommends the allocation of the Virginia Ry. jointly to your company and the Chesapeake & Ohio (Nickel Plate System).

The Four-System plan represents the culmination of more than ten years of effort to solve a great national problem, and meet the requirements of the Transportation Act. It is believed that each of the systems resulting from the suggested grouping will be able to operate more efficiently and serve the public better than the same number of miles operated in a less co-ordinated manner, as at present, and that the proposed Four-System plan is the best solution of the problem of railroad consolidation in the Eastern District which can be effectuated.

It is anticipated that among the many benefits resulting from such a consolidation would be improved service, introduction of many economies in operation and a saving in capital expenditures.

The hearings on this application were begun on Jan. 6 1932. If the plan is approved by the Commission, the gradual grouping of the four systems, whether by stock control, lease or merger of properties, will be effected only subject to its approval.

General Railroad Situation.

The entire year has been characterized by serious recession in business, but the present unsatisfactory economic condition will eventually be readjusted, and in the recovery that is inevitable the company will participate as it always has done in periods of prosperity following previous business and financial disturbances.

In the meantime, your management is persistently striving to attract additional traffic and is making every effort to affect maximum efficiency and economy in its operations to offset, in so far as possible, the large decrease in gross revenues which has prevailed since the latter part of 1929. Notwithstanding the decline in revenues and further reductions in working hours and personnel, a systematic maintenance of road, equipment and facilities has been carried on, as well as work on improvements required to move present traffic more efficiently and with greater net profits, and to be prepared to expedite handling of the heavier volume of traffic anticipated when business improves.

The company's "improvement program," described in the 1930 annual report, must, of necessity, be curtailed as a result of the foregoing conditions. The active continuation of construction and improvement work and electrification on your System depends chiefly upon the ability of

the company to obtain the necessary capital on reasonable terms. It is evident that under the existing unfavorable conditions the railroads, like the industries, must rely on Governmental agencies like the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to provide funds for those purposes while present conditions continue.

The unsatisfactory conditions in the railroad industry, while accentuated by the present depression, are due to the fact that during periods of expansion, the railroads have not been permitted, because of inadequate rates, restrictive legislation and subsidized competition, to participate adequately, as do other industries, in the country's prosperity, all of which emphasize the unsoundness of the existing methods of governmental regulation. Intelligent consideration of the railroad situation should result in such legislative and regulatory relief as will insure to the railroads economic equality of opportunity to engage profitably in any kind of transportation service that will meet the demands of the public.

A fundamental need in the transportation industry is for co-ordination of existing necessary transportation agencies. The manifestly unfair situation in which the railroads find themselves regulated to the smallest detail of their business, while other forms of transportation competing with them, are practically unregulated, should be corrected. The railroads are the fundamental and basic transportation agencies of the country, and all other forms of transportation should be co-ordinated with them to provide the maximum of service.

The economic utility of the various agencies of transportation should be given serious study from the standpoint of public interest, with the object of promoting co-ordination, and each agency should perform the service in which it is most efficient as to the character and costs of service rendered.

Closely associated with the growth of highway transport is the costly problem of eliminating grade crossings. Despite the expenditure of large sums annually, the number of crossings is steadily increasing instead of decreasing, as highway building is creating new crossings faster than old ones are eliminated.

The time has come to place such costs upon the states or municipalities, as these crossings are for the benefit of highway traffic, and hence a part of the necessary cost of building and improving roads. With acceptance of the reasonable basis of that view, the railroads should be charged only crossing removals on existing highways. Obviously, also, when new highways are built across or under the tracks of railroads, the latter should not be assessed with any portion of the costs of constructing separate grades. As a final step of justice, the railroads should be relieved entirely of taxation upon grade-crossing improvements in which they may be obliged to participate.

Important factors are developing which give the general business and railroad future a more constructive and helpful perspective, among which may be mentioned the recent employees' voluntary wage deduction, the formation by the carriers of the Railroad Credit Corporation and by the Government of the "Reconstruction Finance Corporation," and the benefits that should be derived from legislation proposed to liberalize, for Reserve System, the rediscounting and loaning powers of the Federal country's most serious problems. With an original capital of \$500,000,000 furnished by the Government, to be expanded later to \$2,000,000,000 by the sale of debentures, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation will have resources available for emergency assistance to many forms of useful and necessary enterprise, including the railroads. It is encouraging that advances to the railroads will not be limited to such important financial matters as the funding of maturities or avoiding defaults, but can be extended to provide capital, at reasonable rates, for the continuance of essential improvements and betterments initiated prior to the passage of the Act, and is necessary for the restoration of normal business conditions.

Another encouraging sign is the helpful attitude indicated by the I.-S. C. Commission in its recent annual report, wherein it recommended the co-ordination of rail and highway transport. It also recommended that Congress place interstate bus transportation under its jurisdiction, and has announced that later it will formulate recommendations with respect to motor truck traffic. In addition, it has recommended that a thorough investigation be made by Congress of the question of subsidized competition with the railroads in every field and that it take up the important problem of regulating port-to-port rates of carriers by water.

All of these matters are of vital importance to the railroads and the nation, and railroad managements are hopeful that with the inevitable revival of industry and a broad and helpful policy of governmental regulation, the railroads will, in the future, participate more equitably in the country's prosperity.

STOCKS OWNED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA RR. CO. DEC. 31. 1931.

Table with 4 columns: Name of Company, Total Par., Name of Company, Total Par. Lists various railroad stocks and their values, including Amer. Contract & Trust Co., Baltimore & Eastern RR., etc.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS, PENNSYLVANIA RR. REGIONAL SYSTEM.

Table with 5 columns: Calendar Years (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), No. of pass. carried, No. of pass. carr. 1 mile, Average revenue from each passenger, etc.

INCOME STATEMENT FOR YEARS ENDED DEC. 31.

Table with 4 columns (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928) and rows for Mileage, Freight, Passenger, Mail, Express, &c, Incidental, Joint facility, Total ry. oper. revs., Ry. Oper. Expenses, Maint. of way & struct., Traffic, Transportation, Miscell. operations, General, Transp. for investment, Total ry. oper. exps., Net rev. from ry. oper., Railway tax accruals, Uncoll. railway revenues, Ry. oper. income, Hire of equip., Jt. facil. rents, Net ry. oper. income, Inc. from lease of road, Dividend income, Income from funded secur., Income from unfunded securities & accounts, Income from sinking and other reserve funds, Miscellaneous income, Total non-oper. inc., Gross income, Deductions, Rent for leased roads, Oper. deficits of branch roads borne by Pa. RR, Miscellaneous rents, Miscell. tax accruals, Separ. oper. prop. loss, Int. on funded debt, Int. on unfunded debt, Miscell. income charges, Total deductions, Net income, Disposition of Net Income, Sink & other res. funds, Dividends, Rate, Balance, surplus, Shares of capital stock outstanding, Earnings per share on cap. stk.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with 3 columns (1931, 1930, 1929) and rows for Assets: Invested in—Road, Equipment, General expenditures, Improvements on leased railway property, Sinking funds, Miscellaneous physical property, Investment in affiliated companies—Stock, Bonds, Notes, Advances, Invest. in securities issued, assumed or carried as liability by accounting company, Other investments, Cash, Demand loans, time drafts and deposits, Special deposits, Loans and bills receivable, Traffic and car service balances receivable, Net balance rec. from agents & conductors, Miscellaneous accounts receivable, Material and supplies, Interest and dividends receivable, Other current assets, Working fund advances, Insurance and other funds, Other deferred assets, Unadjusted debits, Total, Liabilities: Capital stock, Premium on stock, Grants in aid of construction, Funded debt, Funded debt of acquired companies assumed by Pennsylvania RR, Guaranteed stock trust certificates, Equipment trust obligations, Girard Point Storage Co. 1st mtg. 3 3/4s, Mortgages and ground rents payable, Loans and bills payable, Traffic and car service balances payable, Audited accounts and wages payable, Miscellaneous accounts payable, Interest matured unpaid, Dividends matured unpaid, Funded debt matured unpaid, Unmatured interest accrued, Unmatured rents accrued, Other current liabilities, Other deferred liabilities, Tax liability, Premium on funded debt, Accrued depreciation—Road & equipment, Reserve for injuries to persons, Reserve for loss and damage—Freight, Other unadjusted credits, Additions to property thru income & surplus, Funded debt retired thru income & surplus, Sinking fund reserves, Miscellaneous fund reserves, Approp. surplus not specifically invested, Profit and loss, balance, Total, -V. 134, p. 2519.

Western Union Telegraph Co., Inc. (Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.)

Extracts from the remarks of President Newcomb Carlton, together with income account and balance sheet for year ended Dec. 31 1931, will be found under "Reports and Documents" on a subsequent page. Our usual comparative tables were given in V. 134, p. 2512.

Southern Railway Co.

(38th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.)

The report of President Fairfax Harrison covering the affairs of the company for the year 1931 will be found in the advertising pages of this issue. The report also contains numerous charts showing the operations for a number of years back. The financial results for the year, as well as the financial position of the company, are given in comparative form.—V. 134, p. 1950.

Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.

(37th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.)

The remarks of President W. B. Storey will be found under "Reports and Documents" on subsequent pages.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS—SYSTEM.

Table with 4 columns (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928) and rows for Tons of rev. freight carried, Tons rev. freight carried 1 mile, Average revenue per ton, Av. rev. per ton per mile, No. of passengers carried, Passengers carried 1 mile, Average rev. per pass., Av. rev. per pass. per mile, x Number of tons of freight carried one mile shown above includes water ton miles, San Francisco and Galveston Bays.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928) and rows for Operating Revenues: Freight, Passenger, Mail, express and miscell., Total revenue, Operating Expenses: Maint. of way and struct., Maint. of equipment, Traffic, Transportation—rail line, Miscellaneous operations, General expenses, Transp. for invest.—Cr., Total expenses, Net railway oper. revenue, Taxes, Uncollectible railway rev., Railway oper. income, Equipment rents (net), Joint facility rents (net), Net ry. oper. income, Non-Operating Income: Income from lease of road, Miscellaneous rent income, Misc. non-oper. phys. prop., Dividend income, Inc. from fund. securities, Income from unfunded securities and accounts, Income from sinking and other reserve funds, Miscell. income credits, Gross income, Deductions: Rent for leased roads, Miscellaneous rents, Miscell. tax accruals, Interest on funded debt, Interest on unfunded debt, Miscell. income debts, Net corporate income, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, California-Arizona Lines bonds sinking fund, S. F. & S. J. V. Ry. Co. bonds sinking fund, Balance, surplus, Shs. com. outst. (par \$100), Earnings per share on com.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31—SYSTEM.

Table with 4 columns (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928) and rows for Assets: Invest. in road and equip., Exp. for additions & betterments and road ext. during cur. fiscal year, Inv. in term. & coll. cos., Sinking fund, Miscell. physical property, Other investments, Cash, Time deposits, Special deposits, Loans & bills receivable, Traffic & car service bal., Agents and conductors, Miscell. accts. receivable, Material and supplies, Int. and divs. receivable, Other current assets, Deferred assets, Unadjusted debits, Total, Liabilities: Preferred stock, Common stock, Premium on capital stock, Funded debt, Traffic & car service bal., Aud. accts. & wages pay., Miscell. accounts payable, Interest matured unpaid, Dividends matured, unpd., Unmatured divs. declared, Unmatured int. accrued, Unmatured rents accrued, Other current liabilities, Deferred liabilities, Tax liability, Accrued depreciation, Other unadjusted credits, Additions to property thru income & surplus, Fund. debt retired thru income & surplus, Income & surplus, Sink. fund, &c., reserves, Profit & loss—balance, Total, -V. 134, p. 2518.

Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Co.

(54th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.)

The text of the report signed by President J. J. Bernet, together with comparative income account and balance sheet, will be found under "Reports and Documents" on subsequent pages.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS CALENDAR YEARS.

(Including Hocking Valley Ry.)

Table with 4 columns (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928) showing traffic statistics for Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Co. including average mileage, revenue, and passenger numbers.

Paramount Publix Corp.

(Annual Report—Fiscal Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.)

The statement for the fiscal year ended Dec. 31 1931 is given in full under "Reports and Documents" on a subsequent page.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928) showing consolidated income account for Paramount Publix Corp. including operating profit, depreciation, and taxes.

Profit and loss surplus... \$27,269,356... \$33,004,168... \$26,764,025... \$18,549,703... Includes details on studio depreciation and shareholder earnings.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with 4 columns (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928) showing consolidated balance sheet for Paramount Publix Corp. including assets like land, buildings, and securities, and liabilities like stock and notes.

Total... \$298,304,108... \$306,269,159... Includes notes on investments, earnings of non-consolidated subsidiaries, and contingent mortgage liability.

Denver & Rio Grande Western RR.

(8th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.)

CLASSIFICATION OF FREIGHT TONNAGE.

Table with 5 columns (Tons, Agricul., Animals, Coal, &c., Ore, Forest, Mfrs., &c.) showing freight tonnage classification for Denver & Rio Grande Western RR. from 1931 to 1924.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS FOR YEARS ENDED DEC. 31.

Table with 4 columns (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928) showing traffic statistics for Denver & Rio Grande Western RR. including average miles operated, passengers, and freight.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928) showing income account for Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Co. including operating revenues, expenses, and income from non-operating sources.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with 4 columns (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928) showing general balance sheet for Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Co. including assets like investments and deposits, and liabilities like common stock and preferred stock.

Great Northern Iron Ore Properties.

(25th Annual Report of the Trustees—Year Ended Dec. 31 1931)

TRUSTEES' STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

Table with 4 columns (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928) showing trustees' statement of receipts and disbursements for Great Northern Iron Ore Properties, including receipts from various mines and disbursements for expenses and interest.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME OF THE TRUST AND THE TRUSTEES' INTEREST IN INCOME OF THE PROPRIETARY COMPANIES.

Table with 4 columns (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928) showing consolidated income of the trust and trustees' interest in income of the proprietary companies for Great Northern Iron Ore Properties.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

(Trustees Great Northern Iron Ore Properties and their interests in proprietary companies).

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Assets (Min. and non-min. lands, Autos., buildings, etc., Adv. royalty disbur'm'ts, etc.) and Liabilities (Notes payable, Accounts payable, etc.).

The balance sheet shows only such amounts as represented the interest of the trustees after elimination of outside stock holdings in the North Star Iron Co. of West Virginia.—V. 133, p. 3637.

Fox Film Corp.

(Annual Report—52-Week Period Ended Dec. 26 1931.)

Edward R. Tinker, President, March 25 wrote in substance:

Gross income of the corporation amounted to \$85,774,237 in 1931 as compared to \$102,004,009 in 1930. This decline of \$16,229,772 in income is principally accounted for by a decrease of approximately \$3,800,000 in film rentals, \$10,000,000 in theatre admissions and \$1,800,000 in dividends received.

The operating expenses, exclusive of studio expense, declined from \$54,563,268 in 1930 to \$50,363,056 in 1931. This is chiefly accounted for by a reduction in the cost of theatre operation, the reduction in studio expense being reflected in the production cost of pictures which is amortized separately. At the beginning of the year, picture inventory including the cost of completed negatives, positive prints and stories and production in process, etc., amounted to \$21,627,175. The cost of picture production in 1931 was \$19,861,147 as compared to \$26,203,623 in 1930. The amortization taken against picture costs during the year totaled \$24,352,023. This left an inventory of \$17,136,300 at the end of 1931.

The basis of amortization is the same as that used in 1930, that is, 50% of the film receipts from each picture is applied weekly as amortization and any balance remaining is written off at the end of the fifty-second week after domestic and foreign release dates. In addition to adhering to this schedule, special amortization amounting to approximately \$900,000 was taken during the year on account of a few high cost pictures which experience indicated would not return enough of foreign rentals to give them adequate amortization.

Inventory was reduced by \$4,490,875 during the year. The following tabulation shows comparative feature picture production costs and amortization in each of the five years ended with 1931:

Table with columns for Year, Picture Costs, Amortization. Rows for 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928, 1927.

The write-off for film amortization, participations, etc., for the year amounted to \$29,761,505 which is \$2,456,148 in excess of similar charges for the year 1930. This increase is due to the fact that a large portion of amortization for the year is based on the cost of pictures produced during the previous year. As a result, the year's operations reflect but a portion of the reduced costs of pictures produced during the year.

Net income from operations after interest, but before providing for depreciation and other non-cash items, amounted to \$1,127,414. After writing off depreciation in the amount of \$4,079,658 and amortization of bond discount and expenses in the amount of \$1,248,421, there was shown a net loss, after taxes, of \$4,263,557 as compared to a profit of \$10,251,826 for the previous fiscal year.

The investment of the corporation in 660,900 shares of Loew's, Inc. common stock, which was previously carried on the balance sheet at its cost of \$75,000,000, was transferred on April 9 1931 to Film Securities Corp. (Del.), which was organized for the purpose of acquiring this stock. Film Securities Corp. issued 100,000 shares of \$7 dividend cumulative preferred stock and \$20,000,000 2-year 6% secured gold notes. The proceeds of these securities, namely, \$28,800,000, was paid in cash to the corporation and applied in reduction of the value at which this investment was carried. Corporation's equity in the above shares of Loew's, Inc. is represented by 462,000 shares of the class A stock of Film Securities Corp., having a liquidation preference over the common stock of \$100 per share and which, while having no voice in the management of Film Securities Corp., has the power to cause the sale of said shares of Loew's, Inc. by Film Securities Corp.

51,333 shares of common stock of Film Securities Corp., which ranks pari passu with the corporation's class A shares as to earnings and has the sole control of the management of the corporation, was issued and is now vested in three trustees appointed by the U. S. District Court in the anti-trust suit commenced in 1929 by the United States to cause the divestiture of this stock. This arrangement has been approved by the Department of Justice and by the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of New York and the management of corporation feels that it provides a satisfactory disposition of this suit. The cash derived by corporation from the sale of the preferred stock and secured notes of Film Securities Corp., above mentioned, namely, \$28,800,000, together with the proceeds of the sale of a new issue of \$30,000,000 5-year convertible gold debentures of Fox Film Corp., enabled corporation to discharge its obligation of \$55,000,000 on its secured 6% gold notes which matured on April 15 1931. At the same time Wesco Corp. (through which most of the theatres are directly or indirectly operated) repaid its outstanding note of \$10,000,000 from the proceeds of an issue of its \$15,000,000 2-year 6% gold notes, the balance being used for the liquidation of other liabilities and other corporate purposes.

Reduction in Capital Value.

At the annual meeting it is proposed to change the statements respecting the capital of the corporation contained in its certificate of incorporation, as amended, to provide for a stated capital of \$5 in respect to every share of stock issued, plus such amounts as, from time to time, may be added by resolution of the board of directors, and simultaneously to reduce the capital to an amount equivalent to \$5 in respect to each share, namely, to \$12-628,300.

Since the capital account as of Dec. 26 1931 was \$90,780,000, this proposed action will enable the corporation to write certain of its investments down to a nominal figure and set up adequate reserves for the revaluation of other assets. Company proposes to write down to \$1 its investment in the stock of Fox Theatres Corp., Fox Chicago Theatres Co. and in the equipment of its Kodo-Chrome Laboratories, and in addition, in view of the marked difficulty under present conditions of determining accurate valuations on a number of the company's other assets, the management deems it advisable to increase its reserves from \$2,233,095 to \$4,030,525.

A pro forma balance sheet as of Dec. 26 1931 adjusted to give effect to the above described changes in the company's capital account is given below.

PRO FORMA CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET, DEC. 26 1931.

[Giving effect to Proposed Capital Changes.]

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities. Rows include Cash, Accounts receivable, Notes receivable, Inventories, Prepaid expenses, Investments, Land, buildings, leaseholds & equipment, Cash surrender value of life insurance policies, Notes and accounts receivable—long term, Leasehold and rental deposits, Investment in and advances to Fox Theatres Corp., Advances—secured, Miscellaneous—unsecured, Notes payable—banks, Notes payable—others, Accounts payable and accrued expenses, Portion of funded debt maturing within one year, Deferred credits and sundry long term liabilities, 5-year 6% convertible debentures due April 1 1936, 2-year 6% gold notes of Wesco Corp. due April 1 1933, Funded indebtedness of subsidiary companies due after one year, Reserve for revaluation of investments, &c., and for indeterminate liabilities and contingencies, Capital stock (stated value \$5 per share) issued and outstanding, Paid in surplus, Earned surplus.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT FOR 52 WEEKS ENDED

[Including wholly owned subsidiary, controlled and (or) affiliated companies.] Dec. 26, '31. Dec. 27, '30.

Table with columns for 1931 and 1930. Rows include Gross income from sales & rentals of film and literature and theatre received, Tenants' rentals, Dividends from investments: Loew's, Inc., Other income, Total income from all sources, Operating expenses of theatres & exchanges, head office & administration expenses, &c., Amort. of production costs, includ. participations, Depreciation, Interest, Minority interests' shares of theatre subsidiaries' profit, Interest requirements on 1-yr. 6% gold notes, Amortization of discount & expenses, Provision for Federal income taxes, Other charges, Non-recurring expenses, Net profit for year, Previous balance, Appropriation returned to surplus, Total surplus, Approp. from surplus for possible reduction in normal expected return on picture inventories, Settlement of contracts entered into in prior years, Dividends declared, Balance end of year.

x Rentals of film to subsidiary theatre operating companies not eliminated. y Consisting of \$661,513 provision for unrealized losses on exchange; \$266,296 settlement of contracts entered into in prior years, and \$368,938 loss on sale or disposition of capital assets.

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET.

Table with columns for Dec. 26 '31, Dec. 27 '30. Rows include Assets (Inventories, Accts. receivable, Cash, Notes receivable, Land, bldgs., machinery, equip, Long term notes, Inv. in oth. cos., Sundry inv., &c., Leaseh. & rental deposits, Cash surr. val. of life ins. policies, Prepaid expenses, Deferred charges) and Liabilities (Notes payable, Accts. pay. & accrued liab., Dividends pay., Res. for Federal income tax, Amt. due asso. cos., Def. cred. & sundry long-term liabilities, Liab. to be re-financed, Pref. stk. of sub., Port. of funded debt, mat. within 1 year, Funded debt., Res. for conting. & indeterm. liabilities, Capital stock, Surplus).

a After depreciation and amortization of \$16,100,789. b Consisting of 2,425,660 shares of class A no par value (4,900,000 shares authorized) and 100,000 shares of class B no par value stock. c Secured 6% gold notes, due April 15 1931, \$55,000,000; note payable of Wesco Corp. secured by capital stock of Fox West Coast Theatres, \$10,000,000. These liabilities have since been liquidated. d Of which \$6,250,000 payable to banks.—V. 134, p. 2348.

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with columns for 1931 and 1930, split into Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Property & plant, Cash, Marketable secur., etc. Liabilities include Preferred stock, Com. stk., Dividends payable, etc.

Snider Packing Corp.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Jan. 31 1932.)

COMPARATIVE INCOME ACCOUNT, COMPANY AND WHOLLY OWNED OPERATING SUBSIDIARIES.

Table showing income and expenses for 1932, 1931, and 1930. Includes Sales, Cost of sales, Gross income, Expenses, Interest, Inventory adjustment, Depreciation, and Net loss.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET JAN. 31.

Table showing consolidated assets and liabilities for January 31. Assets include Real estate, plant and equipment, Cash, Accts. & notes rec., etc. Liabilities include Convertible pref. stock, Common stock, Funded debt, etc.

Total \$8,937,165 \$10,761,900. a Represented by 60,000 shares, no par value. b 138,311 shares of no par value. c After depreciation of \$4,752,802. d After reserves of \$71,799.

Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. (and Subsidiaries).

(32nd Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.)

H. G. Dalton, Chairman, and Frank Purnell, President, say in part:

Operations in the steel industry generally for the year were unsatisfactory. Our operations were approximately 32.6% as against 60% for 1930 and 91 1/2% for 1929. Steel prices were lower than the average prices received during the preceding year.

work to as many of the company's employees as possible, and in other practical ways the company has endeavored to meet its obligations for the welfare of its men.

Additions and betterments to properties during the year amounted to \$4,877,000; these were principally made in the Youngstown district, including the completion of the electric weld tube mill now in successful operation at the Brier Hill works and improvements to the seamless tube mills at the Campbell works and at the ore mines.

The severe depression in the oil industry beginning in the latter part of 1929 has especially affected the Mid-Continent oil district. As a result the customers of our subsidiary, the Continental Supply Co., which sells oil country goods in that territory have been slow in meeting their obligations and until the industry improves collections will continue to be slow.

The company issued its 1st mtge. sinking fund 5% gold bonds, series B, in the amount of \$25,000,000, dated April 1 1931 and maturing April 1 1970, to reimburse the company for improvements made and to provide money for new construction and additional working capital.

Because of changes in operating conditions in the industry the adequacy of the company's reserve for depreciation permits a reduction in its annual depreciation charges.

The proposed consolidation of this company with Bethlehem Steel Corp., approved by the shareholders in 1930 and later enjoined by the Common Pleas Court of Mahoning County, O., was abandoned by the company in October 1931 as a result of the termination by Bethlehem Steel Corp. of the agreement between the companies. The plaintiffs in the litigation opposing the consolidation filed a motion in the Court of Appeals for Mahoning County, O., for reimbursement for expenses and disbursement incurred in such litigation; this motion is being contested by the company.

Our usual comparative income statement for the year ended Dec. 31 1931 was published in V. 134, p. 1977.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table showing consolidated assets and liabilities for December 31. Assets include Property accts., Inv. in adv. to min. & c. cos., Notes & adv. to public util. & oil cos., etc. Liabilities include 5 1/2% preferred stock, Common stock, Paid in on employees' stock subscriptions, etc.

Total 236,024,088 233,246,612. x Represented by 1,186,184 no par shares. y Balance of dividends payable in re pect of former dissenting common shares.—V. 134, p. 1977.

General Corporate and Investment News.

STEAM RAILROADS.

Matters Covered in the "Chronicle" of April 2.—(a) Bars road loan to repay banks—I. S. O. Commission rejects Baltimore & Ohio request but approves seven millions for bills and equipment, p. 2455; (b) I. S. O. Commission approves additional loans of \$8,178,375 to three railroads from Reconstruction Finance Corporation—More applications filed, p. 2455; (c) Loan of \$12,800,000 to Missouri Pacific RR. from Reconstruction Finance Corporation approved "with some reluctance" by I. S. O. Commission, p. 2456; (d) Reconstruction Finance Corporation announces \$13,212,000 additional loans to railroads, including \$12,800,000 to Missouri Pacific, p. 2457.

Allegheny Corp.—Earnings.—

Table showing Allegheny Corp. earnings for 1931, 1930, and Feb. 15 '29 to Dec. 31 '29. Includes Total income, Interest on funded debt, Other interest, General expenses, Profit, Loss on sale of securities, Net income, Preferred dividends, Surplus, and Earns. per sh.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Table with columns for 1931 and 1930, split into Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Invest. (cost), U. S. Gov. sec., Cash, Special deposits, etc. Liabilities include 5 1/2% pref. stock, Common stock, Convert. bonds, etc.

Total 231,186,784 252,989,511. x Represented by 4,152,547 no par shares.

In a letter to stockholders O. P. Van Sweringen, President, states: Since Jan. 1 1931 the corporation sold 46,200 shares of Pere Marquette common to the Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. at \$11 a share. It has also optioned to the Chesapeake & Ohio 215,000 shares of Erie RR. common and 167,300 shares of Nickel Plate common at \$13.25 a share.

accounts payable which at the present time have been reduced to \$1,598,06 and funded for a period of four years.

As of Dec. 31 1931 holdings of corporation comprised the following: 1,267,300 shares of Chesapeake Corp. common; 215,000 shares of Erie common; 219,300 shares of Missouri Pacific preferred; 534,500 shares of Missouri Pacific common; 167,300 shares Nickel Plate common; 46,200 shares Pere Marquette common; 496,240 shares the Pittston Co. common; 33,546 shares Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co. common; \$11,874,000 convertible 5 1/2% bonds, Missouri Pacific; \$19,461,353 investment, less amounts received on contracts in terminal properties located at St. Joseph and North Kansas City, Mo., against which there is outstanding and owned by Allegheny Corp. \$15,416,000 5 1/2% secured notes of Terminal Shares, Inc., the wholly owned subsidiary of Allegheny Corp.—V. 134, p. 2518.

Ann Arbor RR.—Defers Interest on Bonds.—

Interest due April 1 on the 1st mtge. bonds maturing 1955 was deferred. The receivers stated: "It is hoped that provision for the payment will be made within the six-months' period permitted by the mortgage."—V. 134, p. 2330.

Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.—Dividend Again Decreased.—The directors on April 5 declared a dividend of 1% on the outstanding \$242,706,000 common stock, par \$100, payable June 1 to holders of record May 6. This is a reduction in the rate as compared with 1 1/2% paid on March 1 last. From June 1928 to and incl. December 1931, regular quarterly distributions of 2 1/2% were made on this issue, as compared with 1 3/4% each quarter from March 1925 to and incl. March 1928. In addition an extra payment of 3/4 of 1% was made quarterly from March 1927 to and incl. March 1928. Record of common dividends paid since 1901 follows:

1901. '02-'05. '06. '07. '08. '09. '10-'24. '25-'26. '27-'31. '32. 3 1/4% 4% p.a. 4 1/2% p.a. 5% p.a. 5 1/2% p.a. 6% p.a. 7% p.a. 10% p.a. 12 1/2% p.a.

The company issued the following statement: "The earning statement shows a continuing decline. The continuance of dividends on common stock must depend upon an improvement in the corporation's earnings."—V. 134, p. 2518.

Baltimore & Ohio RR.—Loan of \$7,000,000 from Reconstruction Finance Corporation Approved.—Commission Rejects Request of Company for Approval of Additional Loan to Pay Bank Loans.—See last week's "Chronicle" page 2455.—V. 134, p. 2518.

Bessemer & Lake Erie RR.—Protests Recapture Order.—The road had filed its protest with the I. S. O. Commission against findings of the Commission's tentative recapture report directing the carrier to pay the Government \$6,906,907 in excess income. The figure represents the balance of \$7,349,187 which the Commission tentatively found

Figures just compiled on the operations in 1931 also show that Pennsylvania stockholders have received a return on their investment in every calendar year since 1847, the longest unbroken dividend record among the railroads of the United States.

The dividends paid last year represented a return of 6 1/2% of the par value of the outstanding stock, or \$3.25 a share of \$50 par value. The last quarterly dividend was at the rate of 4% annually.

The Pennsylvania's 85-year record of continuous dividend disbursements extends back to April 1847, when the first payments, then designated as interest, were made on subscriptions to the original capital stock. The first payment at the rate of 6% on the paid-in value of the stock was made in May 1848, and this was continued until Nov. 1 1855.

Beginning with 1856, as the operations had by that time reached an extensive scale for the period and were upon a securely remunerative basis, payments to stockholders were designated as dividends. In 1856 a dividend of 8% was paid which, however, covered a period of 14 months—from Nov. 1 1855 to Dec. 31 1856. Cash dividends have been paid in each year since that time and the average rate of return during this long period has been slightly more than 6% annually.

\$129,000,000 Expended for Wages and Materials in 1931.
—The company on March 29 stated:

Through the expenditure of approximately \$129,000,000 in wages and materials last year, the equipment and roadbed of the Pennsylvania RR. System was kept in a high state of operating efficiency. It was disclosed in figures covering maintenance work in 1931 compiled for the forthcoming report to stockholders.

Approximately 94% of the Pennsylvania's 5,534 locomotives were available for service at the close of the year, awaiting any upturn in business which would provide increased traffic. Freight cars were also kept in good repair, 93.2% of the Pennsylvania's total fleet of 272,015 cars being ready for immediate use.

Passenger cars on the Pennsylvania number 7,249, and nearly 98% of them were either in service or available for use.

The track renewal program carried out during the year absorbed 88,220 tons of new rail and 1,800,160 cross-ties, enough rail to build nearly 500 miles of new track. Most of this rail was of the new 131-pound type, adopted as standard on the Pennsylvania RR.

The following announcement was also made recently:

The Pennsylvania RR. operated last year approximately 12% of all locomotives and cars owned by the Class I railroads in the United States, according to figures announced by the company.

Cars and locomotives, totaling nearly 290,000, owned by the Pennsylvania would make a single train extending from New York through St. Louis and Kansas City to Denver, with enough left over to loop back almost to Kansas City. This gargantuan Pennsylvania train would include 5,534 locomotives, 275,725 freight cars and 7,249 passenger cars, and it could carry at one time 15,000,000 tons of freight as well as all the inhabitants of the States of Delaware and Nevada.

In addition, the Pennsylvania navy of ferry boats, tugs and barges totaled 332 vessels performing water transportation.

Important additions to the Pennsylvania's equipment last year included 1,500 all-steel 70-ton gondola cars and six new electric locomotives. Orders for 90 electric passenger locomotives and 62 electric freight locomotives were placed during the year, part of the 230 electric locomotives which will be required to operate the passenger and freight service between New York, Philadelphia and Washington when the Pennsylvania's present electrification program is completed.

The value of the company's locomotives, cars and boats at the close of the year was about \$750,000,000.

New Director.—

Thomas W. Hulme, Vice-President of real estate, valuation and taxation, has been selected by the board of directors as a director to succeed Col. M. C. Kennedy, who retired on April 1.—V. 134, p. 2519.

Pittsburgh & West Virginia Ry.—To Pledge \$20,000,000 in 6s for R. F. C. Funds.—

The company has applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to issue and pledge \$20,000,000 of general mortgage 6% gold bonds, dated April 1 1932, and maturing April 1 1932. The bonds will be pledged as collateral for a loan of \$7,603,582 sought from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to meet interest and principal maturities for the current year. Originally the road asked for a loan of \$7,541,032, for which it proposed to pledge \$59,450 shares of common, 14,600 shares of preferred and 45 shares of prior lien stock of the Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry. and \$3,586,000 of first mortgage 4 1/2% gold bonds, series D. It subsequently amended the loan application, making the amount sought \$7,603,582, and now proposes to secure that loan through the issue and pledge of \$20,000,000 of general mortgages 6% gold bonds.—V. 134, p. 1949.

St. Louis San Francisco Ry.—Seeks \$12,717,814 Loan from Reconstruction Finance Corporation.—See last week's "Chronicle" page 2455.—V. 134, p. 2137.

St. Louis Southwestern Ry.—Receives Financial Aid.—

The New York "Times" April 2 had the following:

An agreement was reached yesterday for the extension of one-half of \$9,000,000 short-term notes owed to banking institutions by the company, and the assumption of the balance of the indebtedness by the Reconstruction Finance Corp. The Chase National Bank of New York has therefore extended to June 7 one-half of the \$7,000,000 notes of the railroad which fell due yesterday, and the Mississippi Valley Trust Co. extended for the same period one-half of the \$2,000,000 which the railroad owed to it.

Plans are being formulated for meeting the maturity of \$20,727,750 1st & consol. mtge. 4% bonds which will fall due on June 1, the first major railroad maturity of the year. No definite agreement is believed to exist as to the procedure which will be adopted with respect to this maturity.

\$20,727,750 Maturity June 1 Will Be Taken Care of.—

A Washington dispatch to the Boston "News Bureau" April 7 had the following:

Definite statement can be made that the June 1 maturity of \$20,727,750 of first consol. mtge. 4% bonds will be taken care of when due. That such assurances have been given the Cotton Belt was learned on unimpeachable authority.

Meanwhile, the only matter to be settled in the manner in which the maturity will be met. As to this particular alternative means are available. The first is outright payment of the maturing obligations; second, extension of the maturity date; or, third, payment of a portion at maturity and issuance of new bonds for the remainder. Of the three alternatives, the third offers a likely course, according to present prospects. A decision to pay the bonds in full on June 1 however, is not regarded as unlikely or difficult of accomplishment.

In any event, the confident belief is entertained in informed quarters here that this maturity will be financed in a satisfactory manner.

Cotton Belt executives attending to details in this respect have conferred with officials of the agencies concerned, the I.-S. C. Commission, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and the Railroad Credit Corporation.

Meeting of immediate requirements of the road has cleared the way for consideration of the June 1 matter.—V. 134, p. 2519.

Seaboard Air Line Ry.—Plan to Exchange Receivers' Certificates, &c.—L. R. Powell Jr. and E. W. Smith, receivers have announced their plan providing for the exchange of \$10,558,000 equipment trust obligations of the company maturing within the next three years for receivers' certificates and the refunding of receivers' certificates maturing May 1. This is the plan which was recently authorized by the U. S. District Court and the I.-S. C. Commission. The plan provides for the deposit of the equipment trust obligations for exchange with the Chase National Bank, agent for the receivers. The plan states that the receivers have been directed by the court not to make further payments of principal or of interest upon any equipment obligations exchangeable for receivers' certificates under

the plan. Therefore, it is important, in order that interest payments to present holders of equipment obligations exchangeable under the plan may be promptly resumed in the form of interest on receivers' certificates to be issued, that the holders promptly make deposits of their equipment obligations.

Principal Features and Requirements of the Plan.

(I) Exchange of Not Exceeding \$10,558,000 Equipment Obligations for Three-Year Receivers' Certificates, Dated Feb. 1 1932.

All Seaboard Air Line Ry. equipment trust certificates, series T, U, W, X, Y, Z, AA, BB and DD, maturing on and after Oct. 15 1931 and prior to Dec. 31 1934 and all equipment trust certificates, series 66, and V, maturing after Oct. 15 1931, and not exceeding \$1,256,000 of Seaboard-Bay Line Co. equipment notes, series A, are exchangeable for an equal principal amount of three-year receivers' certificates, dated Feb. 1 1932.

All holders of the equipment obligations of the aforesaid maturities who desire to avail themselves of this offer must deposit the same with the receivers or with the agent of the receivers in uncancelled bearer form, together with all dividend warrants or coupons appurtenant thereto.

When the requisite percentage of any series of equipment obligations has been so deposited, receivers' certificates will be issued to holders who have surrendered the equipment obligations of such series and at the same time the receivers will pay to said holders all accrued and unpaid interest on the surrendered equipment obligations to Feb. 1 1932. Interest on the receivers' certificates so issued will accrue from Feb. 1 1932 at the rate, with respect to each series, hereinafter specified.

The equipment obligations may be sent by registered mail, postage prepaid, or delivered for exchange to the Chase National Bank, 11 Broad St., N. Y. City, which has been appointed agent for the receivers to receive equipment obligations for such exchange. Exchanges will be made without expense to the holders of the equipment obligations.

(II) Refunding of \$4,000,000 of 5% Receivers' Certificates, Maturing May 1 1932.

Receivers' certificates, series A, due May 1 1932, are exchangeable for an equal principal amount of receivers' certificates, series B, by depositing the same with May 1 1932 coupons attached with Dillon, Read & Co., 28 Nassau St., N. Y. City, for exchange. Such exchanges will be made without expense to holders. The issuance, pursuant to the plan, of receivers' certificates, series B, is not conditioned upon the surrender under the plan of any equipment obligations exchangeable for receivers' certificates, or upon the execution of the agreement between the underlying bondholders' committee and the receivers.

(III) Postponement of Proceedings to Foreclose Any of the Mortgages of the Railway.

The decree approving the plan and authorizing the issue of receivers' certificates provides that all pending or other proceedings to foreclose any of the mortgages of the railway and the institution of foreclosure proceedings to enforce the rights of the underlying bondholders be postponed to Feb. 1 1935, except as otherwise provided.

The underlying bondholders' committee is to make an agreement with the receivers for postponement of foreclosures of underlying mortgages in accordance with the decree.

Conditions Precedent to Issuance of Receivers' Certificates in Exchange for Equipment Obligations.

No part of the receivers' certificates of any series issuable in exchange for equipment obligations pursuant to the plan, shall be issued and delivered (1) until the underlying bondholders' committee has entered into the agreement with the receivers above referred to and (2) until at least 76% in principal amount (unless the court later determines upon a different percentage) of the equipment obligations exchangeable for receivers' certificates of such series have been surrendered to the receivers for exchange. Certain additional conditions have been attached to the issuance of receivers' certificates series D, series Z second series, series BB second series and series DD second series. Such conditions are set forth in the separate letters to the holders of second lien equipment trust certificates, series Z, BB and DD, respectively, and in the decree providing for the issuance of receivers' certificates. Receivers' certificates issuable pursuant to this plan in exchange for equipment obligations may be issued regardless of the percentage of receivers' certificates, series A, which at the time shall have been delivered and (or) deposited for delivery in exchange for receivers' certificates, series B.

Payment of Equipment Obligations and Interest Thereon.

The receivers have been directed by the Court, until further order, not to make further payments of principal or interest upon any equipment obligations exchangeable for receivers' certificates under the plan. The receivers have also been directed, unless otherwise ordered by the court, not to make further payments of interest upon equipment obligations of any series maturing after those exchangeable for receivers' certificates under the plan until the requisite percentage of equipment obligations of such series exchangeable under the plan for receivers' certificates shall have been surrendered to the receivers for exchange.

Equipment Obligations Exchangeable for Receivers' Certificates.

The following table sets forth the particular equipment obligations which shall be exchangeable under the plan for an equal principal amount of receivers' certificates, of the series, in the amounts and bearing interest rates shown:

Equipment Obligations Exchangeable—		Receivers' Certificates to Be Issued in Exchange—		
Series	Maturities	Series	Amount	Int. Rate
66	1932-1933-1934-1935	66	\$440,000	6%
T	1932-1933-1934	T	486,000	6%
U	Oct. 15 1931; 1932	U	384,000	5 1/2%
V	1932-1933-1934-1935	V	1,925,000	6%
W	Dec. 15 1931; 1932-1933-1934	W	420,000	6%
X	1932-1933-1934	X	678,000	5 1/2%
Y	Dec. 15 1931; 1932-1933-1934	Y	658,000	5 1/2%
Z (1st lien cdfs)	1932-1933-1934	Z (1st series)	1,812,000	5 1/2%
Z (2d lien cdfs)	1932-1933-1934	Z (2d series)	678,000	5 1/2%
AA	1932-1933-1934	AA	168,000	5 1/2%
BB (1st lien cdfs)	Nov. 1 1931; 1932-1933-1934	BB (1st ser.)	280,000	5 1/2%
BB (2d lien cdfs)	Nov. 1 1931; 1932-1933	BB (2d ser.)	168,000	5 1/2%
DD (1st lien cdfs)	Dec. 15 1931; 1932-1933-1934	DD (1st ser.)	819,000	5 1/2%
DD (2d lien cdfs)	1932-1933-1934	DD (2d ser.)	386,000	5 1/2%
Seab-Bay Line	1932-1933-1934-1935	D	1,256,000	6%

Other Series of Receivers' Certificates to Be Issued Under the Plan.

Receivers' certificates, series B, are issuable for the refunding of and in exchange for the outstanding \$4,000,000 of one-year 5% receivers' certificates, series A, maturing May 1 1932.

Receivers' certificates, series C, bearing interest at 5%, are issuable to Tennessee Coal, Iron & RR., in payment for \$480,000 obligations of the receivers to that company for steel rail and tie plates contracted for or purchased by the receivers.

Terms and Form of Receivers' Certificates.

The receivers' certificates of all of said several series shall mature Feb. 1 1935, and interest thereon shall be payable semi-annually, on Feb. 1 and Aug. 1 of each year. The maturity of the receivers' certificates may be accelerated under the conditions specified in the decree. The receivers' certificates of any or all series shall be redeemable, in whole or in part, prior to maturity, on 30 days' notice, at the principal amount thereof and accrued interest, on any date fixed by order of the court. The receivers' certificates to be called for redemption shall be determined in such manner as may be authorized by the court.

Receivers' certificates of said several series may be issued and delivered originally either as coupon receivers' certificates or registered receivers' certificates without coupons. The coupon and registered receivers' certificates shall be mutually interchangeable at the office of the receivers in Norfolk, Va., and the registered receivers' certificates shall also be transferable at said office. The coupon receivers' certificates shall be issued in the denomination of \$1,000 only. The registered receivers' certificates may be issued in the denomination of \$1,000 or any multiple thereof.

Gas output for the week amounted to 338,565,300 cubic feet. This was a decrease of 30,886,900 cubic feet, or 8.4%.

On the other hand, consumption of water in territory served by the System water units is 9.2% greater than a year ago, the total for the week being 30,879,000 gallons, an increase of 6,837,000 gallons.—V. 134, p. 2520.

Associated Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Divs.—

The directors recently declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1 each on the class A and \$4 preference stock, \$1.75 per share on the 7% preferred and \$1.50 per share on the 6% preferred stock, all payable April 1 to holders of record March 17.

In the preceding quarter an extra participating dividend of 50 cents per share was paid on the class A stock.—V. 134, p. 1193.

Beauharnois Power Corp., Ltd.—Protective Committee.—

A protective committee has been formed for the 6% collateral trust debentures, due Oct. 1 1932, at the request of the holders of a substantial amount of the debentures. The following have consented to act as a committee, namely: Norman Dawes, Montreal; Mark H. Irish, E. G. Long, K.C. and T. A. Russell, Toronto; S. C. Newburn, C.M.G., Hamilton; Lucien Moraud, K.C., Quebec.

This committee has been formed with a view to safeguarding the interests of the debenture holders and expects at an early date to formulate a definite plan looking towards the successful completion of the enterprise. The committee anticipates being able to make an announcement in the near future and to arrange for calling, in due course, a meeting of the debenture holders under the provisions of the trust deed securing the debentures.

R. G. Meech, Secretary, 25 King St. West, Toronto 2, Ont.

With reference to the April 1 interest upon the 6% collateral trust bonds the company through its assistant secretary, L. C. Christie, made the following statement:

"The company desires to advise holders of its debentures that financial markets and general conditions have prevented the sale of first mortgage bonds as contemplated in its original plan of finance, and it will not be able to pay on April 1, the 3% coupon due on that date. Under the trust deed a period of 90 days of grace is accorded the company for the payment of such interest and the company and those interested in the successful completion of the undertaking hope that during this time arrangements will be made to carry the enterprise to completion and that a report will be made to the debenture holders in the near future."

"Construction operations have proceeded satisfactorily to date and are within the original estimates as to time and cost.—V. 134, p. 2520.

Beaver Valley Water Co.—Wants Bonds Extended.—

The company, a subsidiary of the Consumers Water Co., is asking holders of 1st mortgage 5% bonds, due May 1, to extend the maturity date three years, with an increase in the annual interest rate to 6%. The sum of \$25 for each \$1,000 bond would be paid to holders upon the plan being declared operative.—V. 129, p. 127.

Boston Consolidated Gas Co.—Output (Cubic Feet).—

Table with 3 columns: Month, 1932, 1931. Rows for January, February, March.

—V. 134, p. 324.

Brooklyn Borough Gas Co.—5 1/4% Extra Pref. Div.—

The company on April 1 paid to holders of 5 1/4% cum. & partic. pref. stock, par \$50, of record March 21 an extra distribution of 5 1/4 cents per share (not 6 1/4 cents per share as erroneously reported in last week's "Chronicle"), in addition to the regular quarterly payment of 75 cents per share. From July 1927 to and incl. Jan. 1932 extra distributions of 6 1/4 cents per share were made on this issue.

The directors recently declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the no par value common stock, payable April 11 to holders of record March 31. Quarterly payments at this rate have been made on the junior stock since and incl. April 1927. On Jan. 10 last, an extra disbursement of \$6 per share was also made.—V. 134, p. 2520.

Brooklyn Union Gas Co.—7% Bonds Due May 1.—

The privilege of converting the 10-year 7% conv. debenture gold bonds, due May 1 1932, into no par capital stock on the basis of two shares for each \$100 of bonds will expire prior to the maturity of the bonds. There were only \$8,500 of these bonds outstanding on Jan. 1, the balance having been converted in prior years.—V. 134, pl 1572.

Calumet & South Chicago Ry.—Earnings.—

Table with columns: Yrs. End., *Int. on Capital, Other Income, Total Income, Bond Interest, Dividends Paid, Balance Surplus. Rows for 1931-32, 1930-31, 1929-30, 1928-29, 1927-28, 1926-27, 1925-26, 1924-25, 1923-24.

* Representing company's proportion of 40% of Chicago Surface Lines residue receipts pursuant to unification ordinance effective Feb. 1 1914.—V. 132, p. 2384.

Central Power & Light Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Table with columns: Calendar Years—, 1931, 1930. Rows for Operating revenues, Operating expenses and taxes, Operating income, Rent for leased lines and plants, Net operating income, Non-operating income, Gross income, Interest on funded debt, Miscell. interest, amortiz., &c., Net income, Dividends paid and accrued on preferred stock, Dividends paid and declared on common stock, Balance to surplus.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns: 1931, 1930. Rows for Assets (Fixed capital, Cash, Notes receivable, Accts. receivable, Int. & div. rec., Mats. & supplies, Prepayments, Subs. to cap. stk., Miscel. assets, Unamort. debt discount & exp., Prop. abandoned, Jobbing accounts, Work in progress, Misc. def'd debits, Reacquired sec.) and Liabilities (Common stock, 7% pref. stock, 6% pref. stock, Pref. stock subs., 1st mtge. 5%, 1st mtge. serial A, 1st mtge. serial B, 1st mtge. 6 1/2%, Pur. cont. obliga., Notes payable, Accounts payable, Interest accrued, Taxes & other liab. accrued, Consumers depts, Div. declared, Misc. curr. liab., Retirement res., Contrib. for extens, Misc. reserves, Misc. anad. cred., Surplus).

Total 70,102,861 64,819,340. Includes 188 shares 7% cum. pref. stock and 9,420 shares 6% consolidated preferred stock.—V. 133, p. 4328.

Central Quebec Light & Power Co.—Organized.—

This company has been formed by Montreal and Sherbrooke interests to construct a hydro electric power developments at a falls near Richmond on the St. Francis river at a reported cost of \$1,250,000, a Montreal dispatch states. Half the power will be sold to town of Sherbrooke, in eastern townships of Quebec province, and part will be used at a pulp plant to be erected by a subsidiary of the new Central Quebec company. The capacity of the new development will be 20,000 h.p. The new company is said to be independent of existing power companies in the province.

Central & South West Utilities Co.—1 3/4% Stock Div.—

The directors have declared on each share of common stock outstanding a dividend of 1 3/4% payable in common stock (being at the rate of 7-400ths of a share) on April 15 1932, to holders of record Mar. 31. A similar payment was made in each of the four preceding quarters. On July 15 and Oct. 15 1930 quarterly distributions of 1 1/2% in stock were made, while on Jan. 15 1931 a special stock dividend of 6% was paid.—V. 134, p. 2520.

Central States Power & Light Corp.—Div. Deferred.—

The directors recently decided to defer the quarterly dividend due April 1 on the \$7 cum. pref. stock, no par value. The last regular quarterly distribution of \$1.75 per share was made on Jan. 2 1932.—V. 130, p. 3348.

Central States Utilities Corp.—Dividend Deferred.—

The directors recently decided to defer the quarterly dividend due April 1 on the \$7 cum. pref. stock, no par value. The last regular quarterly payment of \$1.75 per share was made on this issue on Jan. 2 1932.—V. 134, p. 324.

Charleston Interurban RR.—Earnings.—

Table with columns: Calendar Years—, 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows for Gross revenue, Net after exps. and taxes, Interest charges, Balance, surplus, Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31 (Assets, Liabilities).

—V. 132, p. 1409.

Chicago North Shore & Milwaukee RR.—Extension of Offer to Noteholders.—

The date for deposits under the plan for refunding the 6% notes due April 1 1932 has been extended indefinitely. It is understood that approximately 70% of the notes have already been deposited. In addition to being subject to approval of various Commissions, the plan is dependent on the granting of a loan of \$1,150,000 by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, which, if granted, will be used to pay off certain equipment notes which also matured April 1, to pay interest on series B 1st & ref. mtge. bonds due April 1, and to provide funds for the proposed 20% to 25% cash payment on the notes. See also V. 134, p. 2520.

Colonial Utilities Corp.—Time for Deposit of Securities Extended—Readjustment Plan.—

The time for the deposit of securities of the corporation with the Commercial National Bank & Trust Co. of New York under the readjustment plan has been extended from April 1 to May 1.

Digest of Plan for the Readjustment of Junior Obligations.

A plan of readjustment for the general lien 6% bonds due 1942; secured notes due 1931 and 1933; unsecured notes due 1934 and 1936 and sundry obligations to trade creditors has been approved by a committee appointed by the directors.

The funded debt of the corporation is as follows:

Table listing debt items: First lien 5 1/4% bonds, due June 1 1958 (\$1,456,000), General lien 6% bonds, due Feb. 1 1942 (not including \$182,000 deposited as collateral for the secured notes due Dec. 1 1931 and June 1, July 1 and Aug. 1 1933 and \$9,000 held in treasury) (359,000), 6% notes, due March 1 1934 (secured by Ticonderoga Electric Light & Power Co. stock) (250,000), 6% notes, due Dec. 1 1931 (secured by \$105,000 colonial Utilities Corp. general lien bonds) (\$86,000), 7% notes, due June 1, July 1 and Aug. 1 1933 (secured by \$77,000 Colonial Utilities Corp. general lien bonds) (65,000), 6% notes (unsecured) due March 1 1934 (not including \$204,000 held in treasury) (181,000), 6% notes (unsecured) due April 1 1936 (21,500). * Not including \$2,000 held in treasury.

In addition to the \$88,000 notes due Dec. 1 1931 there is also a past due floating debt amounting to approximately \$60,000, for the most part owned to trade creditors.

The first lien bonds and the notes due in 1934 secured by Ticonderoga Electric Light & Power Co. stock are not to be exchanged under this plan.

In the opinion of the committee it is necessary to conserve cash in order to make possible an adjustment of the past due debts. This plan provides that payments of interest for four years shall be partly in cash and partly in stock without changing the par value of the securities at present outstanding, except in the case of the secured notes due in 1931 and 1933 which will be exchanged for the general lien bonds pledged as collateral to the notes.

New Company.—It is proposed that a new corporation be organized and when this plan is declared operative, and that such new corporation shall acquire from the holders, securities of Colonial Utilities Corp. included in the plan, and shall have outstanding (if and when all such securities shall have been acquired) the following securities and stocks:

Table listing securities: Collateral trust 6% bonds, due Feb. 1 1942, to be issued par for par to holders of general lien 6% bonds due Feb. 1 1942, and to holders of secured 6% and 7% notes due Dec. 1 1931 and June 1, July 1 and Aug. 1 1933, par for par of general lien 6% bonds pledged as collateral security for such notes, to be issued par for par to holders of unsecured 6% notes due March 1 1934 and April 1 1936 to be issued in units (541,000), Unsecured 5% and 7% notes, due Feb. 1 1942, to be issued par for par to holders of unsecured 6% notes due March 1 1934 and April 1 1936 to be issued in units (202,500), Unsecured 6% notes due serially 1933 to 1936, to be issued par for par to trade creditors (approximately) (60,000), Class A stock, no par value, dividend rate 60 cents per share per annum, to be issued in lieu of interest for four years at the rate of three shares per year for each \$500 of the \$270,500 collateral trust bonds not receiving interest in cash for such four years and at the rate of 3 1/2 shares per year for each \$500 unsecured 7% note (9,327 shs.), Class B stock \$1 par, 10% to be issued ratably to the holders of general lien bonds and unsecured 5% and 7% notes, and 90% to be reserved for holders of preferred and common stock of Colonial Utilities Corp. under a plan to be presented if and when this plan shall have become operative subject to approval of the directors of the new corporation.

Provision also will be made permitting the issue of not exceeding \$9,000 collateral trust bonds to take up a like amount of general lien bonds now in the treasury of Colonial Utilities Corp. and also not to exceed 118 shares of class A in lieu of one-half interest on such bonds.

Collateral Trust Bonds are to be limited to a principal amount sufficient to take up the outstanding 6% general lien bonds, including as outstanding \$182,000 principal amount pledged as collateral to the secured notes and \$9,000 held in Colonial treasury. The bonds will be issued under a collateral trust indenture. As security for these bonds there will be pledged with the

trustee under the collateral trust indenture all general lien bonds and notes of Colonial Utilities Corp. acquired by the new corporation under this plan.

Holders of secured notes are requested to exchange their notes for the new collateral trust bonds, par for par, for the new collateral trust bonds.

Holders of unsecured notes are requested to exchange their notes, par for par, for the unsecured notes of the new corporation.

The trade creditors are requested to exchange their notes and past due accounts for serial notes maturing 1933 to 1936.

To each holder of \$1,000 general lien bond (including such bonds pledged for the secured notes) it is proposed to issue one \$500 collateral trust bond bearing interest payable in cash at the rate of 6% per annum, and one \$500 collateral trust bond which in lieu of interest for the first four years will entitle the holder to receive shares of the class A stock at the rate of three shares per year.

At the end of the four year period, interest on both \$500 bonds will be payable in cash at the rate of 6%.

To each holder of \$1,000 unsecured note, it is proposed to issue one \$500 note bearing interest payable in cash at 5% and one \$500 note bearing interest at 7% which in lieu of interest for the first four years will entitle the holder to receive shares of the class A stock at the rate of 3 1/2 shares per year.

At the end of the four year period, interest on both the \$500 notes will be payable in cash.

The class A stock (no par value) which bondholders and noteholders will receive in lieu of part interest, will be the senior stock of the new corporation, will be preferred over the class B stock at the rate of \$10 per share and as to dividends at the rate of 60 cents per annum payable annually, will be callable as a whole at \$11 per share, and while outstanding will be entitled, voting as a class, to elect a majority of the board of directors.

The obligations of the trade creditors may be funded either through notes of the new corporation or of Colonial Utilities Corp.

If and when this plan shall have become operative, the committee expects to submit to the holders of the preferred and common stocks a plan for exchange of their shares for the class B stock of the new corporation.

General lien bonds deposited under the plan should carry the coupon maturing Feb. 1 1932. When plan is declared operative holders of general lien bonds deposited under the plan will receive, interest payment of 50% of the Feb. 1 coupons in cash as provided in the plan, funds for the cash payment to be advanced by the corporation.

This plan is conditioned upon deposit of 90% of each class of security affected.

Committee.—Nathaniel F. Glidden, Howard Morris, and Eugene L. White.—V. 131, p. 3875.

Columbus Ry., Pr. & Lt. Co.—Bonds Authorized.

The company, a subsidiary of United Light & Power Co., has been authorized by the Ohio Public Utilities Commission to sell an issue of \$6,000,000 series B 5% bonds at 86. The company plans to retire \$3,000,000 40-year bonds maturing July 1 and reimburse its treasury for \$3,029,324 uncanceled capital expenditures.—V. 133, p. 3093.

Consolidated Gas, Electric Light & Power Co. of Baltimore.—Directors Re-Elected, &c.

All retiring directors of this company were re-elected for the ensuing year at the annual stockholders' meeting held April 5. J. E. Aldred, Chairman, presided at the meeting, at which approximately 57% of the outstanding common stock was represented.

At the organization meeting of the board, following the stockholders' meeting, the following officers were re-elected: J. E. Aldred, Chairman of the board; Herbert A. Wagner, President; Charles M. Cohn, Vice-Pres.; Charles E. P. Clarke, Vice-Pres., and William Schmidt Jr., Sec. & Treas.

The following executive committee was also elected: J. E. Aldred, Chairman; William J. Casey, Charles E. F. Clarke, Charles M. Cohn, Howell Fisher, Norman James, J. A. Walls, Herbert A. Wagner and Frederick W. Wood.

For income statement for 2 months ended Feb. 29 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 2521.

Cumberland County Power & Light Co.—Earnings.

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928) and rows for Gross earnings, Oper. exp., maint. & tax, Uncollectible bills, Retirement approp'n, Rent for leased props., Bond & oth. int. charges, Amort. of debt discount and expenses, Miscellaneous, Net income, Previous surplus, Adjustments, Total surplus, Divs. on preferred stock, Divs. on common stock, Profit & loss surplus.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table comparing Assets and Liabilities for 1931 and 1930. Assets include Fixed capital, Cash, Notes & accts. rec., Materials & supp., Prepayments, Notes rec. from affil. Co., Invest. in sub. co., Invest. in stk. & bonds of leased property, Misc. investments, Spec. funds & dep., Deferred debts., Reacquired securs. Liabilities include 6% pref. stock, Common stock, Funded debt, Accounts payable, Consumers' dep'ts, Unredeemed fare coupons, Accrued liabilities, Debt to Portland RR. Co., Reserves, Misc. unadj. credits, Capital surplus, Earned surplus.

Delaware Electric Power Co.—Sales of Electrical Energy Increased During 1931.

In accordance with its policy of reducing rates as economies from consolidations, inter-connections, improved operations and increased usage of service warrant, two rate reductions were made in 1931. In January, a reduction in residential and commercial electric lighting rates was made effective, which saved customers \$134,000 a year. In May a general reduction in gas rates was announced which resulted in a saving to them of \$120,000 a year.

Electric and gas operations of the Delaware Power & Light Co. were unified during the year. Sales of electrical energy during 1931 totaled 126,063,474 kwh., an increase of 0.13% over the previous year. Residential and commercial lighting sales increased 7.6%, residential power and heating sales increased 20.16%, while commercial power sales and sales to street railway showed a decrease. Electric customers at the end of year totaled 34,734, an increase of 1.6% over the previous year. Gross revenue increased 0.6%. Operating expenses were reduced 1.8%, and operating income increased 3.3%.

Gas sales totaled 1,168,355,000 cubic feet, an increase of 2.1% over 1930. The principal increases were sales to affiliated gas companies, 19.59%; residential and commercial, 4.5%, and house heating, 20%, the latter in the face of abnormally warm weather. Total gas customers at the end of the year were 28,520, an increase of 1.8%.

During 1931, the Kennett Gas Co. was merged with the Chester County Light & Power Co. Combination gas and electric service is now furnished

by this company. Electric sales amounted to 3,437,917 kwh., an increase of 12.7%. Sales per customer amounted to 1,252 kwh., an increase of 15.7%. Gas sales totaled 22,295,000 cubic feet, an increase of 6.5%. (Philadelphia "Financial Journal.")—V. 131, p. 3042.

Duquesne Gas Corp.—Off Curb.

The New York Curb Exchange Committee on Listing has suspended dealing in common stock of the company until further notice due to failure of that company to maintain a New York transfer office.—V. 134, p. 845.

Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston.—Stock.

The company on April 5 has applied to the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities for permission to issue up to 178,292 shares of capital stock, par \$100. See also V. 134, p. 2521.

Electric Public Service Co.—Bondholders' Committee.

A protective committee has been formed for the holders of the 15-year 6% secured gold bonds due April 1 1941 series A; 15-year 6% secured gold bonds due Aug. 1 1941 series B; and 15-year 5 1/2% first lien collateral bonds due April 1 1942 series C.

The committee consists of: Lee Kauffman, Chairman, New York; Bartlett Beaman, Curtis, Stephenson & Co., Inc., Boston; Robert M. Hopkins, Baltimore-Gillet Co., Baltimore; Charles M. Sellman, H. L. Nason & Co., Inc., Boston, and Wm. W. Turner, R. E. Wilsey & Co., Chicago. Glysses D. Cutting, 7; William St., New York, Secretary, and Patterson, Eagle, Greenbough & Day, 72 Wall St., New York, are counsel.

The committee states in part: Committees have been formed for the protection of the holders of the 10-year 6% sinking fund gold debenture bonds due Dec. 1 1935 and April 1 1937, respectively, and debentures are now being deposited with them. While no proposed plan of reorganization has yet been announced, we understand that a plan will shortly be proposed which, we are informed, contemplates the elimination of Electric Public Service Co. entirely, as a separate corporation.

The collateral securing the bonds for the protection of the holders of which this committee has been formed, consists of bonds and stocks of operating subsidiaries of Electric Public Service Co. As a holder of these bonds, you are vitally interested in the management and operation of these subsidiaries, and in any plan involving the control thereof, through a reorganization of Electric Public Service Co. Your interest can be best safeguarded by uniting with other bondholders so that bondholders may exercise the greatest influence in any reorganization of the Electric Public Service Co.

The Chemical Bank & Trust Co., New York City, is depository of the committee.

The committee hopes, in the event of a reorganization of the company, that the compensation and expenses of the committee will be taken care of in the reorganization but in any event under the terms of the deposit agreement, all compensation and expenses, including counsel fees and charges of the depository, for which depositing bondholders will be liable, shall not exceed 2% of the face amount of the deposited bonds.—V. 134, p. 2521.

El Paso Natural Gas Co.—Earnings.

Table with columns for Period Ended Dec. 31, Fiscal Year 1931, Fiscal Year 1930, and x6 Months 1929. Rows include Gross revenue, Oper. exps., maintenance, taxes, &c., Net operating revenue, Other income (net), Total income, Interest charges, Depreciation, bond discount, &c., Net income, Dividends on preferred stock, Balance, x Operations commenced as of July 1 1929.

Surplus Account as of Dec. 31.

Table comparing Previous surplus and Net income for 1931 and 1930.

Total surplus.

Table showing Total surplus, Preferred dividends—fiscal year 1931, Amortiz. of debt discount & expense applicable to debentures converted during fiscal year 1930, and Surplus Dec. 31 1930.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table comparing Assets and Liabilities for 1931 and 1930. Assets include Cash, Accts receivable, Inventories, Securities owned, Advances to Ariz. project, Sinking fund, Fixed properties, Unamort. bond discount & exp., &c. Liabilities include Accounts payable, Notes payable, Consumers' depos., Acrued interest, Res. for deprec., Min. int. in Nat'l Prov. Serv. Co., 6 1/2% 1st mortgage bonds, 1943, 6 1/2% conv. gold debts., 1938, Western Gas Co. 6% bonds, Preferred stock, Common stock, Surplus.

Empire Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1931, 1930, 1929) and rows for Operating revenues, Operating expenses & maintenance, Prov. for retirement of fixed capital, Taxes (incl. prov. for Fed'l inc. taxes), Operating income, Other income, Gross income, Interest on funded debt, Interest on unfunded debt, Amortiz. of debt discount & expense, Miscellaneous amortization, Interest during construction, Net income, Preferred dividends, Balance.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table comparing Assets and Liabilities for 1931 and 1930. Assets include Plant & property, Investments, Cash, Notes receivable, Accts. receivable, Materials & supp., Prepayments, Unamortized debt disc't. & expense, Miscell. suspense. Liabilities include Pref. & com. stock, & capital & ap. prof't. surplus, Adv. from affil. cos, Funded debt, Notes payable, Accounts payable, Acrued accounts, Consumers' depos., Reserves, Surplus.

x Represented by 26,769 shares of preferred stock (par \$100) and 26,920 shares of common stock (par \$100).—V. 134, p. 1952.

Hartford Gas Co.—Annual Statement.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1931, 1930, 1929) and Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Rows include Gas made and bought, Gross income, Total expenditures, Earnings, Dividends paid, Assets, and Liabilities.

Honolulu Rapid Transit Co.—Dividend Decreased.— A quarterly dividend of 20 cents per share was recently declared on the outstanding 125,000 shares of capital stock par \$20, payable March 31 to holders of record March 23.

Houston Electric Co.—Tenders.—

The First National Bank of Boston, trustee, will until noon, April 21, receive bids for the sale to it of 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds, series A, due June 1 1935, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$100,059.—V. 130, p. 2961.

International Telephone & Telegraph Corp.—Sale of Large Block of Stock Causes Decline in Price.—See last week's "Chronicle" page 2431.—V. 134, p. 2521.

Interstate Rys., Camden, N. J.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Years Ended Jan. 31 (1932, 1931, 1930) and Comparative Balance Sheet Jan. 31. Rows include Income from interest and dividends, Expenses, Net income, Previous surplus, Profit and loss, Assets, and Liabilities.

Iowa Southern Utilities Co.—Dividends Deferred.— The directors recently decided to defer the quarterly dividends due April 1 on the 7% cum. pref. stock, 6 1/2% cum. pref. stock and 6% cum. pref. stock, all of \$100 par value.

Kansas City Power & Light Co.—Bonds Offered.—

Chase Harris Forbes Corp., Guaranty Company of New York, Bonbright & Company, Inc., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, Continental Illinois Company, Inc., The N. W. Harris Company, Inc., Bankers Trust Company and Otis & Co., Inc., are offering an additional issue of \$5,250,000 1st mtge. gold bonds 4 1/2% series at 92 3/8 and int., to yield 5%.

Legal Investments.—Outstanding 1st mtge. gold bonds, 4 1/2% series due 1961, incl. this issue, will, in the opinion of counsel, be legal investments for savings banks in New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont and Connecticut.

Issuance.—Subject to authorization by the Missouri Public Service Commission and the Kansas Public Service Commission.

Data from Letter of Joseph F. Porter, Pres. of the Company.

Company.—Does the entire central station power and light business in Kansas City, Mo., and also sells, either at wholesale or retail, electric current used in parts of 29 surrounding counties in Missouri and Kansas.

The company now serves a territory with a total population of approximately 850,000 in Missouri and Kansas, and upon completion of the above acquisition will serve a population estimated to be in excess of 30,000 in Iowa.

Capitalization Outstanding upon Completion of Present Financing.

1st mtge. gold bonds, 4 1/2% series B, due 1957 \$6,000,000. 4 1/2% series due 1961 (incl. this issue) 35,250,000. 1st pref. stock (no par value): Series B \$6,000,000.

Security.—Bonds are secured by a direct first mtge. on all fixed property owned by the company.

Valuation.—The value of the property of the company as fixed by the Missouri Public Service Commission in 1918, plus improvements, additions and betterments subsequently made, at actual cost, is approximately \$70,687,000.

Earnings.—The earnings of company (incl. those of the Peoples' Gas & Electric Co.) for the 12 months ended Feb. 29 1932, with comparative figures for the 12 months ended Feb. 28 1931, were as follows:

Table with columns for 12 Months Ended (Feb. 28 '31, Feb. 29 '32) and Annual interest charges on \$41,250,000 1st mtge. gold bonds.

For the 12 months ended Feb. 29 1932 the proportion of gross operating revenues derived from electrical business was approximately 89%.

Improvement Fund.—Company covenants in the mortgage to set aside in a special fund annually, beginning April 1 1927, a sum equal to 1% of the face value of 1st mtge. gold bonds outstanding at the end of the preceding calendar year.

(The) Kansas Electric Power Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1931, 1930) and Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Rows include Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Operating income, Non-operating income, Gross income, Interest on funded debt, Miscellaneous interest deductions, Amortization of debt discount and expense, Miscellaneous deductions, Net income for the year, Surplus, Dec. 31, 7% cum. pref. stock dividend, Common dividend, Miscellaneous debits and credits (net), Surplus, Dec. 31 1931.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930. Rows include Assets (Plant & property, Cash, Accts receivable, Notes receivable, Materials & suppl., Prepayments, Adv. to affil. cos., Cap. stock subscr's, Miscell. invest'ns, Special deposits, Unamort. debt dis. and expense, Cost of pref. stock sales, Jobbing accounts, Misc. def'd debits, Reacquired sec.) and Liabilities (7% cum. pf. stock, 6% conv. junior preferred stock, Common stock, Cap. stock subscr's, Funded debt, Pur. mon. oblig'ns, Notes payable, Accounts payable, Consumers' depos., Misc. curr. liabli., Taxes accrued, Interest accrued, Adv. from affil. cos., Reserves, Misc. unadj. cred., Surplus).

Keystone Telephone Co. of Philadelphia.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1931, 1930, 1929) and Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Rows include Gross earnings, Oper. & maintenance expenses, Additions to reserve for renewals, Balance, Other income, Total income, Rent deductions, Interest, Amortiz. of debt disc. on bonds & notes, Federal income tax (estimated), Income for the year, Previous surplus, Total, Transfer to res. for conting. & renewals, Eastern Tel. & Tel. Co., Discount on 1-yr. 5% gold notes of the Keystone Tel. Co. of Phila., written off, Divs. paid, pref. stk., Keystone Tel. Co. of Phila., Surplus Dec. 31.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930. Rows include Assets (Cash in banks & on hand, Accounts receiv., Mats. & suppl., Inv. in affil. cos., &c., Treasury stock, Deposit account, Deferred expenses, Unamort. debt disc. & expense, Real est., plant & equip. & good-will) and Liabilities (Bills pay., banks., Accts. payable, &c., Acquired int. on funded debt, Reserves for taxes, Other reserves, Funded debt, Res. for renewals & contingencies, \$4 pref. stock, \$3 pref. stock, Com. stk. (par \$50), Surplus).

Lincoln Telephone Securities Co.—Regular Class B Div.

The directors declared quarterly dividends of 50c. per share on the no par class A common stock and 25c. per share on the no par class B common stock, in addition to the regular quarterly div. of 1 1/2% on the 6% pref. stock, all payable April 10 to holders of record March 31.

Los Angeles Ry. Corp.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928) and Net income. Rows include Operating revenue, Operating expenses, Depreciation, Taxes, Total operating inc., Non-operating income, Gross income, Total deductions, Net income.

Lone Star Gas Corp.—New Pref. Stock Approved.—

The stockholders at the annual meeting held on April 5 approved the creation of a new issue of 100,000 shares of 6% convertible preference stock, par \$100, convertible into common until June 30 1937, at the rate of seven

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for 1931 and 1930, and rows for Assets (Property, Securities, Cash, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Loans payable, etc.).

Northeastern Public Service Co.—Dividends Deferred.—The directors recently decided to defer the quarterly dividends due April 1 on the prior pref. stock and on the pref. stock.

Northern Pennsylvania Power Co.—Earnings.—Calendar Years—Total operating revenues, Operating expenses, Maintenance, etc.

Table with columns for 1931 and 1930, and rows for Assets (Fixed capital, Investments, Cash, etc.) and Liabilities (Cap. stk. & surp., Adv. to st'kholders, etc.).

Northwestern Utilities, Ltd.—Tenders.—The Trusts & Guarantee Co., Ltd., Toronto, Canada, will until April 14 receive bids for the sale to it of 7% 1st mtge. 15-year sinking fund gold bonds.

North West Utilities Co.—Annual Report.—Income Account for Calendar Years (Company Only). 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928, and rows for Int. rec. & accrued, Dividends on stock of subsidiaries, etc.

Consolidated Earnings Statement of the Subsidiaries for Calendar Years. 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928, and rows for Total earnings, Rentals of leased prop., Bond, deb. & other int., etc.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31. 1931, 1930. Assets and Liabilities.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, and rows for Assets (Cash, Notes receivable, etc.) and Liabilities (Bank loans, Accounts payable, etc.).

Ohio Kentucky Gas Co.—Bondholders' Protective Committee.—

A committee has been appointed to protect the holders of first mtge. 6 1/2% sinking fund gold bonds, series A, due Dec. 1 1943.

The company owns gas leases on certain acreage in Boyd and Greenup counties, Ky., and sells all gas produced therefrom under long-term contract.

It is therefore imperative that the holders of the first mortgage bonds unite for the protection of their interests. Bondholders are urged to deposit their bonds (with coupons maturing June 1 1932 and subsequent thereto) immediately with the depository.

Oklahoma Ry. Co.—Earnings.—Calendar Years—Rev. from transport'n, Rev. from oth. ry. oper., etc.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928, and rows for Total operating income, Non-operating income, etc.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928, and rows for Assets (Property, plant & equipment, Cash, etc.) and Liabilities (Funded debt, Bank loans, etc.).

Ottawa Light, Heat & Power Co., Ltd.—Earnings.—Calendar Years—Gross rev. all sources, Operating expenses, etc.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928, and rows for Total income, Administration expense, Interest, etc.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928, and rows for Total, Divs. on 7% prior lien preferred stock, etc.

Penn Central Light & Power Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—Calendar Years—Operating revenues, Operating expenses, etc.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, and rows for Operating income, Rent accrued from lease of lines & plants, etc.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, and rows for Total surplus, \$5 preferred dividends, \$2.80 preferred dividends, etc.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31. 1931, 1930. Assets and Liabilities.

Southern Natural Gas Corp.—Over 50% of 6% Conv. Sinking Fund Gold Debentures Deposited with New Committee.

The committee for the above debentures (Wm. S. Gray, Jr., Chairman) states:

"Over 50% of the debentures have been deposited with Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., the depository named in the protective agreement dated March 25 1932, under which the committee is acting.

"Holders of debentures desiring to obtain the benefits of the protective agreement should deposit their debentures with the depository at its principal office, 70 Broadway, New York City, before the close of business on April 20. Debentures must be deposited in negotiable form and be accompanied by the appurtenant coupons which matured Oct. 1 1931 and all subsequent coupons.

"As provided in the protective agreement, certificates of deposit of The New York Trust Co. issued for such debentures under the Tri-Utilities plan and agreement of reorganization, dated Sept. 1 1931, and certificates of deposit issued under the agreement dated as of Nov. 2 1931, between Samuel W. White and others as a Committee and holders of such debentures, may be deposited in lieu of debentures. All such certificates of deposit must be duly endorsed in blank for transfer. For all debentures deposited, including debentures represented by certificates of deposit so deposited, Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., as depository, will deliver its certificates of deposit in the respective names designated by depositors.

"Debenture holders are asked to facilitate the work of the committee by the prompt deposit of their debentures."

The committee, of which Samuel W. White was Chairman, states:

In view of the formation of the new protective committee for these debentures under the protective agreement, dated March 25 1932, of which the chairman of our committee is a member, and in order to facilitate concert of action among the debentureholders, we are dissolving our committee. We recommend that you deposit your certificates of deposit with Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., 70 Broadway, New York City, as depository under the new protective agreement, which will issue its certificates of deposit for the debentures represented by your certificates of deposit.—V. 134, p. 2148.

Southern United Gas Co.—Interest Defaulted—May Reorganize.—See United Public Service Co. below.—V. 131, p. 1587.

Southwestern Light & Power Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928) and rows for Operating revenues, Operating exp. & taxes, Retire. appropriation, Net oper. income, Non-oper. income, Gross income, Int. on funded debt, Amort. & other int. chgs., Miscell. deductions from gross income, Net income, Preferred dividends, Com. "A" dividends, Common dividends, Surplus.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for Assets (1931, 1930) and Liabilities (1931, 1930) and rows for Fixed capital, Cash, Notes receivable, Accts. receivable, Interest receivable, Material & supplies, Prepayments, Subscrip. to capital stock, Invest. in affil. Co., Adv. to affil. Co., Misc. investments, Special deposits, Unamortized debt, Work in progress, Miscellaneous deferred debits, Reacquired secur., Total.

x Represented by 95,156 shares (no par). y Represented by 52,500 shares (no par).—V. 133, p. 3257.

Standard Gas & Electric Co.—Obituary.—

Halford Erickson, 68, Vice-President of this company and of the Byllesby Engineering & Management Corp., died on April 7 at his home in Oak Park, Ill.—V. 134, p. 1956.

Standard Telephone Co. (Del.)—Dividend Deferred.—

The directors have voted to defer the quarterly dividend due May 1 on the \$7 cum. pref. stock, no par value. The last regular quarterly payment of \$1.75 per share on this issue was made on Feb. 1 1932.—V. 129, p. 281.

United Power & Transportation Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928) and rows for Inc. from divs., int., &c., Expense acct. (taxes, &c), Interest, &c., charges, Net income, Dividends, Balance, surplus.

Comparative Balance Sheet, Dec. 31.

Table with columns for Assets (1931, 1930) and Liabilities (1931, 1930) and rows for Invest. in secur., Investments in real estate, Accounts receiv., Cash, Capital stock, United Ry. gold trust etcs., Real estate mtgcs., Bills payable, Accounts payable, Div. payable in Jan, Paid-in surplus, Profit and loss, Total.

United Public Service Co.—Interest Defaulted—Probable Reorganization.—

Interest due April on bonds and debentures of this company and two of its subsidiaries, United Public Utilities Co. and Southern United Gas Co. will not be paid, as sufficient funds are not available, it was announced on April 1. (The Middle West Utilities Co. controls the United Public Service Co.)

In consequence of the interest default, the quarterly dividends due at this time on the \$6 cum. and \$5.75 cum. pref. stock of the United Public Utilities Co. were not paid.

The following statement was issued: "As a result of adverse conditions, the necessity of a reorganization of the United Public Service Co. and certain of its subsidiaries has now become apparent. Middle West Utilities Co. is no longer justified in

assisting United Public Service Co. by making advances, as it has done in the past.

"The interest of all security holders and creditors of United Public Service Co. and its subsidiaries can best be protected by the orderly development of an equitable plan of reorganization for the United Public Service situation. The Middle West Utilities Co. will co-operate in the development of such a plan, work upon which will start immediately.

"No public offering of securities of the United Public Service Co. or any of its subsidiaries has been made since Middle West's purchase of its interest in the United Public Service Co. in 1929."

Table with columns for United Public Service Co. 15-yr. coll. trust 6% series A bonds, United Public Service Co., 6 1/2% debenture bonds, United Public Utilities Co., 1st lien bonds, series A, 6%, United Public Utilities Co., 1st lien, bonds, series B, 5 1/2%, United Public Utilities Co., 1st lien bonds, series C, 6%, Southern United Gas Co. 1st lien sinking fund 6% gold bonds.—V. 132, p. 4432.

United Public Utilities Co.—Interest Defaulted—Dividends Unpaid—Probable Reorganization.—

See United Public Service Co. above.—V. 129, p. 3328.

Virginia Electric & Power Co.—To Vote on Bonds.—

The stockholders at the annual meeting to be held on April 20 will vote on approving the proposed issue and sale of \$4,000,000 10-year 5 1/2% secured convertible bonds. See V. 134, p. 1764.

Warren Ohio Telephone Co.—Dividend Deferred.—

The directors have voted to defer the quarterly dividend due April 1 on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100. The last regular quarterly distribution of 1 1/4% was made on Jan. 1 1932.—V. 124, p. 2910.

Washington Baltimore & Annapolis El. RR.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Operating revenue, Operating expenses, taxes & depreciation, Operating income, Non-operating income, Gross income, Interest on bonds and notes, Miscellaneous deductions, Income for year, Revenue passengers carried in 1931, 3,045,810.

a Operations of receiver only from Jan. 27 to Dec. 31 1931, before depreciation and interest on bonds. b Operations for year 1931 includes depreciation and interest on bonds.—V. 133, p. 800.

West Texas Utilities Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1931, 1930) and rows for Operating revenue, Operating expenses, Uncollectible bills, Taxes, Net operating income, Non-operating income, Gross income, Interest on funded debt, Amortization of debt discount & expense, Miscellaneous deductions from gross income, Net income, Surplus, Dec. 31, Excess prov. for Fed. income taxes.

Table with columns for Total surplus, Dividends paid—preferred stock, Dividends paid and declared on common stock, Miscellaneous, Surplus, Dec. 31.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for Assets (1931, 1930) and Liabilities (1931, 1930) and rows for Fixed capital, Cash, Notes receivable, Accts. receivable, Interest receivable, Materials & suppl., Prepayments, Subscr. to cap. stk., Miscell. assets, Deferred debits, Reacquired secur., Preferred stock, Common stock, Cap. stock subser., Funded debt, Purch. contr. oblig., Notes payable, Consumers' dep., Divs. declared, Misc. curr. liab., Taxes accrued, Interest accrued, Retirement reserve, Reserve for contributions for exten, Miscell. reserves, Misc. unadj. cred., Surplus.

Table with columns for Total, Surplus, Dec. 31.

Table with columns for Assets (1931, 1930) and Liabilities (1931, 1930) and rows for Fixed capital, Cash, Notes receivable, Accts. receivable, Interest receivable, Materials & suppl., Prepayments, Subscr. to cap. stk., Miscell. assets, Deferred debits, Reacquired secur., Preferred stock, Common stock, Cap. stock subser., Funded debt, Purch. contr. oblig., Notes payable, Consumers' dep., Divs. declared, Misc. curr. liab., Acrued liabilities, Adv. from affil. cos, Reserves, Miscell. unadj. cr., Surplus.

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Western Massachusetts Companies (& Constit. Cos.)

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928) and rows for Operating revenue, Operating expense, Taxes, Operating profit, Other income.

Table with columns for Total earnings, Interest, Retirement reserves, Net income, Divs. paid—Pref. stocks of consti. utility companies, Capital stock of Western Mass. cos., Min. stocks of consti. utility cos., Surplus.

Table with columns for Previous surplus, Adjustments, Amount transferred to retirem't res., Total surplus.

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Western Power Corp.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1931.	1930.	1929.
Interest received	\$11,353	\$547,721	\$896,507
Dividends received	2,193,118	2,801,671	2,771,580
Miscellaneous earnings	-----	143,479	1,116,964
Total income	\$2,204,471	\$3,492,871	\$4,785,051
Interest paid	314,499	534,936	1,007,601
Amortiz. of bond discount & expense	-----	1,260	9,722
Salaries, taxes & miscellaneous exp.	66,034	54,373	111,393
Total expenses	\$380,532	\$590,569	\$1,128,716
Balance for dividends and surplus	1,823,939	2,902,302	3,656,335
Preferred dividends	675,801	675,794	675,790
Bal. for common divs. and surplus	\$1,148,138	\$2,226,508	\$2,980,545

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Invest. in common stock of Pacific Gas & Elec. Co.	40,004,893	37,454,780	9,654,400	9,654,200
Cash	987	10,476	8,049,450	8,049,450
Dividends receiv.	561,030	510,027	-----	-----
Total	40,566,910	37,975,284	40,566,910	37,975,284

Worcester Consolidated Street Ry.—Reorganiz. Plan.

A plan of reorganization which has the unanimous approval of the bondholders' protective committee has been adopted.

Under the plan a new street railway company will be organized to be known as the New Operating Company, which will operate the transportation facilities of the present operating company. Continuity of management is provided for through the medium of a holding company since the original trustees will be appointed by the committee for 10 years. All the preferred and common stock of this New Operating Company will be held by a new Massachusetts voluntary association, which will act as a holding company. The mortgage bonds of the New Operating Company and the collateral (convertible) income bonds and common stock of the New Holding Company will initially be the only classes of securities outstanding in the hands of the public.

Digest of Reorganization Plan Dated March 31 1932.

Those Entitled to Participation Under the Plan and Basis of Participation: (1) Bondholders and Debenture Holders.—Holders of 1st and 2nd mtge. gold bonds dated Aug. 1 1910, and of debenture bonds dated Nov. 1 1907 upon consummation of this plan will receive for each \$1,000 principal amount and unpaid interest:

- (a) \$91.67 in cash representing an amount equal to 5% per annum on \$1,000 from Aug. 1 1930 to June 1 1932, being the date from which interest will begin to accrue on the new mortgage bonds.
- (b) \$500 principal amount of new mortgage gold bonds, series A, 5%, due 1947, of the New Operating Company.
- (c) \$500 principal amount of 6% collateral (convertible) income bonds of the New Holding Company.
- (d) Five shares (no par value) of common stock of the New Holding Company.

Bondholders who are not already depositors should deposit their bonds or debentures in negotiable form on or before April 22 with Harris Forbes Trust Co., as depository, Boston, and shall thereupon be entitled to participate under this plan.

Bondholders who have already deposited their bonds or debentures do not need to take further action at this time if they assent to this plan.

(2) Holders of Other Claims.—Holders of other claims against company, not including stockholders (unsecured claims) upon consummation of the plan, will receive for each \$100 face value of their respective claims as finally allowed by the U. S. District Court or as agreed upon by the committee, two shares of common stock of the New Holding Company or, at the holder's option, 15% of said amount to be allowed or agreed upon in cash.

Holders of unsecured claims may, on or before April 22, a written declaration of election to participate under this plan and shall in such declaration state their intention to take common stock of the New Holding Company or cash. Such declaration shall be accompanied by such data, information and assignment of claims as shall be required by the committee, and upon the filing of such written declaration and such other papers as the committee shall require as a condition precedent to or concurrent with such election such holder shall receive therefor a receipt from the depository in form approved by the committee. Upon the filing of written declaration such holders shall be entitled to participate in and shall be bound by the provisions of this plan, subject, however, to the right of the committee in its discretion at any time, to require that such holder shall have his claim finally allowed, as a condition precedent to participation in the distribution to be made under this plan, and such claims shall only be allowed such participation to the extent to which the same are allowed or agreed upon.

(3) Holders of Preferred Stock.—Holders of preferred stock upon consummation of the plan will be entitled to purchase at the price of \$75 cash \$100 face amount of mortgage bonds of the New Operating Company and two shares of common stock of the New Holding Company. While no limit is now placed on the amount of mortgage bonds each such holder may purchase, the committee reserves the right to limit the purchase right to \$100 face amount of such mortgage bonds for each 10 shares of preferred stock held. The purchase price shall be payable at the place and on the date specified by the committee.

Holders of preferred stock may on or before April 22, deposit with Harris Forbes Trust Co., the depository for that purpose, certificates for their stock together with a written declaration of election to exercise subscription rights referred to above in such form as shall be prescribed by the committee and authority to the committee to cause the stock so deposited to be surrendered to the Worcester Consolidated Street Ry. for cancellation, and shall thereupon be deemed to have exercised their rights of purchase under this plan, and shall receive therefor a receipt of said depository in form approved by the committee.

(4) Non-Participating Securities and Claims.—Holders of bonds, debentures, preferred stock and claims who do not, in accordance with the provisions of this plan, deposit their bonds, debentures and preferred stock or file a written declaration of intention to participate under this plan in the manner and within the time in this plan provided, or within such further period, if any, as may be prescribed by the committee, and who do not comply with the terms and conditions that may be imposed by or pursuant to this plan, will not be entitled to any of the benefits or advantages of this plan or to any rights or interests herein or thereunder.

General Provisions of Plan.

The committee has contracted to purchase \$1,108,000 of indebtedness (plus unpaid interest) of Worcester Consolidated Street Railway, for which it has agreed to pay \$245,000 plus interest from Jan. 15 1932. It is part of this plan that the cash required to complete this purchase will ultimately be provided out of the cash which it is proposed to acquire from the Worcester Consolidated Street Ry. and the receivers when the property and cash held by them are sold under court order. Of the indebtedness purchased \$186,000 is secured equally with the bonds and debentures first above referred to; \$500,000 is secured by a first mortgage of Worcester & Southbridge Street Ry., which has been assumed by Worcester Consolidated Street Ry. and by the 1925 general mortgage of Worcester Consolidated Street Ry.; \$22,000 is secured by a mortgage made by Worcester & Shrewsbury RR., which has been assumed by Worcester Consolidated Street Ry.; \$100,000 is secured by general mortgage; the balance of said amount, i. e., \$300,000, is unsecured.

New Operating Company, Assets, Liabilities and Capitalization.

It is intended that a new operating company shall be formed in Massachusetts which shall acquire such of the property and rights of Worcester Consolidated Street Ry. and the receivers, as may be purchased by or on behalf of the committee when sold under court order, as the committee may determine and in addition all cash realized upon sale of mortgage bonds and common stock of the new holding company to participating preferred stockholders pursuant to this plan. The original board of directors of the new operating company will be designated by the com-

mittee and may consist in whole or in part of members of the committee.

All rights appertaining to the indebtedness purchased by the committee, and all rights appertaining to bonds and claims participating under this plan, except in all instances, however, the right to receive the stock, bonds and (or) cash as provided above will be transferred by the committee to the new operating company or in whole or in part to the new holding company.

The new operating company will assume such liabilities and obligations as the decree of sale entered by the court shall require the purchaser thereunder to assume, but only to the extent so required, and will assume all expenses, obligations and liabilities of the committee and all expenses of the reorganization, except only such as are ordered by the court to be paid out of the proceeds of such sale.

The capitalization of the new operating company shall consist of mortgage bonds of an aggregate principal amount of \$2,316,000 and of such amount of \$6 dividend preferred stock and of common stock as the Department of Public Utilities will allow. The committee shall reduce appropriately the aggregate principal amount of mortgage bonds to the extent that holders of bonds or debentures aforesaid or certificates of deposit are not or cease to be entitled to participate under this plan and may increase the same to the extent, if any, necessary to meet the requirements of this plan, upon exercise of the preferred stockholders' right to purchase.

New Holding Company and Its Capitalization.

It is intended that a new holding company shall be organized as a Massachusetts voluntary association, which shall acquire all of the preferred stock and common stock of the new operating company to be issued under this plan and may acquire any part of the cash to be taken over from Worcester Consolidated Street Ry. or the receivers, which in the opinion of the committee is not necessary for other purposes in connection with the carrying out of this plan or for working capital of the new operating company and may acquire any other property as herein provided. The original board of trustees of the new holding company will be designated by the committee and may consist in whole or in part of members of the committee. In lieu of establishing a voting trust for the common shares of the new holding company, provision will be made so that the original trustees shall be appointed for not exceeding 10 years with power to increase and fill vacancies in their number and that thereafter the trustees will be elected annually by the shareholders.

The committee may provide that the new holding company shall assume any obligations or liabilities in place of the new operating company and further may require the new holding company to agree to indemnify the new operating company against any liabilities.

The capitalization of the new holding company shall consist of 6% collateral income bonds of an aggregate principal amount of \$2,316,000 and of 23,160 shares of common stock (no par). The committee shall reduce appropriately the aggregate principal amount of collateral income bonds and the number of shares to the extent that the bonds and debentures aforesaid or certificates of deposit are not or cease to be entitled to participate under this plan and may increase the same to the extent, if any, necessary to meet the requirements of this plan upon the exercise of the preferred stockholders' right to purchase and the unsecured claimholders right to participate.

The committee, in a letter accompanying the plan, states in part:

The mortgage bonds of the new operating company and the collateral (convertible) income bonds and common stock of the new holding company will initially be the only classes of securities outstanding in the hands of the public, a statement of which and of the funded debt and capital stock of the present operating company follows:

	Securities to Be Issued to the Public Under Plan.	Securities of the Present Operating Company.
Class of Securities—		
Mortgage debt	\$2,316,000	\$5,440,000
Collateral income bonds	2,316,000	-----
Demand notes	-----	300,000
Preferred stock	-----	3,600,000
Common stock	23,160 shs. (no par)	3,382,700

The car and bus equipment obligations of the present operating company and its receivers amounting to \$370,357 on April 1 1932 will be assumed by the new operating company.

The following earnings for the 12 months ended Dec. 31 1931 have been reported to the committee by the receivers:

Gross income	\$2,480,873
Operating expenses, maintenance & taxes, incl. interest of \$20,061 on equipment obligations (but before depreciation)	1,812,746
Net earnings	\$668,127

Earnings of the new operating company based on 1931 figures shown above, will be available to meet the requirements of the outstanding securities referred to above. Of these requirements the principal items are as follows:

Car and bus equipment obligations (the last installment being \$148,139 due 1934) principal payable in 1932	\$148,139
Annual interest on \$2,316,000 of new 5% mortgage bonds	115,800
Annual interest on \$2,316,000 of 6% collateral income bonds	138,960

A sum equal to one-half of the net earnings of the new operating company, and to be arrived at after deducting all interest charges of the new operating company and a sum equal to the amount paid as cumulative dividends (not the participating dividend) on the preferred stock of the new operating company, will be set aside annually in a special fund for sinking fund purposes. It is estimated, based on the above figures, that this special fund will amount to approximately \$200,000, all of which special fund must be used to retire mortgage bonds either by purchase or call, excepting such part thereof, but not exceeding 30% thereof, as is used as a participating dividend on the preferred stock of the new operating company.

The plan also contains provisions for a sinking fund on the collateral (convertible) income bonds.

Based on the aforesaid figures and assuming that the regular and participating dividends on the preferred stock are paid and a dividend on the common stock sufficient to pay operating expenses of the new holding company is also paid, it is estimated that the sinking fund for the collateral (convertible) income bonds should amount to approximately \$60,000.

Over 97% of the bonds and debentures has been deposited with Harris Forbes Trust Co. under the deposit agreement dated August 1 1930, including therein approximately 3% which, while not deposited, is under the control of the committee.

The committee believes that it is for the best interest of holders of un-deposited bonds and debentures to deposit the same and urges them to do so without delay.

Committee.—W. Eugene McGregor, Chairman, Sherman Damon, J. Howard Leman, Charles E. Ober, Richard Pigeon.—V. 133, p. 956.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Price of Refined Sugar Reduced.—American, Revere and Pennsylvania Sugar companies reduced the price of refined sugar 10 points to 3.90 cents a pound. Boston "News Bureau," April 6, p. 13.

Dredge Workers Strike.—A general strike of all organized tug union workers, dredge workers and drill boat employees has been called by the unions working in Great Lakes area, effective April, when the contract between the Dredge Owners Association and the unions expired. "Wall Street Journal," April 4, p. 9.

Wage Cut is Urged on Printers' Group.—A supplement agreement similar to that arranged with four other printers' unions in the book and job industry has been requested of Mailers' Union No. 6 by the New York Employing Printers' Association. N. Y. "Times," April 3, p. 2.

Open Shop Declared by Nassau Builders.—Long Island builders declared an "open shop" and about 500 carpenters were called off their jobs by union delegates, it was admitted by P. Joergensen, Huntington contractor, a member of the board of governors of the Building Trades Employers' Association. The organization refused to compromise the new wage scale set by the builders at \$8 a day. N. Y. "Times," April 5, p. 23.

65,000 Miners Out in Soft Coal Areas.—Approximately 65,000 bituminous coal miners in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio were out of work as a result of the failure of operators and union leaders to formulate a new wage agreement. So far as Illinois is concerned there is little prospect of a resumption of production for nearly two weeks. N. Y. "Times," April 2, p. 6.

One-Man Control for Rubber Industry.—As a part of a program to revitalize the rubber industry in the United States and to cure the ills arising from the depression, plans are being discussed to concentrate co-ordinating power

in the hands of one man. This industry, one of the most important in the country, has encountered unusual difficulties in the last two years. N. Y. "Times," April 7, p. 33.

Matters Covered in the "Chronicle" of April 2.—Corporation profits comparison, 1931 with 1929 better than 1921 with 1920 according to Ernst & Ernst, p. 2414; (b) Anaconda Copper Mining Co. shuts down two mines, p. 2422; (c) Moratorium urged for Kreuger & Toll—Stockholm committee advises aid for company until normal times return—Cites its earning power, p. 2430; (d) Lee, Higginson & Co. says conclusions of Stockholm committee on Kreuger & Toll is at variance with company's report, p. 2430; (e) Swedish Government continues for one month moratorium granted Kreuger & Toll, p. 2431; (f) Attachment on Kreuger funds in New York—Papers served on local banks holding Swedish certificates, p. 2431; (g) Swedish Government arranges loan in behalf of Scandinavian credit bank, p. 2431; (h) Mystery Sales hit International Telephone & Telegraph and Postal—Drops cause false report of sales of Kreuger & Toll holdings in former—Ericsson off in Sweden, p. 2431.

(i) W. B. Foshay and H. H. Henley, former heads of the failed W. B. Foshay Co. of Minneapolis found "guilty" of fraud and sentenced to 15 years each—A fine of \$1,000 each was also imposed, p. 2339; (j) Loans by Reconstruction Finance Corporation totaled \$234,981,714 on March 25, p. 2453; (k) National Credit Corporation to make second partial payment to subscribing banks on April 11, p. 2454; (l) Report on War Finance Corporation now in liquidation—Loans outstanding \$215,505—Total advances since organization \$690,431,095, p. 2454; (m) Bank Failures cut in Mid-West Area—Reconstruction Finance Corporation loans credited with the improvement shown in the Seventh (Chicago) District—230 advances approved—H. M. Sims estimates between \$60,000,000 and \$100,000,000 poured into section, p. 2455; (n) Salaries reduced 10% by Armour & Co., p. 2460; (o) Pennsylvania mills of American Sheet & Tin Plate Co. to be reopened April 4, p. 2460; (p) Republic Steel adds three more furnaces to Youngstown operations, p. 2460; (q) Transamerica Corp. cuts expenses—Directors to be chosen April 6, 2460.

Acme Staple Co., Camden, N. J.—Div. Action Deferred.
Action ordinarily taken about March 16 on the regular quarterly dividend due April 1 on the 7% pref. stock, par \$100, has been deferred until the April 20 meeting of the board. The last quarterly distribution of 1 1/4% was made on this issue on Jan. 1 1932.

Addressograph-Multigraph Corp.—Regular Div., &c.
The directors on March 16 declared the usual quarterly dividend of 25c. per share on the common stock, no par value, payable April 11 to holders of record March 28. A similar distribution was made on this issue on Jan. 10 last and on Oct. 10 1931, as against 35c. previously each quarter.

H. C. Osborne, Chairman of the executive committee, and C. E. Steffey, formerly sales manager of the National Cash Register Co., were recently elected Vice-Presidents. W. K. Page was elected Vice-President in charge of sales of the Addressograph Co., and R. M. Winger as Vice-President in charge of sales of the Multigraph Co.—V. 134, p. 1373.

Advance-Rumely Corp.—Earnings.

<i>Earnings for Period from Feb. 9 1931 to Dec. 31 1931.</i>	
Gross profit from oper., period Feb. 9 1931 to May 31 1931	\$83,020
Int. on receivables & bank balances, discounts on purchases, &c.	138,817
Total income	\$221,837
Selling, general & admin. expenses at home office and branches.	549,621
Interest on borrowed money	73,541
Depreciation on buildings, machinery, plant and equipment	38,823
Net loss from oper. from Feb. 9 1931 to May 31 1931	\$440,149
<i>Income for Period from June 1 1931 to Dec. 31 1931.</i>	
Interest on receivables and bank balances	\$67,194
Dividends received on Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co. stock	31,024
Miscellaneous	539
Total income	\$98,757
General expense	44,026
Loss on sale of bonds of Agricultural Securities Corp. purchased in 1925	2,925
Net profit from June 1 1931 to Dec. 31 1931	\$51,805
Net loss from Feb. 9 1931 to Dec. 31 1931	\$388,344

<i>Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1931.</i>	
Assets	Liabilities
Cash in banks	Accounts payable
Certificate of deposit	Accrued taxes
Cash due from Allis-Chalmers	Reserve for contingencies
Manufacturing Co.	Common stock
Miscell. notes & accts. receiv.	Deficit
Notes & accts. rec. held by Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co.	
Common stock of Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co.	
Land, bldgs., mach'y & equip.	
Outside real estate held for sale (LaPorte)	
Total	Total

Alaska Juneau Gold Mining Co.—Earnings.
For income statement for month and three months ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 2340.

Allied Products Corp., Detroit,—To Decrease Capital.
The stockholders on March 29 approved an amendment to the articles of incorporation by which the authorized capital was decreased to the extent of 6,200 shares of class "A" conv. common stock which has been purchased, retired and cancelled. This reduces the authorized class "A" stock from 50,000 shares to 43,800 shares.—V. 134, p. 1958.

Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co.—Unfilled Orders.
As of—
Unfilled orders—\$7,221,000 Mar. '32, Feb. '29 '32, Mar. '31 '31.
—V. 134, p. 2340, 2329.

(B.) Altman & Co., N. Y.—New Officer.
A. L. Gage, Vice-President in charge of publicity, will sever his connection with B. Altman & Co., effective May 1, it was recently announced by President John Burke. He will be succeeded by John Knox, now associated with W. & J. Sloane and formerly advertising manager of Lord & Taylor.—V. 132, p. 3150.

Aluminum Co. of America (& Subs.)—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets		Liabilities	
Land, plants & facilities	Preferred stock	Common stock	Funded debt
Cash	Common stock	Accounts payable	Accrued taxes
Accts. notes rec.	Accounts payable	Reserve for contingencies	Common stock
& market. sec.	Bills payable	Def. accts. & charges	Deficit
Inventory	Accrued liabli.	Reserve for Fed. taxes, &c.	
Sink.fds. for bds.	Def. accts. & charges	Conting. & other reserve	
Inv. in subs. & affil. cos. not consolidated	Reserve for Fed. taxes, &c.	Pref. div. pay	
Deferred charges	Surplus		
Total	Total		

After amortization, depreciation and depletion of \$64,546,531. y Represented by 1,472,625 no par shares.
Our usual comparative income statement for the year ended Dec. 31 1931, was published in V. 134, p. 2523.

Amerada (Oil) Corp.—Maintains Regular Divs.—Earns.
The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 50c. per share on the capital stock, payable April 30 to holders of record April 15.
Chairman E. L. DeGolyer stated that preliminary estimates for the first quarter indicate earnings of approximately \$250,000 against \$68,000 for the same quarter last year. While these earnings cover approximately two-thirds of the dividend requirements on the net outstanding stock, general acceptance by the industry of increases in the price of crude recently posted by leading purchaser should result in current earnings at a rate sufficient to cover dividend requirements.

<i>Consolidated Income Account for Calendar Years.</i>			
	1931.	1930.	1929.
Gross operating income—	\$4,014,749	\$8,869,461	\$9,908,744
Oper. & admin. exp., tax, leases abandoned, &c.	3,972,360	5,419,681	6,874,679
Operating income	\$42,389	\$3,449,781	\$3,034,065
Other income	581,983	4,729,190	4,006,497
Total income	\$624,372	\$8,178,971	\$7,040,563
Deprec., depl., drill. exp. & prov. for conting.	2,070,551	4,217,494	4,281,662
Decline in market value of bonds owned	255,468		
Net income	def\$1,701,648	\$3,961,477	\$2,758,900
Dividends paid	y1,844,150	x1,844,150	1,844,150
Balance, surplus—	def\$3,545,798	\$2,208,327	\$914,750
Earn. per sh. on stock outst. at end of period		\$4.30	\$2.99
x Includes dividends of \$91,000 on company's own stock held. y Includes dividends of \$189,800 on company's own stock held.			

<i>Balance Sheet Dec. 31.</i>			
Assets		Liabilities	
Property, plant & equipment	Investments	Capital stock	Accounts and taxes payable
Marketable secur.	Notes receivable	Conting. res., &c.	Surplus
Stock of Amerada Corp.	Cash	Accts. receivable	Oil & gasoline
Material & supp.	Adv. to assoc. cos.	Fed. tax claims	
Total	Total	Total	Total

x After depreciation, depletion and drilling expenses of \$26,912,963. y Represented by 922,075 shares (no par).—V. 133, p. 3095.

American Automobile Insurance Co., St. Louis.—Omits Dividend.
At the last regular meeting of the directors no action was taken respecting the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about April 1, on the outstanding \$1,000,000 capital stock.

American Can Co.—Six Jersey Packers Sue Company.
The company was made defendant in an action started in the Court of Chancery at Trenton, N. J., April 6 by six independent packing companies to recover what they described as losses caused by "fraudulent" practices of the latter concern.

The New Jersey concerns charged the Can company "fraudulently" induced them to enter contracts for long periods whereby prices of cans could be raised in accordance with "official prices of tin, bearing little or no relationship to the actual market prices." They also charged they were discriminated against in favor of such concerns as the Van Camp Packing Co., Inc., the Morgan Packing Co. and the California Packing Co. Complainants in the suits were the Salem Supply Co., S. Watson & Son, Edgar E. Surrif, E. Pritchard, Inc., the Fog & Hires Co. and the John E. Diamant Co. They charged the Can company violated pledges to them that prices to all its customers would be the same regardless of the quantities purchased.

Company Will Contest Suits of Packers.
The company, it is announced, will contest all of the suits being brought by six independent packing companies in the Court of Chancery, Trenton, N. J.—V. 134, p. 1373.

American Cigar Co.—Resumes Preferred Dividend—Clears Up All Accruals.
The directors on April 7 declared a regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2% on the outstanding \$10,000,000 6% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, and also a dividend of 4 1/2% on the same issue to cover all accumulations to date, both payable April 18 to holders of record April 14.

The last previous payment of 1 1/2% was made on the preferred stock on April 1 1931.—V. 134, p. 2151.

American Machine & Foundry Co.—Earnings.

<i>Calendar Years—</i>			
	1931.	1930.	1929.
Sales	\$4,916,162	\$6,881,162	\$7,097,754
Royalties	238,787	230,146	207,662
Total revenue	\$5,154,950	\$7,111,307	\$7,327,070
Mfg. costs & expenses	4,182,828	5,133,123	5,657,140
Gross profit	\$972,122	\$1,978,184	\$1,669,930
Interest, &c.	86,812	98,340	122,937
Depreciation	216,886	251,877	240,089
Federal taxes	30,218	109,162	101,666
Profit	\$638,205	\$1,518,805	\$1,205,237
Other income	1,077,926	1,412,385	1,355,494
Net profit	\$1,716,131	\$2,931,190	\$2,560,731
Minority int. Standard Tobacco Stemmer Co.	73	79	88
Preferred dividends	105,000	140,000	140,000
Common dividends	1,337,828	1,554,035	1,307,438
Surplus	\$378,230	\$1,272,076	\$1,113,205
Shs. com. stk. outst'g	1,000,000	1,000,000	200,000
Earnings per share	\$1.72	\$2.83	\$12.10

<i>Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.</i>			
Assets		Liabilities	
Cash	Marketable secur.	Accounts payable	Acct. int. on bonds and mortgage
Accts receivable	Notes and acceptances receivable	Res. for Fed. inc. and State taxes	Acct. sinking fund on mortgage
Prepaid invts.	Prepaid invts. & roy.	Res. for deprec. of bldgs. & equip.	Res. for spec. con.
Misc. advs., &c.	Patents, pat. rts., licenses, devel. good-will, &c.	6% mtge. payable	15-yr. 6% g. bds.
Land & bldgs. and equipment	Deferred charges	Common stock	Earned surplus
Total	Total	Total	Total

x Represented by 1,000,000 no par shares.—V. 133, p. 1128.

American Commercial Alcohol Co.—Increases Par Value of Shares—Voting Trust to Be Dissolved.

The stockholders on April 5 ratified the proposal to reduce the authorized capital stock from 750,000 shares of \$10 par, of which there are 376,397 shares outstanding, to 375,000 shares of \$20 par.

It was announced that earnings in the first quarter were equal to more than 50 cents a share on the 188,197 shares of new stock to be outstanding as of May 1. It is expected that the voting trust will be dissolved on April 29.—V. 134, p. 2340.

American Radiator & Standard Sanitary Corp.—Earnings.

Calendar Years— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928. Gross sales \$98,731,385 \$135,401,921 \$181,797,144 Returns, allow., discounts, freight 11,406,614 16,102,324 20,468,800

Consolidated net profits \$200,646 \$6,641,797 \$20,012,171 Preferred dividends 503,991 509,603 566,482 Common dividends 7,111,100 13,968,693 14,338,334

Balance def \$7,414,445 def \$7,836,500 sur \$5,107,355 Shares of com. stk. outst'g (no par) 10,158,139 10,158,015 10,154,677

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets— 1931. 1930. Cash \$20,000,946 22,548,661 Gov. bonds 1,985,101 1,985,101

Total 205,658,039 215,015,740 a After reserve for doubtful accounts of \$912,459. b Represented by 10,158,139 no par shares.—V. 134, p. 1026.

American Ship & Commerce Corp.—Earnings.

For income statement for quarter ended March 31 1932 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 3259.

American Smelting & Refining Co.—Common Dividend Omitted, &c.

The directors on April 6 decided to omit the quarterly dividend due to be declared at this time on the outstanding no par value common stock. On Feb. 1 last a distribution of 12 1/2 cents per share was made on this issue as against 37 1/2 cents on Nov. 2 1931, 50 cents on Aug. 1 1931 and \$1 per share each quarter from Feb. 1 1929 to and including May 1 1931.

The directors voted to pay the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 a share on the 7% cum. pref. stock and the regular quarterly of 1 1/2% on the 6% cum. 2nd pref. stock, both payable June 1 to holders of record May 6.

J. C. Emison was elected Vice-President and Treasurer.—V. 134, p. 1751.

American Sumatra Tobacco Corp.—Bal. Sheet.

Assets— Jan. 31 '32. July 31 '31. a Plantations, live stock, equip., &c \$5,027,182 \$4,794,718 Cash 199,370 385,303

Total \$7,927,676 \$7,999,978 a After depreciation. b Represented by 216,300 no par shares. c Represented by 19,395 shares at cost.—V. 134, p. 138.

American Tobacco Co.—New Director, &c.

More than 2,523,000 votes out of a total of 2,526,422 votes present or represented at the annual meeting held on April 6 were cast to re-elect the present board of directors and to elect one new director, Edmund A. Harvey, to succeed the late Charles A. Penn. Paul M. Hahn, Assistant to the President, presided.

In a statement to the stockholders read at the meeting President George W. Hill said in part:

"Our company now has nearly 40,000 stockholders. Government figures, commencing about the middle of last year, show a decline in public consumption of cigarettes, due principally, I believe, to a shift on the part of a small percentage of smokers to other forms of tobacco. I am glad to tell you, however, that your company is, according to our estimates, continuing to increase its percentage of the total cigarette business, and continuing to increase its sales of manufactured tobacco. We go into 1932 with the same confidence with which we have gone into previous years."

The new board of directors consists of: Richard J. Boylan, John A. Crowe, C. Huntley Gibson, Patrick H. Gorman, Paul M. Hahn, Tullis T. Harkrader, Edmund A. Harvey, James B. Harvie, George W. Hill, James E. Lipscomb, Jr., Charles F. Nelley, William H. Osgbury, Fred B. Reuter, Frank V. Riggio, Vincent Riggio, Thomas R. Taylor and William E. Witzleben.—V. 134, p. 2341.

American Trustee Share Corp.—Smaller Dividend on Diversified Series D Shares.

The corporation announces a distribution of \$186.85 per unit of 1,000 shares of Diversified Trustee Shares, series "D," equal to \$0.18685 per share, payable April 15. The initial distribution, made on Oct. 15 1931, was \$0.19811 per share, or \$198.11 per unit.

The corporation stated as follows: "Of the total number of certificates of Diversified Trustee Shares, series D, outstanding, 82.6% are in denominations of 100 shares or more. This refutes the popular belief that the fixed trust is a medium designed exclusively for the benefit of the small investor."

Of the 82.6% comprising certificates of 100 shares or over, the average number of shares held is 189. In the higher brackets 28.2% of the certificates are in denominations of 1,000 or more, and 45.1% are in certificates of 500 or more shares.—V. 134, p. 2341.

American Writing Paper Co., Inc.—Earnings.

Calendar Years— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928. Gross sales \$7,546,571 \$10,691,140 \$12,896,586 \$12,987,464 Returns, allow., & disc. 447,766 618,631 761,711 788,419

Operating profit \$286,335 \$772,117 \$735,357 \$618,525 Other income 109,036 94,186 122,622 131,592

Total income \$395,371 \$866,303 \$857,979 \$750,117 Other expense 174,027 114,043 120,684 106,255

Net profit loss \$345,494 \$145,338 \$364,433 \$277,994 Preferred dividends 267,798 267,798 267,798 267,798

Balance, surplus def \$345,494 def \$122,460 \$96,634 \$277,994 Earnings per share on pref. stock (no par) Nil \$1.62 \$4.05 \$3.08

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets— 1931. 1930. Land, buildings, equip., &c \$12,026,736 11,952,718 Cash 418,461 349,081

Total 14,829,672 15,725,784 Total 14,829,672 15,725,784 x After depreciation of \$1,261,541. y Represented by 90,000 no par shares of \$6 pref. and 200,000 no par shares of common.—V. 133, p. 2931.

Anaconda Copper Mining Co.—Shuts Down Two Mines.

See last week's "Chronicle" page 2422.—V. 134, p. 2524.

Arnold Brothers, Ltd.—Meeting Adjourned.

A quorum not being present, the meeting of the holders of the 20-year 1st mtge. 6% sinking fund gold bonds, series A, held on March 31 1932, was adjourned until April 28 1932.—See also V. 134, p. 2341, 2151.

Arundel Corp., Baltimore.—Receives Contracts.

The corporation has received two contracts involving more than \$1,000,000. One calls for 2,000,000 yards of dredging at Norfolk, Va., and the other for dredging the Dresden Island Pool, part of the Great Lakes-to-Gulf waterway.—V. 134, p. 1766.

Asbestos Corp., Ltd.—Time Extended.

The time for the deposit of securities under the proposed reorganization plan, which expired March 31, has been extended to April 15. More than the required percentage of bonds and stocks has already been deposited in favor of the plan.—V. 134, p. 2151.

Associated Dry Goods Corp.—Earnings.

[Including all wholly owned subsidiaries and also Lord & Taylor, the majority of whose stock is owned.]

Years Ended Jan. 31— 1932. 1931. 1930. Cal. Year— 1928. a Profits \$2,139,544 \$4,394,641 \$5,439,819 \$5,379,977

Total \$2,142,294 \$4,489,016 \$5,454,502 \$5,397,829 Expenses of parent co. 113,028 213,482 257,624 246,135

Net profit for year \$848,412 \$2,467,458 \$3,304,986 \$3,393,149 1st pref. dividends 826,554 826,389 827,844 1,034,805

Balance, deficit \$1,315,479 \$253,303 sur \$516,200 \$103,703 Shs. of com. stk. outst'g (no par) 588,940 588,940 589,000 599,300

Earnings per share Nil \$2.01 \$3.41 \$3.49 a Of retail dry goods stores and other subsidiaries wholly owned, and of Lord & Taylor, after deducting from their sales cost of merchandise sold, selling and general expenses, but before depreciation, interest expense and Federal taxes. x Fiscal year changed to end Jan. 31. The net income for the month of January 1929 (not included in above table), exclusive of profits accruing to stocks of Lord & Taylor not owned by Associated, was \$31,628.

Note.—The dividends above charged to surplus account for 1928 apply to one year and three months, on account of setting up as a liability at Dec. 31 1928 dividends previously declared but payable thereafter.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Jan. 31.

Assets— 1932. 1931. Land, bldgs, imp., fixtures, &c \$22,573,878 23,193,784 Cash 5,637,854 5,574,080

Total 46,417,531 52,592,594 Total 46,417,531 52,592,594 a After reserves for depreciation and amortization. b Represented by 138,187 shares of 1st pref. (par \$100), 67,255 shares of 2d pref. (par \$100) and 588,940 shares of common stock (no par). c Represented by 323 shares 1st pref., 2,354 shares 2d pref. and 10,460 shares of common at cost, together amounting to \$620,695, and 40,600 shares of common at declared value when issued amounting to \$1,552,500. d After deducting par value of pref. stocks in treasury. Shares outstanding of the different classes of stock are the same as in b.—V. 134, p. 329.

Athol Mfg. Co.—Omits Common Dividend.

The directors recently decided to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about April 1 on the common stock of no par value. A distribution of 50 cents per share was made on Jan. 2 last, prior to which quarterly payments of \$1 per share were made on this issue.—V. 133, p. 4333.

Atlas Powder Co.—To Reduce Salaries and Wages.

The company has announced the adoption, effective May 1 1932, of a five-day working week for the entire salaried personnel, including wholly

Broadway Motors Building Corp.—Co-Agent.—
The Bankers Trust Company has been appointed co-agent with the First Union Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Ill., for the payment of 1st mtge. leasehold 6% sinking fund gold bond coupons.—V. 122, p. 888.

Browning, King & Co.—Equity Receivers.—
Federal Judge William Bondy has appointed Howds Osterhout and John C. Niemeyer equity receivers for this company (clothing), on a petition filed by William Browning, a creditor, in the amount of \$486,611 for loans made to the company. The petition was filed in Federal District Court. Liabilities are estimated at \$1,427,000, and assets in excess of \$2,500,000.

The petition states that the company is believed to be solvent, but is without liquid assets to meet current expenses. Present financial condition is attributed to the existing depression, which resulted in operating losses in excess of \$1,000,000 during the last year. The present company was incorporated in Virginia in 1898, and has outstanding 14,835 shares of 7% cumulative preferred (\$100 par), and 82,777 shares of common stock (no par).

Buckley-Newhall Co.—Pays Smaller Dividend.—
The company on April 1 last made a quarterly distribution of 50 cents per share to holders of record March 15. Previously, the company paid quarterly dividends of \$1 per share.

Burdine's, Inc.—Dividend Again Deferred.—
The directors have decided to defer the quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share due April 15 on the \$2 cum. pref. stock, no par value. The last previous quarterly payment of 50 cents per share was made on this issue on Jan. 15 1932, which was the first payment since April 1 1930.—V. 134, p. 680.

Table with columns: Calendar Years— 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows: Net coal sales, Cost of sales, Gross profit, Other income, Total income, General expenses, Deprec. & amortization, Interest, Federal taxes, Extraord. deductions, Loss, Adjust. for min. interest, Net income, Preferred divs., Com. class A divs., Surplus, Shts. class A stk. outst'g, Shts. class B stk. outst'g, Earn. per sh. on A stock, Earn. per sh. on B stock.

x Estimated by editor, amount not given in annual report. y Adjustment of book inventories to physical, loss on disposal of yards, abandonment of facilities, &c.

Consolidated Surplus Account.—Reduction of stated value of class A and class B common stocks, \$7,000,000; deduct: deficit Jan. 1 1931, \$1,148,187; balance \$5,851,813; add: difference between par value and cost of preferred stock purchased, \$36,118; insurance reserves, &c., not required, \$21,912; adjustments of prior years' Federal and State taxes, &c., \$10,351; total \$5,920,194; deduct: preferred dividends, \$179,693; provision for reserve for contingencies, \$100,000; loss on disposal and abandonment of properties, \$207,781; additional provision for doubtful receivables prior years, \$1,247,661; State franchise and excise taxes prior years, \$276,088; deferred charges, boat damage claims, &c., written off, \$127,164; professional fees, &c., \$93,272; settlement of claims, &c., \$78,173; contracts and organization expenses written off, \$67,146; inventory revaluations, \$55,834; miscellaneous, \$51,575; capital surplus, Dec. 31 1931, \$3,435,827; deduct: net loss for year 1931, \$2,836,518; surplus Dec. 31 1931, \$599,309.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Table with columns: 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930. Rows: Assets— Real estate, bldgs., equipment, Cash, Customers' accts., Sundry accts., Notes & accept. rec., Inventories, Insurance fund, Miscell. securities, Deferred charges, Imprest funds, Notes receiv. after one year, Claim against vendor, Organiz. expenses, Good-will, con'ts, Total. Liabilities— 7% cum. pref. stk., Class B com. stk., Accounts payable, Notes/accept. pay., Dividend payable, Prov. for State taxes, 5% gold notes, 5% gold notes (not current), Mtg. pay. upon maturities, Purch. mon. oblig., Min. int. in subs., Accruals, Res. for inc. taxes, Mtg. on real est., Res. for insur. & miscellaneous, Surplus, Total.

x Represented by 100,000 shares of no par value. y Represented by 100,000 shares of no par value. z After depreciation of \$3,834,655 a After allowance for doubtful accounts of \$3,292,380. b Includes accrued rental and interest payment subordinated in accordance with time of agreement dated March 4 1931 amounting to \$501,582.—V. 134, p. 1585.

Table with columns: Calendar Years— 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows: Sales (net), Cost of sales, General & sell. expenses, Operating profit, Other income, Total income, Depreciation, Amortization of bond & note discount, Interest, Net profit, Previous surplus, Refund of taxes, Adjust. of res. for news-dealers returns, Total, Adjust. affect. pattern & publication returns, Loss on foreign exch., Adjustments prior yrs., Adjust. capital stock of Butterick Co., Total surplus, Earnings per share.

x Including surplus arising from issuance of no par stock.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Table with columns: 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930. Rows: Assets— Property account, Copyrights, pat'ns, contracts, Accts. receivable, Investments, Inventories, Cash, Adv. for trav. and p. o deposits, Due from employes, Deferred charges, Total. Liabilities— Capital stock, Funded debt, Notes payable, Accr'd int., wages, &c., Accts. payable, Patt'n exch. accts., Deposits, Reserves, Deferred liabilities, Surplus, Total.

Burns & Co., Ltd.—Bondholders Committee Proposed.—
Notice has been given to bondholders of a meeting to be held on May 4, in Toronto to consider a resolution which will permit the company to postpone interest and sinking fund payments until Dec. 1 1933.

The resolution also proposes the appointment of a committee to represent the bondholders, with the following membership: E. G. Long, a partner in the legal firm of Long & Daly, Toronto; A. B. Shepherd, a partner in the firm of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., Toronto; Colonel A. M. Brown, of the investment banking firm of Victor W. Odium Brown & Co., Vancouver, B. C.; and H. N. Bowden, a director of The Dominion Securities Corp., Ltd., Toronto.

The annual report states that in spite of strenuous efforts in the last two years to keep cost of operating and overhead down to the lowest possible point, earnings of the company available for bond interest and depreciation for the year 1931 were only \$35,660, as compared with \$385,917 in 1930. After charging interest on funded debt and depreciation there was a net loss of \$531,124.—V. 133, p. 3260.

Canadian Foreign Investment Corp., Ltd.—Dividend Action Deferred.—
The directors have deferred action on the quarterly dividend ordinarily declared at this time on the 8% cum. pref. stock, par \$100. The last regular quarterly distribution on this issue was made Feb. 1 1932.—V. 133, p. 2271.

Table with columns: Calendar Years— 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows: Operating income, Depreciation, Approp. plant adjust., Net income, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Surplus, Previous surplus, Total surplus, Shts. com. stk. outstanding (par \$50), Earnings per share.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns: 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930. Rows: Assets— Plant, &c., Patents, Investments, Employ. sav. plan, Inventory, Accts. receivable, Government bonds, Cash & loans, Deferred charges, Total. Liabilities— Common stock, Preferred stock, Accounts payable, Pref. dividends, Com. dividends, Deprec. & gen. res., Adv. payments on contracts, Surplus, Total.

Canadian Westinghouse Co., Ltd.—Earnings.—
Years End. Dec. 31— 1931, 1930, 1929, 1927. Net after expenses, Depreciation, Dominion taxes, Donation to pension fund, Net income, Dividends paid, Balance, surplus, Shares of capital stock outstanding (no par), Earn. per sh. on cap. stk., x Par \$100.—V. 133, p. 3971.

Table with columns: 1932, 1931, 1932, 1931. Rows: Assets— Cash, Divs. & int. receiv., Secur. sold undel., Invests. (at cost), Unamort. disc't & exp. on 5% debts., Prepaid taxes, Total. Liabilities— Pfd. stk. (par \$50), Class A stock, Class B stock, Funded debt, Accts. payable, Accrued interest, Pref. divs. payable, Res. for pref. divs., Paid-in surplus, Earned surplus, Surplus, Total.

Capital Administration Co., Ltd.—Earnings.—
For income statement for 3 months ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Balance Sheet March 31. Table with columns: 1932, 1931, 1932, 1931. Rows: Assets— Cash, Divs. & int. receiv., Secur. sold undel., Invests. (at cost), Unamort. disc't & exp. on 5% debts., Prepaid taxes, Total. Liabilities— Pfd. stk. (par \$50), Class A stock, Class B stock, Funded debt, Accts. payable, Accrued interest, Pref. divs. payable, Res. for pref. divs., Paid-in surplus, Earned surplus, Surplus, Total.

x Represented by 143,405 no par shares. b Represented by 240,000 no par shares. c The aggregate value of the above investments based on market prices on March 31 1932 was less than the above book value by \$2,121,897. d See surplus statement under earnings on preceding page.—V. 134, p. 509.

Caribbean Sugar Co.—Plan Operative.—
The readjustment plan has been declared operative, according to a notice to holders of certificates of deposit for the company's first mortgage 15-year 7% sinking fund gold bonds. The committee, headed by Orville H. Tobey and comprising L. B. Keplinger, Howard P. Preston, George H. Bunker and George K. Livermore, reports approximately 98% of the bonds on deposit. See plan in V. 133, p. 3971.

Cardan & Co., Inc.—May Defer Class A Dividend.—
President Albert Mittlacher states in the annual report that, "although the earnings of the company for the year 1931 were sufficient to cover the class A dividend requirement, it is impossible to forecast the continuance of such earnings under prevailing conditions, and therefore, the executive committee has recently recommended to the directors that further action on class A dividends be deferred. The last regular quarterly distribution of 50 cents per share was made on the \$2 cum. conv. class 'A' stock of no par value on March 1 1932.—V. 133, p. 3261.

Caro Cloth Co.—To Increase Capitalization.—
The stockholders will vote April 15 on increasing the authorized capital stock, no par value, from 300,000 shares, all of one class, to 500,000 shares of common stock and 50,000 shares of pref. stock.—V. 133, p. 126.

Century Air Lines, Inc.—Sale.—
See Aviation Corp. above.—V. 134, p. 852

The defendants, the Department states, filed answers denying the charges of the petition.—V. 134, p. 2346.

Corrigan McKinney Steel Co.—New President, &c.— Donald B. Gillies has been elected President, succeeding William G. Mather, who has been made Chairman of the board.—V. 133, p. 3973.

Cresson Consolidated Gold Mining & Milling Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for four months ended Dec. 31 1931 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1931.

Table with Assets and Liabilities sections. Assets include Ore reserves, Mining plant, Corporate stocks, etc. Liabilities include Capital stock, Reserve for taxes, etc.

(J. W.) Crook Stores Co., Baltimore.—Sale.— The preferred stockholders have approved the sale of the company's assets to the American Stores Co.

The Baltimore "Sun" of March 30 stated in part: An agreement was signed on March 29 for the sale of assets of the J. W. Crook Stores Co. of Baltimore, to the American Stores Co. of Philadelphia, according to an announcement made by Joseph B. Kirby, President of the Safe Deposit & Trust Co., executor for the Crook estate.

The Crook Stores Co. is the largest locally controlled chain grocery organization in Baltimore. It operates 151 stores, of which 146 are located in Baltimore and elsewhere in Maryland and 5 in Delaware.

On that night we will take inventory in all the stores and on the following morning, the stores will open under the management of the American Stores Co." he said.—V. 134, p. 2528.

Crowell Publishing Co.—New Director.—

William Chenery, editor of "Colliers," was recently added to the board of directors.—V. 130, p. 1466.

Curtiss-Wright Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Table with Earnings sections for 1931, 1930, and 1929. Sections include Sales & other revenues, Costs, expense & depreciation, Loss of manufacturing subsidiaries, etc.

Net loss \$4,126,060 deficit, \$10,771,861; credit: Capital surplus arising from proposed reduction of capital stocks to par value, \$33,425,741; leaving balance of capital surplus on Dec. 31 1931, \$22,653,880.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with Assets and Liabilities sections for 1931 and 1930. Assets include Land, aircraft eqpt., buildings, &c., Cash, etc. Liabilities include Capital stock, Notes payable, etc.

a After depreciation. b Represented by 1,141,214 \$1 par shares of class A stock issued or to be issued for subsidiaries stock deposited, 6,320,908 \$1 par shares of common stock issued or to be issued for subsidiaries stock deposited and capital surplus, less deficits of \$22,653,881.—V. 134, p. 2528.

Davison Realty Co.—Tenders.—

The Baltimore Trust Co., trustee, 25 E. Baltimore St., Baltimore, Md., will until 2 p. m. on April 28 receive bids for the sale to it of 10-year 6% sinking fund gold notes, due Oct. 1 1940, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$25,186. Interest on the notes accepted for payment will expire on May 2.—V. 133, p. 2441.

Dayton Airplane Engine Co.—Off Curb.—

The Committee on Listings of the New York Curb Exchange has suspended dealings in common stock of this company until further notice, for failure to comply with Exchange regulations.—V. 133, p. 1131.

De Beers Consolidated Mines, Ltd.—Mines Closed.—

The De Beers diamond mines in South Africa closed on March 31, as it was announced they would a month ago, but the diamond-cutting industry in The Netherlands is keeping its skilled men on the pay roll

in anticipation of a demand for large-sized stones, an Amsterdam dispatch states.—V. 134, p. 1379.

Deep Rock Oil Corp.—Moves Sales Office.—

John L. Gray, Vice-President and General Manager, announces the removal of the company's general sales and traffic offices from 300 West Adams St. to the tenth floor of the Ashland Block at 155 North Clark St., Chicago, Ill., effective April 6.—V. 134, p. 1962.

Dennison Mfg. Co.—Defers Div. on Debenture Stock.—

The directors this month decided to defer the quarterly dividend due May 1 on the 8% cum. debenture stock, par \$100. The last regular quarterly payment of 2% was made on this issue on Feb. 1 1932.—V. 134, p. 2156.

Dome Mines, Ltd.—Value of Production.—

Table with production values for Mar. 1932, Feb. 1932, Jan. 1932, and Mar. 1931. Values range from \$19,052 to \$319,057.

Dominguez Oil Fields Co.—Resumes Dividend.—

The directors recently declared a dividend of 5c. per share on the no par value common stock, payable April 1 to holders of record March 24. Monthly distributions of 2 1/4 c. per share were made on Oct. 1 and Nov. 2 1931, as compared with 5c. per share each month from June 2 1931 to and incl. Sept. 1 1931, 10c. per share on May 1 1931, 15c. per share on April 1 and 15c. regular and 15c. extra on March 1 last year.—V. 134, p. 512.

Dominion Motors, Ltd.—Smaller Distribution.—

The directors have declared a semi-annual dividend of 10c. per share on the outstanding 300,000 shares of capital stock, par \$10, payable May 2 to holders of record April 15. An initial semi-annual distribution of 20c. per share was made on Oct. 5 last.—V. 134, p. 1201.

Dominion Stores, Ltd.—Sales Again Fall Off.—

Table with sales figures for Period End. March 26—1932—4 Weeks—1931. Values include \$1,885,675 and \$1,907,973.

Dow Drug Co.—New Directors, &c.—

W. P. Anderson and C. W. Zumbiel have been elected directors succeeding F. D. Brown and W. A. Julian retired. President D. C. Keller urges the continuance of operations of stores in the Pittsburgh area stating that with the return of normal conditions this branch would prove profitable. In 1931 stores in this area reported a net loss of \$87,841. Stores in the Cincinnati area reported a net profit in 1931 of \$107,133, with a consolidated net profit for both territories of \$20,350.—V. 132, p. 4596; V. 130, p. 629.

Durant Motor Co. of Michigan.—Receiver's Sale.—

Central Trust Co. of Lansing, Mich., receiver, offers for sale and is ready to receive bids on the company's entire Lansing plant. Real estate consists of 47 acres and buildings of the most modern type, including power plant, power equipment and transmission, enameling ovens and conveyors, all the roughly sprinklered. No movable machinery included. Total ground area of buildings is 605,969 square feet and containing 918,298 square feet of floor space. Six spur tracks, connecting with co-operative switching company, give low cost access to three major railway systems.

Durant Motor Car Co. of New Jersey.—Receivership.—

An order by Vice-Chancellor John O. Bigelow of New Jersey filed at Trenton, N. J., April 2, appointed Stuart A. Young, Newark, custodial receiver for the company, with headquarters at Elizabeth, and directed the company to show cause in Newark on April 12 why the receiver should not be continued.

The receiver was appointed to conserve the assets of the company under the foreclosure proceedings brought by the National Newark and Essex Banking Co. of Newark against the company's plant in Elizabeth. The Newark bank acted as trustee for a bond issue which was secured by a 1st mortgage on the property. It is alleged the bond issue is in default and that \$300,000 in back taxes are owing on the building.

Economy Grocery Stores Corp.—Acquisition Reported.—

It is understood that the corporation has completed negotiations for the purchase from Gray-United Stores, Inc. of that company's chain comprising 107 grocery stores, including 31 meat markets. It is believed the purchase will be effective as of April 11, next. No new financing in connection with the transaction is anticipated. Consumption of the transfer will increase the corporation's units to approximately 600, considering the meat market and the grocery store as distinct units.

Electric Ferries, Inc.—Resumes Preferred Dividend.—

The directors have declared a dividend of \$2 per share on the 8% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, for the quarter ending May 1 1932, payable May 28 to holders of record April 20 1932. This is the first distribution on this issue since Nov. 1 1927 when a quarterly dividend of \$2 per share was paid.

Electric Products Co. (Pa.).—Dividend Omitted.—

The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about April 1 on the no par value common stock. A distribution of 12 1/2 c. per share was made on this issue on Jan. 1 last, prior to which quarterly payments of 25c. per share were made.—V. 134, p. 140.

Emporium Capwell Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Table with Earnings sections for Years Ended January 31—1932 and 1931. Includes Income Account of Department Stores, Net sales of merchandise, etc.

was brought about by the Canadian Railway Commission ruling in 1931 that tank cars should be owned or leased by shippers and no longer supplied by the railroads themselves.

The General American Company has been an active participant in Canadian railway transportation for several years.—V. 134, p. 2529.

General Electric Co.—Employment Plan.—

Although the guarantee of employment or equivalent pay for apparatus works employees of the company will terminate on April 30, in accordance with the plan announced Oct. 1 1931, the emergency clause of the unemployment insurance plan will continue and every effort will be made to spread the available work as far as possible, and to grant relief to those for whom little or no work is available. President Gerard Swope has declared.

"Employees after May 1 not earning 50% of normal pay, up to \$15 per week, will be eligible for such relief as authorized by the board of administrators after reviewing the needs in each case. President Swope explained, "This money will be taken from funds collected by the 1% deduction from pay of all employees receiving 50% or more of regular pay and the company's contribution, which will continue in force after May 1.

"Since the unemployment emergency was first declared on Dec. 1 1930 payments have been made at various times to 19,673 different employees. Payments from this fund to Feb. 28 1932 totalled \$1,724,000. One half of this money was contributed by the employees earning 50% or more of their normal wages and one half by the General Electric Co.—V. 134, p. 2349, 2325.

General Fireproofing Co.—New Director.—

Charles F. Smith has been elected a director, succeeding John T. Harrington, deceased. Mr. Smith was a law partner of the late Mr. Harrington.—V. 134, p. 2349.

General Italian Edison Electric Corp.—\$2.06 Div.—

An annual dividend of \$2.06 will be paid on the "American" shares on April 20 to holders of record April 13. A year ago a distribution of \$2.61 per "American" share was made as against \$2.62 per share in 1930.—V. 134, p. 2335.

General Motors Corp.—March Sales.—

Total sales by General Motors Corp. to dealers in March, including Canadian sales and overseas shipments, were 59,696 cars and trucks compared with 62,850 in February and 119,195 in March 1931. March sales to consumers in the United States were 48,717 compared with 46,855 in February and 101,339 in March a year ago. Sales to dealers in the United States in March were 48,383 against 52,539 in February and 98,943 in March 1931.

For the first quarter of 1932 total sales to dealers were 197,256 compared with 304,547 in the like period of last year. Sales to consumers in the United States were 143,514 in the first quarter compared with 231,881 last year. First quarter sales to dealers in the United States were 166,304 against 255,997 in first three months of 1931.

Sales to Consumers in United States.

Table with 5 columns: Month, 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929. Rows for January through December and Total.

Sales to Dealers in United States.

Table with 5 columns: Month, 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929. Rows for January through December and Total.

Total Sales to Dealers in United States and Canada Plus Overseas Shipments.

Table with 5 columns: Month, 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929. Rows for January through December and Total.

Unit sales of Chevrolet, Pontiac, Oldsmobile, Buick, LaSalle and Cadillac passenger and commercial cars are included in the above figures.

New Sales Concern Formed.—

Formation of a new organization to handle all sales activities of the General Motors Corp. in the medium-priced field was announced on March 26 by R. H. Grant, Vice-President of the corporation. He will direct the organization, which will be known as the Buick-Olds-Pontiac Co. Sales of Cadillacs and Chevrolet cars will remain under their own organizations.

The new organization will have headquarters in Detroit. Five sales regions will be established under its direction with headquarters in New York, Chicago, Detroit, Memphis and San Francisco. Sales zones, under the direction of the regional offices will be established at 38 points. It is planned also to establish 33 zone warehouses for wholesale distribution of cars and parts.

Mr. Grant will be assisted in the new organization by W. A. Bles as General Sales Manager, and R. K. White and George H. Wallace as Assistant General Sales Managers. Mr. Grant also announced that R. M. W. Shaw would continue as advertising manager for Oldsmobile, R. H. White for Pontiac, and E. J. Poag for Buick.

Mr. Grant said the new organization was not "a deflationary move to reduce three sales organizations to one" but one to "build the greatest sales organization the motor car industry has ever known." He added that the three cars sold by the organization would continue to be merchandised through the present dealer and distributor organizations. (See also V. 134, p. 2349.)

Shipments of Buick Cars Increased in March.—

Table with 4 columns: Month, Mar. 1932, Feb. 1932, Mar. 1931. Rows for Car produced and shipped (no. of).

General Public Service Corp.—Tenders Asked.—

The corporation has announced that it will receive tenders of its gold debentures until April 13 1932, at noon.—V. 134, p. 2530.

(The) Georgian, Inc.—Halves Preferred Dividend.—

A dividend of 20c. per share has been declared on the \$1.60 cumulated class A pref. stock, par \$20, payable April 15 to holders of record April 8. Previously the corporation made regular quarterly payments of 40c. per share on this issue.—V. 134, p. 2530.

Graham-Paige Motors Corp.—Output Increased.—

Table with 4 columns: Month, Mar. '32, Mar. '31, Quar. End. Mar. 31-1932, 1931. Rows for Production (no. of units).

(F. & W.) Grand 5-10-25 Cent Stores, Inc.—Another Preferred Stockholders' Committee Formed.—

A committee has been appointed by preferred stockholders, consisting of M. A. Haas, Chairman; T. A. Ball, George H. Bartholomew, Seth V. Elting and Richard A. Nelson, to act as a voluntary committee on behalf of the preferred stockholders.—V. 134, p. 2531.

(W. T.) Grant Co. (Del.)—March Sales.—

Table with 4 columns: 1931-March-1931, Increase, 1932-3 Mos.-1931, Increase. Rows for \$5,566,792 \$5,333,766 \$233,026 \$14,898,291 \$13,790,968 \$1,107,323.

Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. of America.—Earnings.

Table with 4 columns: Years End. Feb. 28-1932, 1931, 1930, 1929. Rows for No. of stores, Sales, Total earnings, Depreciation, Federal taxes, Net profit, Dividends paid, Surplus adjustments.

Table with 4 columns: Balance, surplus, Profit and loss, Shs. com. stk. outstanding, Earnings (per share) on com., Last three 000 omitted. y Year ended Feb. 27.

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Table with 4 columns: Feb. 27 '32, Feb. 28 '31, Feb. 27 '32, Feb. 28 '31. Rows for Assets (Plant & equip, Cash, Good-will, Merchandise, U. S. Govt. secs, Stocks & bonds, Accts. receivable, Deferred charges) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, Pref. stk. of subs, Notes & accept, Accts. payable, Res. for self ins, Res. for inc. tax, Other reserves, Surplus).

Total—183,013,794 170,463,801 Total—183,013,794 170,463,801 A Consisting of 1,150,000 shares voting and 936,748 shares non-voting.—V. 134, p. 2158.

Great Britain & Canada Investment Corp.—Preferred Stock Halved.—

The stockholders on March 31 approved the proposed reduction in the preferred stock from \$4,000,000, par \$100, to \$2,000,000, par \$50.

The exact date for the exchange of the outstanding \$100 par value certificates for the new \$50 par value certificates has not yet been determined, but it is anticipated that these shall be ready within the next two months, the basis of exchange being one new share of \$50 par value \$5 cumulated conv. pref. stock for each old \$100 par value 5% cumulated conv. preferred share. (See also V. 134, p. 1589).—V. 134, p. 2349.

Gregory Co. (Del.)—Bonds to Be Retired.—

Under the provisions of the indenture securing the secured guaranteed 5½% gold bonds, a total of \$4,098,530 of the debenture holders (or more than a majority), having elected to enforce payment of the bonds, the entire issue of \$6,750,000 will have to be retired on April 20 1933.

Greyhound Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years—1931, 1930, 1929. Rows for Dividends received, Interest earned, Net operating income of subs, Profit on sale of securities.

Table with 4 columns: Total income, Interest and amortization, General expenses, Federal taxes, Minority interests.

Table with 4 columns: Net income, Conv. A series 1 divs, Particip. preferred divs.

Balance, surplus—\$206,919 drs \$175,892 \$1,337,813

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930. Rows for Assets (Cash, Accts. receivable, Notes receivable, Inv. of parts, supplies, &c., Prepaid expenses, Special deposits, Stock of Greyhound Corp. held for employees, Invest. in affil. cos, Due from affil. cos, Fixed assets, Other assets) and Liabilities (Notes pay. banks, secured, Equip. notes (curr.), Other notes pay., Accounts payable, Accts. & res. for income tax, Stk. purch. contract (secured), 3-yr. 6% coll. trust gold notes, Equip. notes pay., Real estate mtges., debts. of subs., Due to affil. cos., Res. for contingencies, &c., Franchises, organization & develop, Deferred charges).

Total—22,941,723 22,963,118 Total—22,941,723 22,963,118 x After depreciation of \$827,632. y Represented by 21,685 shares \$7 cum. conv. pref. A stock (no par), or \$2,168,500; 84,997 shares \$3 cum. participating pref. stock (no par), or \$8,835,170; 620,000 shares of common stock (no par), or \$3,631,219 and surplus of \$981,599.—V. 133, p. 1297.

(The) Harbauer Co., Toledo, Ohio.—Omits Dividends.—

The directors recently voted to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about April 1 on the no par value common stock. A distribution of 12½c. per share was made on this issue on Jan. 1 last, as compared with 25c. per share on Oct. 1 1931 and 45c. per share each quarter from April 1 1930 to and incl. July 1 1931.—V. 133, p. 4337.

Hartford & New York Transportation Co.—Valuation.

See New England Steamship Co. below.—V. 131, p. 4061.

Hartman Corp.—Stockholders' Preliminary Protective Committee.—

Alexander Guttman, Chairman of the stockholders' preliminary protective committee, has sent a letter to the stockholders voicing his objection to the action of the officials of the company in seeking authorization for the retirement of 64,879 shares of class B stock, which he states he ascertained were acquired in greater part by purchase in the open market during 1929 and 1930 and from employees under an alleged repurchase guarantee.

He gives numerous reasons why the purchase for retirement of class B stock is objectionable and detrimental to the corporation. The principal objections are: (1) The management did not secure the required approval of stockholders of the purchase of stock for retirement purposes; (2) the cost to the corporation of these shares in the 1930 annual report appears to be \$1,422,000, an average cost of \$22 per share, while at the time of retirement the shares were quoted at \$3 per share.

International Cigar Machinery Co.—Earnings.—
Calendar Years— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928.
Gross revenue— \$3,384,336 \$4,039,921 \$3,649,495 \$2,882,748
Mfg. costs & expenses— 1,147,336 1,299,188 1,162,574 1,047,086

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.
Assets— 1931. 1930.
Cash— \$289,683 \$610,904
Marketable secur.— 401,956 311,688

International Nickel of Canada, Ltd.—Program Ended.
Without Any Borrowing—Has Spent 50 Million on Modernization Plans Since 1924.—

The company in 1931 completed the \$50,000,000 modernization program begun in 1924, about \$17,000,000 having been spent during the depression years, without recourse to borrowing according to the annual address to stockholders of Robert C. Stanley, President of the company. Mr. Stanley said in part:
'It had been hoped that business conditions would permit the payment of a dividend on the common stock for the first quarter of this year, but directors determined that in view of the decreased demand for company's products in January, and especially the demoralized state of the copper market, the question of a declaration of a dividend should be held over.'

Jaeger Machine Co.—May Sell Foundry.—
A special meeting of the stockholders has been called for April 16 to vote on a proposal to sell the Duplex foundry division at Elyria, Ohio, to Lloyd Brown, Chairman of the Board. Mr. Brown has offered to purchase the property through the payment of shares of the Jaeger company on the basis of a book value equivalent of the book value of the foundry.—V. 134, p. 1591.

Johnson Publishing Co.—Dividend Again Reduced.—
A quarterly dividend of 12½c. per share was recently declared on the common stock, par \$10, payable April 1 to holders of record March 21. Three months ago a payment of 25 cents per share was made on this issue as compared with 50 cents per share previously each quarter.—V. 134, p. 334.

Julian & Kokege Co.—To Vote on Stock Purchase.—
The stockholders at their annual meeting on April 12 will vote on a proposed plan to purchase and retire approximately 16 2-3% of the 132,070 shares of outstanding common stock of no par value. Not more than \$10 a share is to be paid for such stock acquired by the company.—V. 133, p. 4338.

Kaybee Stores, Inc.—Sales Fall Off.—
1932—March—1931. Decrease. 1932—3 Mos.—1931. Decrease.
\$155,702 \$178,842 \$23,140 \$311,442 \$353,494 \$42,052
—V. 134, p. 2160.

Kaynee Co.—Reduces Common Dividend.—
The directors recently declared a quarterly dividend of 25c. per share on the common stock, par \$10, payable April 1 to holders of record March 29. This compares with 50c. per share paid previously.—V. 133, p. 2111.

(Julius) Kayser & Co.—Defers Dividend Action Until Later in the Year.—
The directors on April 5 decided that dividends amounting to 75c. a share having been paid on the no par value common stock during the current fiscal year ending June 30 1932, consideration of further dividends be deferred until results for the entire fiscal year are ascertained. The stock has been on a \$1 annual basis from May 1 1931 to and incl. Feb. 1 1932, prior to which quarterly distributions of 62½c. per share were made.—V. 134, p. 1774.

(Minor C.) Keith, Inc.—Partial Distribution to Bondholders.—
The Chemical Bank & Trust Co., 165 Broadway, N. Y. City, trustee of the five-year 5% secured gold notes, dated Dec. 1 1926, will on and after April 15 1932, pay, as a partial distribution on account of the principal and interest due upon said notes, the sum of \$127.35 in respect of each \$5,000 principal amount of said notes, upon presentation of the notes accompanied by the appurtenant coupons maturing Dec. 1 1931, for the stamping of a notation of said payment thereon.—V. 132, p. 3897.

Kelly-Springfield Tire Co.—Capital Readjustment Plan.
The capital readjustment plan, dated April 1 1932 and referred to in "Chronicle" April 2, p. 2534, is outlined fully below:
The readjustment committee consists of: M. B. Muxen, Chairman; W. H. Lalley, Vice-Chairman; Willis H. Booth, F. J. Fuller, John M.

Hancock, Frank Wilbur Main, Otto Marx, Stephen Peabody and Arthur Sachs. Counsel are Stern, Chalmer & McGivney, 60 Wall St., New York; G. A. Biddle, Secretary, 1775 Broadway, New York.
The depositary is Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., 70 Broadway, New York.

Digest of Capital Readjustment Plan Dated April 1.—The readjustment committee was formed at the instance of the board of directors and of holders of all classes of stock of the company and has formulated the plan for the readjustment of the capital stock of the company. The committee will represent all stockholders depositing stock under the plan.

Expenses of the capital readjustment will be paid by the company, including stamp taxes on transfers made at the sole direction of the committee in effectuating the plan.

Present Capitalization of the Company.
a 6% cum. pref. stock outstanding (\$100 par) \$2,950,000
b 8% pref. stock outstanding (\$100 par) 5,264,700
Common stock outstanding (no par) 1,063,840 shs.

a Accrued dividends thereon as at Dec. 31 1931, per share \$46.50, total \$1,371,750. b Accrued dividends thereon as at Dec. 31 1931, per share \$63, total \$3,316,761.
The accrued sinking fund arrears as at Dec. 31 1931, on the 6% pref. stock are \$601,312, and on the 8% pref. stock, \$1,406,448.

Purposes of the Plan.
It is the unanimous opinion of the board of directors that the plan proposed will be beneficial to the company in many directions, the more important advantages being as follows:
(1) Elimination of the accrued dividends on the 6% cum. pref. stock and on the 8% pref. stock and the elimination of accrued sinking fund obligations on both pref. stocks through exchange thereof as hereinafter proposed.

(2) Elimination from the balance sheet of the present deficit and the creation of a surplus.
(3) Elimination from the balance sheet of the asset item of patent rights, &c.

New Securities to Be Issued.
Ten-Year 6% Notes.—Company will authorize an issue of unsecured 10-year 6% notes in the aggregate sum of \$2,950,000 to be dated April 1 1932. The notes will be issued in coupon form, interest payable semi-annually, in denominations of \$100 and \$1,000 and callable in whole or in part at par and accrued interest on any interest date upon 30 days' notice.

The note agreement will provide for a sinking fund at the rate of \$75,000 per annum payable out of net earnings after provision for interest and depreciation. If such net earnings are insufficient in any year to meet the sinking fund requirement, the company will apply toward such deficiency 25% of the unexpended depreciation set aside for such year. Said sinking fund shall be cumulative from the date of the notes and will be set aside before payment of any dividends. The said sinking fund shall be used to purchase notes in the market at not over par and interest, and, if not thus available, to acquire notes at par and interest through the call provisions.

\$6 Preference Stock.—Company will authorize an issue of fully paid and non-assessable \$6 preference stock, no par value, limited to 52,647 shares and entitled to dividends at the rate of \$6 per annum, and no more, payable quarterly before any dividends are paid on the 8% preferred stock or on the common stock. The dividends on the \$6 preference stock shall be cumulative from and after Jan. 1 1933, but not theretofore, whether or not earned.

Subject to requirements for the sinking fund on the 10-year 6% notes, an annual cumulative sinking fund of \$100,000 will be provided for the retirement of said \$6 preference stock out of the net earnings of the company from and after Jan. 1 1934. The sinking fund shall have preference in payment over the dividends and sinking fund on the 8% preferred stock.

Common Stock, Reduction of Shares.—The number of shares of common stock outstanding will be reduced from 1,063,840 shares to 748,861 shares. The holder of each share of common stock will receive therefor under the plan one-half share of new common stock of the reduced issue. New common stock required for this purpose will be 531,920 shares.

Additional shares of new common stock to the extent of 216,941 shares will be authorized to provide for the exchange of 6% cum. pref. stock and 8% preferred stock. The new common stock as reduced and as additionally issued under the plan will have a par value of \$5 per share. The total authorized issue of the new common stock will be 1,000,000 shares. No fractional shares will be issued.

Exchange Basis.
6% Cumulative Preferred Stock (outstanding \$2,950,000)—For each share of \$100 par value, depositing holders will receive \$100 par value in the 10-year 6% notes, plus two shares of the new common stock. New common stock required for this purpose will be 59,000 shares.

8% Preferred Stock (outstanding \$5,264,700)—For each share of \$100 par value, depositing holders will receive one share of \$6 preference stock, no par value, plus three shares of the new common stock. New common stock required for this purpose will be 157,941 shares.

Common Stock (outstanding 1,063,840 shares)—For each share of com. stock presently outstanding, the holders will receive one-half share of the new common stock. New common stock required for this purpose will be 531,920 shares.

Changes in Surplus Account.—The reduction of the present outstanding com. stock from 1,063,840 shares of no par value to a total of 748,861 shares of \$5 par value will effect a credit to surplus of \$20,051,698. This will absorb the deficit as of Dec. 31 1931 and permit the elimination from the balance sheet of the asset item of patent rights, &c., leaving a substantial pro forma surplus estimated as follows:
Book value of 1,063,840 shares of com. stock now outstanding \$23,796,003
Par value of 748,861 shares of new common stock \$5 per share 3,744,305

Balance to be transferred to surplus \$20,051,698
Deficit Dec. 31 1931 9,676,761
Patent rights, &c., Dec. 31 1931 7,254,021

Surplus after readjustment \$3,120,916
Elimination of Dividend and Sinking Fund Accruals.—The consummation of the plan will eliminate the following accrued dividends and sinking fund obligations which under the present charter must be paid before any distribution can be made to the common stock:
Accrued dividends \$46.50 per share on 6% cum. pref. stock \$1,371,750
Accrued sinking fund 601,312

Total accrued payments required before divs. on 8% pref. stock can be paid \$1,973,062
Accrued dividends \$63 per share on 8% preferred stock 3,316,761
Accrued sinking fund 1,406,448

Total accrued payments required, in addition to elimination of deficit, before divs. on com. stock can be paid \$6,696,271
The effect of the plan as indicated above is based upon an exchange of all of the 6% cum. pref. stock for the 10-year 6% notes and the exchange of all of the 8% preferred stock for \$6 preference stock.

Asset Value of Common Stock Based on Balance Sheet of Dec. 31 1931. Before Consummation of Plan— Net current assets \$8,153,048

Balance for 748,861 shares new com. stock (\$9.167 per share) \$6,865,220 Pro Forma Balance Sheet (After Giving Effect to Capital Readjustment Plan).

No provision is made in this pro forma balance sheet for contingent liabilities as guarantor, &c., amounting to \$148,297, or for the expenses of the capital readjustment.—V. 134, p. 2534.

Koppers Gas & Coke Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—Calendar Years— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31. 1931. 1930. Assets— Property acct. 65,879,362 Investments 83,847,072

(S. S.) Kresge Co.—Sales Again Lower.— 1932—March—1931. Decrease. 1932—3 Mos.—1931. Decrease.

Kreuger & Toll Co.—Committee for Holders of American Certificates Representing Deposited Participating Debentures.

The committee (below), holders of, and representing a substantial number of the American certificates, have organized for the protection of the holders of the certificates. The committee states: Reports from the Special Commission appointed by the Government of Sweden to investigate the affairs of this company indicate that the Kreuger & Toll situation is very complex and uncertain, and that the outlook for the debentures is not encouraging.

Books Are Grossly Wrong—Some Assets False—Some Assets Said to Be Non-Existent.—See under "Current Events" on a preceding page.

Other details of the Kreuger & Toll situation were given in last week's "Chronicle" pages 2430 and 2431.—V. 134, p. 2535.

Kroger Grocery & Baking Co.—Sales Fall Off.— Sales for 4 and 12 Weeks Ended March 26. 1932—4 Wks.—1931. Decrease. 1932—12 Wks.—1931. Decrease.

Lane Bryant, Inc.—Sales Again Lower.— 1932. March 1931. Decrease. 1932. 3 Mos. 1931. Decrease.

Lawrence Dye Works Co.—Pref. Stock Offered.— The company is now offering for public subscription 2,638 shares 7% cumulative preferred stock at par (\$100). The company has provided that the purchaser shall receive a bonus of 2 common shares (no par) with each share of preferred stock purchased.

Organization and Business.—Company is a Massachusetts corporation with power to carry on a dyeing and finishing plant including the dyeing, finishing, shrinking, waterproofing, winding, spooling and miscellaneous services such as are rendered by a completely equipped dyeing and finishing plant.

Capitalization.—The capital consists of 3,000 7% cumulative preferred shares (par \$100) and 30,000 common shares (no par).

Preferred Stock Provisions.—Preferred shares are fully paid and non-assessable; entitled to cumulative dividends at rate of 7% per annum, payable Q.—I. Preferred to common stock as to dividends and as to assets upon voluntary or involuntary liquidation.

Management.—Ivar L. Sjostrom, Pres., Fred N. Chandler, Treas., Michael J. Sullivan, Vice-Pres., Alexander L. Siskind, Philip M. Tucker.

Estimated Earnings.—Based on an estimate prepared by Mr. Sjostrom taking into consideration the actual earnings of the old company together with the increased capacity and facilities of the present plant and organization, and with adequate working capital, earnings are estimated as follows:

Operating Capacity— 100% 75% 50% 25% Gross earnings \$1,699,000 \$1,278,000 \$857,500 \$436,750

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used for the purpose of providing working capital and for general corporate purposes.

(F. & R.) Lazarus & Co., Columbus, Ohio.—Earnings.— [Includes earning of John Shillito Co., Cincinnati, O.]

Years Ended Jan. 31— 1932. 1931. Net sales \$16,895,107 \$18,848,806

Consolidated earned surplus, Jan. 31 \$3,297,887 \$2,451,795 Earnings per sh. on 370,000 shs. common (no par) \$9.99 \$1.99

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet Jan. 31. Assets— 1932. 1931. Liabilities— 1932. 1931.

Libby, McNeill & Libby (& Subs.).—Earnings.— Years Ended— Feb. 27 '32. Feb. 28 '31. Mar. 1 '30. Mar. 2 '29.

Net profit—def \$4,981,945 \$2,130,357 \$2,822,532 \$3,012,288

Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Table with 5 columns: Assets, Feb. 27 '32, Feb. 28 '31, Mar. 1 '30, Mar. 2 '29. Rows include Land, bldgs. & equip., Investments, Common stock in treas., Bond disc't. and expen., Deferred charges, Cash, Accounts receivable, Inventories, Prepaid insur. & interest, Total assets, Liabilities, First preferred stock, Second preferred stock, Old preferred stock, Common stock (par \$10), Funded debt, Reserves, Notes & accts. payable, Surplus, Total liabilities, y After depreciation.

Lerner Stores Corp.—Sales Again Decline.

Table with 4 columns: 1932-March-1931, Decrease, 1932-3 Mos.-1931, Decrease. Rows include Sales, Common stock.

Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co.—Record Shipments.

Shipments of safety glass for the first quarter of 1932 were more than double those made during the same period of last year, it is announced. The actual increase was 109%.

According to company officials, the record shipments during the first three months of 1932 do not include any portion of the large order recently received from the Ford Motor Co. as a result of the company's decision to make safety plate glass standard equipment throughout all deluxe models. Shipments on the Ford orders are just commencing.—V. 134, p. 2536.

Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co.—Bonus Reduced.

Officers of the company have voluntarily agreed to reduce the bonus paid to them, it was announced on March 13 at the annual meeting of stockholders. Originally 10% above a certain basic sum was distributed annually to officers and employees. Three years ago the amount was reduced to 5% and last year to 2 1/2%.

Similar reductions were made in the distribution to about 500 other employees. Stockholders approved a change in the by-laws providing for the payments.—V. 134, p. 686.

Lindsay Light Co.—Earnings.

For income statement for three months ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 1207.

Lion Oil Refining Co.—Earnings.

Table with 5 columns: Calendar Years—1931, 1930, 1929, x1928. Rows include Sales, Cost of sales, Adminis. & gen. exp., Balance, Miscellaneous income, Total income, Res. for deprec. & depl. acc, Interest & bond dismt, Federal taxes, Net profit, Shares of cap. stock outstanding (no par), Earnings per sh. on cap. stock.

x Adjusted on account of changing method of computing depreciation and depletion on producing properties from a straight line basis to an oil reserve basis.

y Before minority stockholders interest in net loss of subsidiaries of \$25,911.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31

Table with 5 columns: 1931, 1930, Liabilities—1931, 1930. Rows include Prop., plant, tank cars, etc., Invest. in oth. cos., Cash, Cash sur. val. life. insur., Invest. & adv., Treas. stock, Notes & accts. rec., Inventories, Prepaid expenses, Total.

x Represented by 270,000 shares of no par value.—V. 133, p. 3470.

Loblaw Groceries, Ltd.—Earnings.

For income statement for 4 and 40 weeks ended March 15 1932 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 2161.

(David) Lupton's Sons Co.—Receivership.

Following the filing of a voluntary petition in bankruptcy by the company in the United States District Court at Philadelphia, Louis H. Swind was appointed receiver. Liabilities of the company are stated to be about \$2,000,000 and assets about \$50,000. Among liabilities are \$1,300,000 bank claims and \$700,000 merchandising credits.—V. 132, p. 3540.

McCrorry Stores Corp.—March Sales Higher.

Table with 4 columns: 1932-March-1931, Increase, 1932-3 Mos.-1931, Increase. Rows include Sales, Total.

The number of stores in operation in March 1932 amounted to 244 as against 243 in the same month last year.—V. 134, p. 2161.

McNeel Marble Co.—Dividend Deferred.

The directors recently decided to defer the quarterly dividend due April 15 on the 6% cum. 1st pref. stock, par \$100. The last regular quarterly payment of 1 1/2% was made on this issue on Jan. 15 1932.—V. 127, p. 419.

Madison Mortgage Corp., N. Y.—Dividends Deferred.

The directors recently decided to defer the quarterly dividends due April 1 on the 8% cum. 1st pref. stock, the 7% cum. 1st pref. stock and the 7% cum. conv. 2nd pref. stock, all of \$100 par value. On Dec. 31 last, regular quarterly distributions of 2%, 1 1/4% and 1 1/4%, respectively, were made on the 8% 1st pref., 7% 1st pref. and 7% 2nd pref. stocks.

Madison Square Garden Corp.—Earnings.

For income statement for 3 and 9 months ended Feb. 29 1932, see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 518.

Marine Midland Corp.—Earnings.

For income statement for quarter ended March 31 1932, see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 1593.

Massachusetts Bonding & Insurance Co.—Lowers Div.

A quarterly dividend of 50c. per share has been declared on the capital stock, par \$25, payable April 15 to holders of record April 9. This compares with \$1 per share previously paid each quarter.—V. 134, p. 1038.

Melville Shoe Co.—Reduces Common Dividend.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 40 cents per share on the no par value common stock, payable May 1 to holders of record April 15. This compares with 50 cents per share paid each quarter from Feb. 1 1930 to and incl. Feb. 1 1932.

1932—March—1931. Decrease. 1932—3 Mos.—1931. Decrease. \$1,998,881 \$2,229,585 \$231,077 \$4,805,569 \$5,406,014 \$600,445 Effective immediately, the corporation has reduced the price on John Ward shoes 15%. New prices follow: \$8 grade reduced to \$6.80; \$7 grade reduced to \$5.95 and \$6 grade to \$5.10.—V. 134, p. 2162.

Merrimack Mfg. Co.—New Treasurer, &c.

Herbert Lyman has been elected Treasurer, succeeding Ward Thoron. Frederick Ayer and John S. Lawrence have been elected directors to succeed Mr. Thoron and Hon. Charles Francis Adams.—V. 133, p. 1299.

Merritt-Chapman & Scott Corp.—Decreases Stated Capital.

The stockholders at the annual meeting approved a reduction in capital represented by 292,505 no-par common shares to \$1,462,525 from \$4,013,275.—V. 134, p. 2353.

Miami Copper Co.—Earnings.

Table with 5 columns: Calendar Years—1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Gross, Expenses, taxes, &c., Depreciation, &c., Balance, surplus, Other income, Total income, Dividends, Surplus, Earns. per sh. on 747,116 shs. cap. stock (par \$5).

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with 5 columns: Assets—1931, 1930, Liabilities—1931, 1930. Rows include Mining prop., &c., Development, Construction, Ore & metals, Materials & suppls, Unexpired ins., &c., Cash, Securities, Accts. receivable, Total.

Miller & Lux, Inc.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with 5 columns: Assets—1931, 1930, Liabilities—1931, 1930. Rows include Land, machinery, equipment, &c., Sinking fund cash, Investments, Adv. to stockh'rs, Land sales contracts receivable, Inventories, Notes & accts. rec., Deposits, U. S. Treas. cfts., Cash, Deferred charges, Total.

Mississippi Valley Utilities Investment Co.—Defers Dividend.

The directors have voted to defer the quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share due May 1 on the \$6 prior lien pref. stock, no par value. The last quarterly distribution on this issue was made on Feb. 1 1932.

This company is controlled by the Middle West Utilities Co. through ownership of all the common stock.—V. 132, p. 2599.

Missouri Clay Mining Co.—Receiver Appointed.

Clarence A. Johnson was appointed receiver of the company by Circuit Judge Hall at St. Louis, Mo., March 30. The appointment, which was consented to by officers of the company, was requested by I. H. Dee, holder of a \$1,000 promissory note against the company, which the petitioner alleged was overdue and the defendant company had refused payment. The petition relates the company is solvent, but its assets are frozen and it cannot pay creditors. Besides requesting the appointment of a receiver, the petition asks for a judgment of \$1,000 and asks that the court adjudicate the claims of creditors and stockholders.

Missouri-Kansas Pipe Line Co.—Stockholders Organize.

A group of shareholders of the company has formed a protective committee comprising A. P. Haske, J. W. Handy, O. W. Kirkpatrick, G. B. Knopper and F. F. Wilkinson at Chicago, Ill. Stockholders are being urged to sign proxies indicating support of the work to be done by the committee and to supply funds for the expenses.

To Change Receivership.

Judge Charles E. Woodward of the United States District Court at Chicago, said, April 7, he would appoint a Federal receiver April 9 to take over the company, thus superseding the State receiver named in Delaware on March 18. The action was taken on a petition by attorneys for John E. Williamson, a Chicago stockholder, who filed the original receivership suit.—V. 134, p. 2538.

Modine Mfg. Co., Racine, Wis.—Smaller Dividend.

The directors have declared a dividend of 15c. per share on the common stock, payable May 1 to holders of record April 20. A quarterly distribution of 25c. per share was made on Feb. 1 last, 50c. per share on Nov. 1 1931 and quarterly payments of 75c. per share from Nov. 1 1929 to and incl. Aug. 1 1931.—V. 134, p. 1594.

Montgomery Ward & Co., Chicago.—Decentralizes Control—Names Six Area Managers—To Discontinue Sale of Groceries.

The company has practically completed its new regional organization with six regional managers having full jurisdiction over both mail order and retail activities in their areas, and creating closer co-operation between the two main branches of the company's business. With one exception, the key man in each region was appointed from within the company's organization. The new plan amounts to a decentralization of control, allowing for greater flexibility in the management. It divides the country into the Eastern, Chicago, Southern, Kansas City, St. Paul and Pacific Coast regions. The Eastern region will be headed by P. C. Baker, until recently with the Gotham Silk Hosiery Co. He is the only outside man in the new setup. Under him will be C. E. McCoy and H. D. Wolf as mail order managers at Baltimore and Albany, respectively. The retail manager for the Eastern region has not been appointed. The Chicago region will be in charge of W. G. Baumhögger, Vice-President, with K. E. Root as mail order manager and W. Z. Lyon as retail manager.

The Southern region, with headquarters at Fort Worth, will be under C. L. Eitelson, who, prior to joining the Ward organization about a year ago, was with Sanger Bros. Under him will be G. B. Gabriel as mail order manager and J. R. Denny as retail manager.

The Kansas City region will be in charge of C. W. Dunson, until recently general mail order operating manager. Andrew Young, Vice-President, and W. C. Weaver will be mail order managers at Kansas City and Denver, respectively, and J. I. Hemphill will be retail manager. The St. Paul region will be managed by C. W. Harris, with L. L. Footh as mail order manager and T. V. Kenny heading retail activities.

The Pacific Coast region will be under Beatty Stevens, assisted by W. Q. Bateman and R. H. Glassley as mail order managers at Portland and Oakland, respectively, and C. W. Cederberg as retail manager.

The new setup also provides for three main departments—merchandising, operating and financial—at the company's headquarters in Chicago. Each of these departments will be headed by a vice-president reporting directly to Sewell L. Avery, Chairman and President.

The mail order division of Montgomery, Ward & Co. will discontinue the sale of groceries after May 1 next, it was also announced.

March Sales.—
Period End. Mar. 31— 1932—Month—1931. 1932—3 Mos.—1931.
Sales—\$14,053,973 \$17,601,123 \$38,045,393 \$49,466,336
—V. 134, p. 1970.

Montreal Loan & Mortgage Co., Montreal, Que.—
Extra Dividend.—

The usual annual extra dividend of 1% and the regular quarterly dividend of 3% were paid on the capital stock, par \$25, on March 15 to holders of record Feb. 29. An extra of like amount was also paid on March 16 of last year.

(Philip) Morris Consolidated, Inc.—Decreases Capital.

The stockholders on April 5: (1) voted to decrease the authorized amount of class A stock from 136,901½ shares par value \$25 each to 125,000 shares par \$25 each; and (2) approved a proposal to reduce 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.

One new share of \$10 par value common stock will be issued in exchange for each two shares of common stock, without par value. A non-voting and non-dividend bearing scrip certificate will be issued for any fractional amount. See also. V. 134, p. 2163.

Mount Hope Mills, Inc., Warren, R. I.—Sale.—

The company was sold at mortgage sale on March 3 to Attorney Russel P. Jones for \$25,000. Mr. Jones, who was the only bidder at the auction, said he was representing the Madison Co. agents.

The mill until last December was operated with a force of 255 workers and is said to be in good condition.

Nash Motors Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for quarters ended Feb. 29 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

The company has declared the regular quarterly dividend of 50 cents, payable May 2 to stock of record April 20.

The following statement was issued:
On Feb. 29 1932 the company had cash and government securities in its treasury amounting to \$33,401,022.

E. H. McCarty, President, emphasized the fact that December, January and February are always months in which conditions make it difficult to realize satisfactory profits. He also stated that during two months of this quarter, December and January, the company's operations were further restricted due to the fact that it was getting out of production of 1931 models and preparing for the introduction of five new series of 1932 models, shipments of which began in February as previously planned, with public announcement being made on Feb. 27. Shipments for March, the first month of the second quarter, totaled more than the combined shipments of December, January and February, reflecting the stimulus upon business of the presentation of new models. With respect to the outlook for the future, it is the belief of the board of directors that the company and its dealers are in excellent condition to secure a generous share of the available business during the year.—V. 134, p. 2354.

(Conde) Nast Publications, Inc.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928) and rows for Gross rev. from sale of publications, adv., &c.; Operating profit; Total; Interest paid; Amortiz. of note issue commission & expenses; Prop. of profit of sub. applic. to minor. int.; Provision for Federal and State taxes; Exch. adjust in respect of British subsidiary; Loss on stock purchase; Profit; Previous surplus; Total; Miscellaneous charges; Divs. on pref. stock; Divs. on common stock; Surplus at end of year; Shs. com. stk. (no par); Earnings per share.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Table with columns for Assets (1931, 1930) and Liabilities (1931, 1930) and rows for Cash; U. S. Liberty bds.; Accts. & notes rec.; Employees' accts.; Inventories; Life insur. policies; Misc. inv. & adv.; Real estate, mach. and equipment; Deferred charges; Magazine titles, sub. lists, &c.; Accounts payable & accrued liab.; Div. on com. stock; Notes pay. to bks.; Serial notes; Depos. under curr. plan of employ. stock subscrip.; Provision for Fed'l and State taxes; 3-year 6% notes; Res'v for conting.; Deferred revenues; Minority int. in subsidiary co.; Common stock; Current surplus.

Total \$7,852,302 \$8,705,015
x Represented by 313,704 shares (at stated value of \$5 per share) and special surplus of \$986,733.—V. 133, p. 3977.

National Bellas Hess Co., Inc.—Preferred Stockholders File Application in Brooklyn for Receivership—Would Halt Liquidation.—

An application for a receiver to take over the assets of the company was made to Justice Dodd of the Supreme Court in Brooklyn April 7 by a group of preferred stockholders. They charge that the directors have misrepresented the financial status of the company, have dissipated assets and are planning to "cull the cream" of what is left by selling the company's best stores to interests friendly to themselves.

The petition for a receiver is part of an action in which the plaintiffs seek an accounting of the company's funds and an injunction to restrain the directors from selling any further assets or continuing with a plan to liquidate the corporation. Spencer Pinkham of House, Holthusen & McCloskey, counsel for the plaintiffs, said that a group of common stockholders is asking for a receiver with the permission of the Attorney-General in an action in the Supreme Court in Manhattan.

Liquidation Delayed—Meeting of Stockholders Adjourned.—

Owing to the lack of a quorum, a special meeting of stockholders was adjourned April 4 until April 18, after officers of the company had discussed a plan for its dissolution.

Edward E. Cody, First Vice-President, told the stockholders who were present that the management believed the liquidation of the company was advisable. Since the beginning of the year, he said, the company had

settled more than \$2,600,000 of accounts payable, reducing this item to \$22,000. Inventories exceeded \$1,000,000, he added.

Plans for dissolving the company were presented to the stockholders recently.—V. 134, p. 2355.

National Cash Register Co.—New Director.—

Gordon S. Rentschler, President of the National City Bank of New York, has been elected director, succeeding Ezra M. Kuhns, who remains as Secretary of the company.—V. 134, p. 2355.

National Department Stores, Inc. (& Subs.)—

Balance Sheet Jan. 31.—

Table with columns for 1932, 1931, 1932, 1931 and rows for Assets (Cash, Accts. receivable, Notes receivable, Cash surr. value of life insur. policies (net), Inventories, Accts. & notes rec. from off. & empl. Investments, Land, buildings & equipment, Deferred charges, Good-will & appreciated value of leaseholds) and Liabilities (Notes payable, Accounts payable, Accrued accounts, Res. for redemption of trading stamps, Bonds, mtgs. & long-term debt, Oper. & contng. reserves, Minority int. in sub. companies, 7% 1st pref. stock, 7% 2nd pref. stock, Common stock, Earned surplus).

Total 43,689,589 47,485,074 Total 43,689,589 47,485,074

x Deposits with suspended banks. x After deducting reserve for depreciation of \$8,818,859. y Represented by 550,000 shares of no par value.

Our usual comparative income statement for the year ended Jan. 31 1932 was published in V. 134, p. 2539.

National Enameling & Stamping Co., Inc.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years— 1931, 1930, x1929, x1928.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, x1929, x1928 and rows for Sales billed to customers; Cost of sales, incl. selling, publicity & adm. exps.; Profits from oper.; Income from invest.; Total income; Repairs, renewals and maintenance; Depreciation; Bond interest; Inventory adjustment; Provision for Federal income taxes; Net inc. for year; Pref. stock divs. paid; Common dividends; Provision for conting.; Prior yrs. ch. account legal fees; Balance, surplus; Previous surplus; Adjust. of book val. of prop.; Diff. between cost & stated val. of co's stk. purch.; Surplus, Dec. 31; Shares com. stock outstanding (no par); Earnings per share.

x Excluding Granite City Steel Co.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930 and rows for Assets (Real estate, plant, good-will, &c.; Investments; Inventories; Accts. & notes rec.; Cash; Deferred charges) and Liabilities (Common stock; Accts. pay. and payrolls; Prov. for taxes; Reserves; Surplus).

Total 8,919,179 18,221,317 Total 8,919,179 18,221,317

x Represented by 114,918 no par shares. y After reserve for depreciation of \$5,251,594.—V. 134, p. 2538.

National Pumps Corp.—New Directors.—

H. E. Talbott, Jr., New York; Charles H. Tobias, Cincinnati; John Lang and Bernis Brigg, Dayton, and Frank J. Allen, Cleveland, were recently elected directors, increasing the board to 11 from 7 members. J. P. Hanna was not re-elected a director.—V. 133, p. 4339.

National Tea Co., Chicago.—Sales Decline.—

Table with columns for 1932-4 Weeks—1931, 1932-12 Weeks—1931, Consolidated sales and rows for sales figures.

—V. 134, p. 2355.

Neisner Brothers, Inc.—March Sales.—

Table with columns for 1932-March—1931, Increase, 1932-3 Mos.—1931, Decrease, and rows for sales figures.

—V. 134, p. 2164.

New England Steamship Co.—Final Valuation.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on April 4 fixed \$8,435,000 as the final valuation of the company for rate-making purposes. The value of property not owned but used was set at \$1,460,000. The New England Steamship Co. is owned by the New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R.

At the same time the Commission valued the Hartford & New York Transportation Co., another subsidiary, also owned and used for common carrier purposes, at \$1,790,600, and fixed the value of its property used but not owned at \$4,800.

The value of the New Bedford, Marthas Vineyard & Nantucket Steamboat Co. also a subsidiary, was found to be \$365,750, and the value of property used but not owned was fixed at \$32,000.

All the values were as of June 30 1918.—V. 134, p. 2539.

Newmont Mining Corp.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928) and rows for Gross earnings; Interest paid; State tax and reserve for Federal tax; Admin. & other exps.; Exp. for investg. &c.; Net loss realized on sec. sold.

Total 1,036,776

Net income loss \$206,709 \$2,332,770 \$11,777,049 \$7,438,357

Cash dividends paid 531,646 2,122,584 2,016,096 1,910,132

Stock dividends 252,212 252,212 252,212 252,212

Balance, surplus def. \$738,355 \$210,186 \$9,508,741 \$5,289,071

Shares of common outstanding (par \$10) 531,646 531,646 504,425 479,325

Earns. per share on com. Nil \$4.38 \$23.35 \$15.53

—V. 133, p. 4169; V. 132, p. 4603.

Balance Sheet March 31.

Table with columns for 1932 and 1931, and rows for Assets (Cash, Loans, etc.) and Liabilities (Accr. expenses, Prov. for N.Y., etc.).

¶ a 100,000 shares of \$1 par value in 1932 and no par value in 1931. Convertible into two shares of common stock on or before Jan. 1 1944; dividends cumulative and payable quarterly; liquidation and redemption value, \$100 per share.

Senior Securities, Inc. (Del.).—Stock Offered.—Merrill, Hawley & Co., Cleveland, have sold privately the capital stock of this company.

Authorized capital, 50,000 shares of no par value. Transfer agent and registrar, Union Trust Co., Cleveland.

Company.—Organized in Delaware in August, 1931, as an investment company. The by-laws of the company permit it to purchase only a diversified list of interest-bearing bonds.

Portfolio.—It is intended that the completed portfolio of the company shall be made up of a widely diversified list of approximately 50 individual issues of bonds.

Directors.—The board of directors may have not less than five nor more than seven members. Each member of the board, which is composed of representative business men of the city of Cleveland, purchased stock of the company at the original retail offering price.

Officers.—George S. Case, President; Kenneth B. Wick, Vice-President; Charles B. Merrill, Secretary and Treasurer.

Options.—Each member of the board of directors and of the committee on purchases and sales has been granted an option, subject to certain provisions of the by-laws, to purchase at \$25 per share the number of shares of the company's stock represented by 1% of its total number of shares issued and outstanding at the time this option is exercised.

Dividends.—It is expected that dividends will be paid quarterly on the company's stock from the income received on its investments.

Offering.—The offering price and the open market bid established for these shares fluctuate from day to day with the value of the bonds owned by the company.

Shaffer Stores Co.—25c. Dividend.—The directors recently declared a dividend of 25 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable April 1 to holders of record March 25.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, and 1929, and rows for Int. on call loans, Interest on bonds, Cash dividends received, etc.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, and 1929, and rows for Total income, Federal income tax, Legal expenses & stamp tax, etc.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, and 1929, and rows for Surplus earnings for the year, Previous earned surplus, Net credit fm. transac's in treasury shs., etc.

Silverwood's Dairies, Ltd.—Dividend Deferred.—The directors recently voted to defer the quarterly dividend due April 1 on the 7% cum. pref. stock.

Simmons Co.—New President, &c.—Z. G. Simmons, heretofore President, has been elected Chairman of the Board, a newly created office.

Simms Petroleum Co.—Cancellation of 200,000 Shares of Acquired Capital Stock Approved.—The stockholders on April 6 ratified a proposal to cancel and retire 200,000 shares of this company's stock heretofore acquired under authorization of the stockholders and now held in the company's treasury.

Snider Packing Corp.—Committee Opposes Proxies.—The stockholders protective committee is urging stockholders not to sign blank proxies sent out by the management with the annual report of the company.

Southern Acid & Sulphur Co.—Dividend Omission.—The directors recently voted to omit the quarterly dividend usually payable about March 15 on the common stock.

Southwest Public Service Co.—Protective Committee.—See Southwest Utility Dairy Products Co. below.

Southwest Utility Dairy Products Co.—Protective Committee.—A committee has been formed to protect the holders of the following securities:

(1) Southwest Utility Dairy Products Co. (formerly Southwest Utility Ice Co.) 1st mtge. 6% sinking fund gold bonds, series A, due May 1 1941; 1-year 6% gold notes due March 1 1932; interest-bearing participating debenture shares; 7% cumulative preferred stock, and common stock.

(2) Southwest Public Service Co. 1st mtge. 6 1/4% sinking fund gold bonds, series A, due March 1 1937.

(3) Central Oklahoma Service Co. 1st mtge. 6 1/4% gold bonds due March 1 1938; 1-year 6% gold notes due March 15 1932, and 7% cumulative preferred stock.

The committee, in a letter to the holders of the above-named securities and general creditors of the above-named companies, states: "A receiver of the properties of the above-named companies was appointed on March 1 1932 at the suit of a general creditor, and on March 4 1932 the trustee under the first mortgages and deeds of trust of such companies was granted leave to foreclose such mortgages."

"The undersigned, at the request of the holders of substantial amounts of various classes of the above-named securities, have agreed to act as a committee for the purpose of working out a comprehensive plan to meet the financial problems of the above-named companies through readjustment of their capital structures."

"No deposits of securities are requested at this time as the undersigned desire to save the expense of any deposit agreement until such time as they shall have completed a survey of the situation and resolved upon the method to be pursued in reorganizing such companies."

Sparks, Withington & Co.—Earnings.—For income statement for 6 months ended Dec. 31, see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 1974.

Standard Oil Co. of Ohio.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for 1931 and 1930, and rows for Assets (Plant, Merchandise, Cash, etc.) and Liabilities (Common stock, 5% pref. stock, etc.).

Our usual comparative income statement for the year ended Dec. 31 1931 was published in V. 134, p. 2546.

Starrett Corp. (& Wholly Owned Subs.).—Earnings.—

Table with columns for 1931 and 1930, and rows for Operating revenue, Oper. exp. (incl. real estate taxes and depreciation), Operating profit, etc.

Net income for the year—\$1,182,665; Earned surplus, Dec. 31—\$2,166,442.

Table with columns for 1931 and 1930, and rows for Gross surplus, Dividends paid, Reserve provision for contingencies, etc.

Earned surplus Dec. 31—\$2,341,422; Earns per sh. on 380,050 shs. common stock—\$0.76.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for 1931 and 1930, and rows for Assets (Cash, Funds with trustee, etc.) and Liabilities (Notes payable, Divs. payable, etc.).

Total—\$63,459,486; x Represented by 380,050 shares (no par). Note.—675,200 shares of common stock are reserved for delivery upon the exercise of stock purchase privileges.

(S. W.) Straus & Co., Inc.—Chicago Committee.—A special committee has been appointed by General Abel Davis, Chairman of the Chicago Title & Trust Co., to work with the bondholders' committees of S. W. Straus & Co. in reorganizing real estate properties in which there may be interests conflicting with those of the bondholders.

(B. F.) Sturtevant Co.—Preferred Dividend Deferred.—The directors have decided to defer action on the quarterly dividend due April 15 on the 6% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, until the June 29 meeting of the board.

Sun Realty Co., Los Angeles.—Hotel Issue Defaults Interest.—The trustee for Sun Realty Co. first mortgage 6 1/4% serial Mayfair Hotel bonds has been advised by the company that interest due April 1 will not be paid.

Reports and Documents.

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LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY

EIGHTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1931

Louisville, Ky., April 6, 1932.

To the Stockholders of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company:

The Board of Directors of your Company respectfully submits the following report for the year ended December 31, 1931:

MILEAGE

I. Miles Operated.....		Miles.	
II. Lines Operated Under Their Separate Organizations in which this Company Owns all or a Majority of the Capital Stock or is Interested as Joint Owner or Lessee.....		5,263.26	
III. Lines Owned by this Company, but Operated by other Companies.....		2,441.61	
		269.19	
Total mileage, December 31, 1931.....		7,974.06	
Total mileage, December 31, 1930.....		7,977.50	
Decrease.....			3.44
Accounted for as follows—			
Deductions—			
Sundry Branch Lines retires or converted into side track.....	8.03		
Various Trackage Arrangements.....	.69		
Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville Railway.....	2.70		
Elberton & Eastern Railroad.....	.05		
Additions—		11.47	
Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway.....	7.95		
Georgia Railroad and Dependencies.....	.08		
		8.03	3.44

FUNDED DEBT

OUTSTANDING IN HANDS OF PUBLIC

Funded Debt, December 31, 1930.....\$232,988,070.00

CHANGES DURING THE YEAR

Matured—			
Redeemed—			
Louisville, Cincinnati & Lexington R'y, General Mortgage Bonds.....	\$3,232,000.00		
First Mortgage Trust Bonds.....	4,700,000.00		
Equipment Trust No. 37 Gold Notes.....	512,600.00		
Equipment Trust No. 37-A Gold Notes.....	191,300.00		
Equipment Trust Series "D" Certificates.....	735,000.00		
Equipment Trust Series "E" Certificates.....	416,000.00		
Equipment Trust Series "F" Certificates.....	398,000.00		
		\$10,184,900.00	
Unredeemed—			
Louisville, Cincinnati & Lexington R'y, General Mortgage Bonds.....	26,000.00		
First Mortgage Trust Bonds.....	5,000.00		
Equipment Trust Series "E" Certificates.....	4,000.00		
Equipment Trust Series "F" Certificates.....	2,000.00		
		37,000.00	
Less—		\$10,221,900.00	
Issued and Sold—			
Ten-Year Secured Gold Bonds.....		10,000,000.00	
Decrease in Funded Debt, Held by the Public.....			221,900.00
Total Outstanding Funded Debt, December 31, 1931.....			\$232,766,170.00

OWNED

Bonds Owned, December 31, 1930.....		\$93,479,500.00	
CHANGES DURING THE YEAR			
Bonds Issued—			
First and Refunding Mortgage, Series "C".....	\$8,881,000.00		
Less—			
Bonds Matured—			
Owensboro & Nashville R'y First Mortgage.....	\$1,200,000.00		
First Mortgage Trust.....	424,000.00		
		\$1,624,000.00	
Increase in Funded Debt Owned.....		7,257,000.00	
Total Funded Debt Owned, December 31, 1931.....			100,736,500.00
Funded Debt, December 31, 1931, total issue.....			\$333,502,670.00
Funded Debt, December 31, 1930, total issue.....			326,467,570.00
Increase.....			\$7,035,100.00

RAILS

The weights of rails in main track operated, except track-age rights, are—

		Miles.
Under 70 pounds per yard.....	52.68	
70 pounds per yard.....	431.34	
80 pounds per yard.....	752.46	
85 pounds per yard.....	11.21	
90 pounds per yard.....	1,529.47	
100 pounds per yard.....	2,336.88	
Over 100 pounds per yard.....	1.72	
Total.....		5,115.76

To which add—		147.50
Operated under trackage arrangements.....		147.50
Total mileage operated.....		5,263.26

The weights of rails in main track owned, operated by other companies, are—

		274.72
Under 70 pounds per yard.....	24.17	
80 pounds per yard.....	33.60	
85 pounds per yard.....	30.82	
90 pounds per yard.....	186.13	
Less—Portion of Paducah & Memphis Division used by L. & N. Railroad under trackage arrangements.....		5.53
Total mileage operated by other companies.....		269.19

ADDITIONS AND BETTERMENTS—ROAD

During the year expenditures for additions and betterments were as follows:

Engineering.....	\$74,135.08
Land for Transportation Purposes.....	64,661.32
Grading.....	46,993.90
Tunnels and Subways.....	5,813.27
Bridges, Trestles and Culverts.....	1,255,956.25
Ties.....	7,123.19

Rails.....	\$80,321.73
Other Track Material.....	295,620.52
Ballast.....	5,314.46
Track Laying and Surfacing.....	Cr. 5,736.92
Right-of-Way Fences.....	2,496.90
Crossings and Signs.....	285,543.28
Station and Office Buildings.....	63,262.89
Roadway Buildings.....	Cr. 202,819.82
Water Stations.....	13,598.61
Fuel Stations.....	Cr. 2,338.84
Shops and Enginehouses.....	52,138.49
Storage Warehouses.....	63,735.52
Wharves and Docks.....	4,105.80
Coal and Ore Wharves.....	Cr. 6,992.86
Telegraph and Telephone Lines.....	12,021.77
Signals and Interlockers.....	52,434.31
Power Plant Buildings.....	Cr. 19,379.79
Power Transmission Systems.....	Cr. 47.40
Power Distribution Systems.....	10,020.57
Power Line Poles and Fixtures.....	437.07
Miscellaneous Structures.....	Cr. 554.35
Paving.....	Cr. 1,650.60
Roadway Machines.....	Cr. 4,447.46
Roadway Small Tools.....	Cr. 565.97
Assessments for Public Improvements.....	Cr. 9,853.75
Cost of Road Purchased.....	Cr. 7,711.68
Shop Machinery.....	41,816.07
Power Plant Machinery.....	Cr. 23,300.55
Power Sub-station Apparatus.....	225.36
Law.....	3,000.00
Taxes.....	Cr. 35.00
Interest during Construction.....	Cr. 22,634.91
Total for year ended December 31, 1931.....	2,152,413.96
Total for year ended December 31, 1930.....	3,076,561.07
Decrease.....	\$ 924,147.11

ADDITIONS AND BETTERMENTS—EQUIPMENT

The following expenditures for additions and betterments, equipment, were made during the year:

Locomotives—		
One (1) acquired.....	\$74,367.32	
Four (4) locomotive tenders acquired.....	3,921.70	
Equipping with pneumatic fire doors, thermic syphon fire boxes, cab window storm shields, etc.....	16,083.46	\$94,372.48
Freight-Train Cars—		
Equipping with diagonal braces and racks.....		5,569.09
Passenger-Train Cars—		
Equipping coaches with stoves, screens, and partitions; baggage cars with steam line connections, etc.....	6,311.04	
Adjustment of charges in prior years for equipping dining cars with linen, silverware, etc.....	56,311.42	62,622.46
Work Equipment—		
Two (2) locomotive tenders changed to work equipment.....	2,000.00	
Four (4) freight-train cars changed to work equipment.....	815.17	
Twenty-nine (29) passenger-train cars changed to work equipment.....	17,581.91	
Less—		
Adjustment of charges for equipping pile driver with draft gear in 1930.....	27.874	20,369.21
		\$182,933.24

Retirements of equipment during the year, were as follows:

Locomotives—		
Nineteen (19) retired.....	\$184,504.52	
Four (4) locomotive tenders retired.....	5,540.00	
Two (2) locomotive tenders changed to work equipment.....	2,000.00	192,044.52
Freight-Train Cars—		
Eight hundred eighty-two (882) retired.....	630,301.63	
Four (4) changed to work equipment.....	2,728.00	633,029.63
Passenger-Train Cars—		
Six (6) retired.....	29,054.65	
Twenty-nine (29) changed to work equipment.....	134,485.81	163,540.46
Work Equipment—		
One hundred seventy-six (176) units retired.....	63,787.80	1,052,402.41
Net credit for year ended December 31, 1931.....		869,469.17
Net charge for year ended December 31, 1930.....		3,282,483.56
Decrease.....		\$4,151,952.73

EQUIPMENT

	Locomotives.	Freight Cars.	Passenger Cars.	Work Equipment.
Owned or Operated Under Trust Agreements:				
On hand December 31, 1930.....	1,300	63,228	964	2,417
Acquired.....	1			
Changed.....				*35
Destroyed or sold.....	19	882	964	176
Changed.....		4	29	
On hand December 31, 1931.....	1,282	62,342	929	2,276
Leased From Louisville, Henderson & St. Louis Railway Company:				
On hand December 31, 1930.....	40	679	24	89
Changed.....				2
Destroyed or Sold.....	40	679		91
Changed.....		16	1	4
On hand December 31, 1931.....	40	662	27	87

* Includes two Extra Locomotive Tenders converted to Water Tanks.

The following table shows the equipment on hand at the close of each of the past ten years:

	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
Locomotives.....	1,289	1,327	1,347	1,344	1,371	1,356	1,323	1,350	1,340	1,322
Freight Cars.....	54,674	61,375	64,825	65,025	65,237	64,019	63,317	64,134	63,907	63,004
Passenger Cars.....	856	881	922	925	992	1,005	994	1,006	992	956
Work Equipment.....	2,250	2,362	2,451	2,441	2,407	2,465	2,593	2,584	2,506	2,363

CINCINNATI PASSENGER TERMINALS

Satisfactory progress on this undertaking was made during the year. The grading is practically completed and the Western Hills Viaduct, providing a main highway over the yards for foot and vehicle traffic, was opened in January, 1932. Contract for the construction of the station structure and foundations was entered into in March, 1931, and it is expected the terminals will be completed in the latter part of 1933.

By its order dated December 9, 1931, the Interstate Commerce Commission authorized The Cincinnati Union Terminal Company to issue and sell \$12,000,000.00 of First Mortgage 5 per cent. Gold Bonds, Series "B," at 95 per cent. of face value and accrued interest, the proceeds to be used in construction of a passenger station and other facilities. The total outstanding funded debt of The Cincinnati Union Terminal Company at December 31, 1931, was \$24,000,000.00, the payment of the principal and interest being guaranteed jointly and severally, by the proprietary companies, The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, The Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company, The Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific Railway Company, The Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway Company, Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company, Norfolk & Western Railway Company, and The Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

SEPARATION OF GRADES IN THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KY.

The construction of the underpasses at Fortieth Street, and at Carolina Avenue, commenced in November, 1930, was completed in November, 1931.

SEPARATION OF GRADES IN THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

The separation of grades in the City of Birmingham, undertaken in accordance with an agreement dated October 31, 1928, between the City of Birmingham and this Company, the Southern Railway Company, and the Alabama Great Southern Railroad Company, proceeded satisfactorily during the year. It is expected that the Eighteenth Street underpass will be finished during the early part of 1932, and all of the work covered by this agreement will be completed by August 1932.

NEW BRIDGE OVER OHIO RIVER AT HENDERSON, KY.

In order to provide for the movement of heavier locomotives, the construction of a new bridge over the Ohio River at Henderson, was authorized in January, 1931, to replace the existing structure, built in 1885.

The new bridge will consist of five double track through fixed truss spans, four being 493 feet and one 669 feet long; also, one double track deck fixed truss span 235 feet long, all supported on concrete piers. The South, or Kentucky, approach will be an embankment 3680 feet long, through which five streets of the City of Henderson will pass beneath the track, which will be carried over the streets on deck girders and concrete slabs, resting on concrete abutments

and piers built to provide for a second track. The North, or Indiana, approach will extend 5519 feet across the low river bottom, and will consist of fifty-seven single track deck girder spans varying in length from 28 feet to 123 feet, resting on concrete piers with footings provided for future second track. At present only one track will be constructed.

Construction of the masonry was commenced in May, 1931, and was 82 per cent. completed at the end of the year. It is expected that the approach on the Kentucky side, and all masonry, will be finished in May, 1932, and the entire structure ready for use by December, 1932.

RECONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGES

The bridge reconstruction programme authorized in April, 1930, has proceeded satisfactorily during the year. The reconstruction of Bridge No. 36, over Doe Run, on the Evansville Division (formerly Owensboro Division) was completed during September, 1931; the bridge over the Cumberland River at Nashville, Tenn., was practically completed at the end of the year, as well as the seventeen smaller bridges covered by the authority.

The work at Bridge No. 47 over the Tennessee River, at Danville, Tennessee, where a new bridge is being built to replace the present structure on the same alignment and grade, was commenced in July, 1931, and at the end of the year the foundation work was about 76 per cent. completed. The new bridge will consist of one 74 foot through girder span, five through fixed truss spans, each 200 feet long, one 294 foot through truss lift span, and one 178 foot through fixed truss span, supported on concrete abutments and piers. It is expected the new structure will be completed in October, 1932.

OIL HANDLING PLANT AT PENSACOLA, FLA.

In February, 1931, authority was given for the construction of a storage plant to handle whale and other oils, imported through Pensacola, Fla.

The facilities include two 500,000 gallon tanks, four 250,000 gallon tanks, weighing equipment machinery, pipe lines, loading rack and buildings. The plant was completed and placed in operation in April, 1931.

FEDERAL VALUATION

During the year there has been no material change in the status of valuation matters.

FINANCIAL

There has been a decrease during the year in the funded debt outstanding of \$221,900.00, as shown in detail on page 7 of pamphlet report.

In October, 1931, application was made to the Interstate Commerce Commission for authority to issue and sell \$10,000,000.00 of Ten-Year Secured Five Per Cent. Gold Bonds, and to pledge as collateral security \$13,900,000.00 of other bonds, (See Table V, page 24 of pamphlet report) the proceeds to be used in the payment of the following obligations, maturing on November 1, 1931, and to furnish

a part of the funds required for a new bridge over the Ohio River at Henderson, Ky.—

Louisville, Cincinnati & Lexington Railway General Mortgage 4½% Per Cent. Gold Bonds.....\$3,258,000.00
 Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company 5% Per Cent. First Mortgage Trust Gold Bonds..... 4,705,000.00

On October 8, 1931, the Commission authorized the sale of the Ten-Year Secured Five Per Cent. Gold Bonds, which were sold on October 13th, yielding \$9,575,000.00.

During the year 1931, application was made to the Interstate Commerce Commission by all Class I railroads in the United States for an increase of 15% in freight rates and charges. As result of this application the Interstate Commerce Commission approved certain small increases for a limited period with the suggestion that the revenues derived from these increases should be pooled for the benefit of railroads which, in the existing emergency, might not be enabled to earn their fixed charges. This suggestion of the Interstate Commerce Commission resulted in the organization, by the railroads, of The Railroad Credit Corporation, through whose agency the funds derived from the increases

in question will be available as loans to railroads which can qualify under the rules of The Railroad Credit Corporation for the making of such loans.

Subsequent to the close of the year 1931, and effective January 1, 1932, the salaries of all officers, officials and subordinate officials, occupying supervisory positions, were reduced 10%. Effective February 1, 1932, as result of agreement reached between Committees representing the railroads and organizations of various classes of their employes, a reduction of 10% was made in the pay of all employes for a period of one year, without any change in the basic rates of pay.

Attention is called to the report of the Comptroller for the details of the year's business.

The Board acknowledges the fidelity and efficiency with which the officers and employes of the company have served its interests.

For the Board of Directors,
 Lyman Delano, *Chairman*
 W. R. Cole, *President*

TABLE NO. 1.—INCOME ACCOUNT.

1930		1931
\$112,440,985.10	Railway Operating Income	
92,493,837.35	Railway Operating Revenues	\$87,019,790.89
19,947,147.75	Railway Operating Expenses, 83.18 per cent.	72,384,607.98
6,233,951.36	Net Revenue from Railway Operations, 16.82 per cent.	14,635,182.91
16,421.86	Railway Tax Accruals	\$5,485,518.21
6,250,373.22	Uncollectible Railway Revenues	20,598.42
13,696,774.53	Total Operating Income	5,506,116.63
1,146,952.24	Nonoperating Income	9,129,066.28
44,893.69	Hire of Freight Cars—Credit Balance	1,032,528.09
226,509.09	Rent from Locomotives	39,852.30
35,454.64	Rent from Passenger-Train Cars	238,605.56
289,527.95	Rent from Work Equipment	20,892.89
12,039.70	Joint Facility Rent Income	319,050.34
206,506.20	Income from Lease of Road—	
218,545.90	Clarksville & Princeton Branch	\$12,039.70
130,764.21	Paducah & Memphis Division	206,506.20
76,101.69	Miscellaneous Rent Income	218,545.90
401,500.00	Miscellaneous Nonoperating Physical Property	120,398.62
420,709.50	Separately Operated Properties—Profit	45,468.01
976,152.00	Dividend Income—	395,012.65
160,889.58	Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville R'y Co.	
1,557,751.08	Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis R'y	734,988.00
395,614.95	Sundry stocks	143,006.00
889,093.34	Income from Funded Securities	877,994.00
49,064.64	Income from Unfunded Securities and Accounts	336,047.60
4,422.70	Income from Sinking Funds	356,908.47
5,466,196.12	Miscellaneous Income	18,457.41
19,162,970.65	Total Nonoperating Income	308.84
71,125.03	Gross Income	4,020,070.68
272,392.13	Deductions from Gross Income—	13,149,136.96
14,771.43	Rent for Locomotives	51,058.72
1,074,910.33	Rent for Passenger-Train Cars	222,442.84
134,867.49	Rent for Work Equipment	5,841.54
146,224.80	Joint Facility Rents	981,328.40
99,467.79	Rent for Leased Roads—	
380,560.08	Nashville & Decatur Railroad	134,867.49
47,849.29	Louisville, Henderson & St. Louis R'y	142,988.64
20,336.68	Rents of other roads	30,575.86
10,556,912.53	Miscellaneous Rents	308,431.99
90,249.35	Miscellaneous Tax Accruals	44,802.82
20,620.66	Interest on Funded Debt	19,102.94
7,160.99	Interest on Unfunded Debt	10,428,303.25
27,781.65	Miscellaneous Income Charges—	22,027.05
12,556,888.50	U. S. Income Tax paid on Interest on Tax-Exempt Bonds	21,114.23
6,606,082.15	Fees and Expenses paid Mortgage Trustees	4,737.58
145.84	Total Deductions from Gross Income	25,851.81
145.84	Net Income	12,109,191.36
145.84	Disposition of Net Income—	1,039,945.60
\$6,605,936.31	Income applied to Sinking Funds	65,610.28
	Miscellaneous Appropriations of Income	
	Total Appropriations	65,610.28
	Income Balance Transferred to Credit of Profit and Loss	\$974,335.32

TABLE NO. II.—PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

CREDITS		
Balance to Credit of this account, December 31, 1930		\$91,939,694.65
Credit Balance transferred from Income Account		974,335.32
Profit on Road and Equipment Sold		6,025.14
Unrefundable Overcharges		34,964.11
Donations—		
Estimated value of land and cost of labor and material donated for transportation purposes		155,473.05
Miscellaneous Credits		533,050.53
		\$93,643,542.80
DEBITS		
Dividend Appropriations of Surplus—		
Cash Dividend, 2½ per cent., payable August 10, 1931	\$2,925,000.00	
Cash Dividend, 2 per cent., payable February 10, 1932	2,340,000.00	
		\$5,265,000.00
Surplus appropriated for Investment in Physical Property		155,473.05
Debt Discount extinguished through Surplus		440,737.41
Loss on Retired Road and Equipment		89,313.44
Miscellaneous Debits		70,888.32
Credit Balance, December 31, 1931		87,622,130.58
		\$93,643,542.80

TABLE NO. VI.—INVESTMENT IN ROAD AND EQUIPMENT (INCLUDING IMPROVEMENTS ON LEASED RAILWAY PROPERTY)

Road and Equipment, December 31, 1930, was—			
Road	\$302,563,133.42		
Equipment	153,835,536.70		
		\$456,398,670.12	
Improvements on Leased Railway Property		2,322,076.16	
			\$458,720,746.28
To which add the following:			
New Line, Chrevolet, Ky., to Hagans, Va.	86,990.77		
Left Fork Branch	129,668.36		
Sundry Items		Cr. 4,846.47	
Additions and Betterments	\$2,152,413.96		
Deduct—			
Amounts included in above account of Elkton & Guthrie Railroad, Glasgow Railway, Cumberland & Manchester Railroad and Louisville, Henderson & St. Louis Railway	285,710.70	1,866,694.26	2,078,506.92
			Cr. 869,469.17
			1,209,037.75
Total (See Balance Sheet)—			
Road	\$304,588,304.55		
Equipment	152,966,067.53		
		\$457,554,372.08	
Improvements on Leased Railway Property		2,375,411.95	
			\$459,929,784.03

TABLE NO. III.—GENERAL BALANCE SHEET

Dr. Dec. 31, 1930.	INVESTMENTS:	ASSETS	Dec. 31, 1931.
\$302,563,133.42	Investment in Road and Equipment—		
153,835,536.70	Road.....	\$304,588,304.55	
456,398,670.12	Equipment.....	152,966,067.53	
2,322,076.16	Improvements on Leased Railway Property.....		\$457,554,372.08
602,077.66	Sinking Funds—		2,375,411.95
67,000.00	Total Book Assets.....	609,677.66	
535,077.66	Bonds, this Company's Issue.....	67,000.00	
7,495.82	Deposits in Lien of Mortgaged Property Sold.....		542,677.66
2,792,098.62	Miscellaneous Physical Property.....		9,026.64
19,616,500.70	Investments in Affiliated Companies—		2,854,643.94
1,753,624.21	(a) Stocks.....	19,616,550.70	
941,072.87	(b) Bonds.....	1,168,134.66	
2,962,732.55	(c) Notes.....	901,965.36	
25,273,930.33	(d) Advances.....	3,624,272.22	
2,011,057.99	Other Investments—		25,310,922.94
5,888,904.20	(a) Stocks.....	2,011,057.99	
94,895.00	(b) Bonds.....	3,553,829.20	
1,000.00	(c) Notes.....	680,958.90	
7,995,857.19	(d) Advances.....	1,000.00	
405,325,205.90			6,246,846.09
11,890,607.61	CURRENT ASSETS:		\$494,893,901.30
13,320,470.71	Cash.....		15,787,976.18
648,246.50	Time Drafts and Deposits.....		5,059,720.38
500,000.00	Special Deposits—		
5.00	Total Book Assets.....	607,973.50	
148,241.50	Bonds, this Company's Issue.....	500,000.00	
148,246.50	Stock.....	\$5.00	
57,344.18	Cash.....	107,968.50	
2,604,901.35	Loans and Bills Receivable.....		107,973.50
621,620.45	Traffic and Car-Service Balances Receivable.....		1,499,571.14
1,998,264.84	Net Balance Receivable from Agents and Conductors.....		1,978,086.89
10,988,108.76	Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable.....		557,321.57
333,699.92	Material and Supplies.....		1,568,186.82
92,064.10	Interest and Dividends Receivable.....		9,244,933.09
27,338.33	Rents Receivable.....		97,652.55
42,062,666.95	Other Current Assets.....		92,064.10
58,097.59			19,002.66
5,913,500.00	DEFERRED ASSETS:		36,012,488.88
1,090,421.86	Working Fund Advances.....		59,643.06
7,003,921.86	Other Deferred Assets—		
7,062,019.45	Southern Railway Company's Proportion of Bonds Issued Jointly.....	5,913,500.00	
9,740.09	Other Accounts.....	944,459.64	
1,530,778.98			6,857,959.64
1,540,519.07	UNADJUSTED DEBITS:		6,917,602.70
	Rents and Insurance Premiums Paid in Advance.....		5,241.04
	Other Unadjusted Debits.....		1,667,772.35
			1,673,013.39
	\$87,783,500.00 Securities Issued or Assumed—Unpledged.....		86,269,500.00
	5,129,000.00 Securities Issued or Assumed—Pledged.....		13,900,000.00
	CONTINGENT ASSETS:		
2,500,000.00	L. & N. Terminal Co. Fifty-year 4 per cent. Gold Bonds.....		2,500,000.00
2,500,000.00	Memphis Union Station Co. First Mortgage 5 per cent. Gold Bonds.....		2,500,000.00
12,000,000.00	The Cincinnati Union Terminal Co. First Mortgage Gold Bonds.....		24,000,000.00
17,000,000.00			29,000,000.00
\$562,990,411.37	Grand Total.....		\$568,497,006.27

TABLE NO. III.—GENERAL BALANCE SHEET

Dec. 31, 1930.	STOCK:	LIABILITIES	Dec. 31, 1931.	Cr.
\$116,860,700.00	Capital Stock—			
720.00	Full shares outstanding.....	\$116,860,800.00		
138,580.00	Fractional shares outstanding.....	720.00		
117,000,000.00	Original stock and subsequent stock dividends unissued.....	138,480.00		
12,116.76	Premium on Capital Stock.....		\$117,000,000.00	
117,012,116.76			12,116.76	\$117,012,116.76
134,027.24	GOVERNMENTAL GRANTS:			
	Grants in Aid of Construction.....			37,898.87
326,467,570.00	LONG TERM DEBT:			
87,783,500.00	Funded Debt—Unmatured—			
5,129,000.00	Book Liability.....		333,502,670.00	
500,000.00	Held by or for this Company—			
67,000.00	In Treasury.....	86,269,500.00		
93,479,500.00	Deposited as Collateral.....	13,900,000.00		
232,988,070.00	Special Deposit.....	500,000.00		
5,913,500.00	In Sinking Funds.....	67,000.00		
238,901,570.00	Actually outstanding.....		100,736,500.00	
21,186.01	Liability of Southern Railway Company for Bonds Issued Jointly with this Company.....		232,766,170.00	
238,922,756.01	Nonnegotiable Debt to Affiliated Companies—Open Accounts.....		5,913,500.00	
			238,679,670.00	
			78,125.74	238,757,795.74
772,748.35	CURRENT LIABILITIES:			
5,701,197.94	Traffic and Car-Service Balances Payable.....		492,179.93	
1,295,151.06	Audited Accounts and Wages Payable.....		4,889,262.39	
1,733,996.00	Miscellaneous Accounts Payable.....		570,686.08	
233,264.50	Interest Matured Unpaid.....		1,714,066.00	
61,200.00	Dividends Matured Unpaid.....		245,539.50	
4,095,000.00	Funded Debt Matured Unpaid.....		49,000.00	
1,872,310.82	Unmatured Dividends Declared.....		2,340,000.00	
81,182.62	Unmatured Interest Accrued.....		1,890,643.57	
171,688.58	Unmatured Rents Accrued.....		15,653.73	
15,968,239.87	Other Current Liabilities.....		145,325.44	
1,102,462.84	DEFERRED LIABILITIES:			12,352,356.64
	Other Deferred Liabilities.....			917,566.19
2,594,286.12	UNADJUSTED CREDITS:			
18,052,789.80	Tax Liability.....		1,986,792.06	
50,618,980.88	Accrued Depreciation—Road.....		17,929,235.80	
259,009.03	Accrued Depreciation—Equipment.....		54,151,935.25	
6,273,876.93	Accrued Depreciation—Miscellaneous Physical Property.....		207,067.70	
77,798,942.76	Other Unadjusted Credits.....		5,193,438.24	
2,827,435.52	CORPORATE SURPLUS:			79,468,469.05
53,004.50	Additions to Property through Income and Surplus.....		2,982,908.57	
231,731.22	Sinking Fund Reserves.....		53,004.50	
3,112,171.24	Appropriated Surplus not Specifically Invested.....		292,759.37	
91,939,694.65	Total Appropriated Surplus.....		3,328,672.44	
95,051,865.89	Profit and Loss—Balance.....		87,622,130.58	
	CONTINGENT LIABILITIES:			90,950,803.02
2,500,000.00	L. & N. Terminal Co. Fifty-year 4 per cent. Gold Bonds.....		2,500,000.00	
2,500,000.00	Memphis Union Station Co. First Mortgage 5 per cent. Gold Bonds.....		2,500,000.00	
12,000,000.00	The Cincinnati Union Terminal Co. First Mortgage Gold Bonds.....		24,000,000.00	
17,000,000.00			29,000,000.00	
\$562,990,411.37	Grand Total.....		\$568,497,006.27	

THE CHESAPEAKE & OHIO RAILWAY COMPANY.

FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1931

Richmond, Va., March 31, 1932.

To the Stockholders:

The Fifty-fourth Annual Report of the Board of Directors, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1931, is herewith submitted.

The average mileage operated during the year was 3,118.50 miles, an increase over the previous year of 4.09 miles. The mileage at the end of the year was 3,115.20 miles, a decrease of 4.48 miles over mileage on December 31, 1930. See schedule on page 10, of pamphlet report.

RESULTS FOR THE YEAR

Operating Revenues	\$119,552,170.30
(Decrease \$17,678,204.81, or 12.88%)	
Operating Expenses	74,497,861.10
(Decrease \$12,468,656.36, or 14.34%)	
Net Operating Revenues	\$45,054,309.20
(Decrease \$5,209,548.45, or 10.36%)	
Taxes and Uncollectible Railway Revenues	9,636,853.82
(Decrease \$674,666.66, or 6.54%)	
Railway Operating Income	\$35,417,455.38
(Decrease \$4,534,881.79, or 11.35%)	
Net Equipment and Joint Facility Rents	87,511.88
(Decrease \$658,401.88, or 115.33%)	
Net Railway Operating Income	\$35,329,943.50
(Decrease \$5,193,283.67, or 12.82%)	
Miscellaneous Income	2,268,721.84
(Decrease \$2,172,316.19, or 48.91%)	
Total Gross Income	\$37,598,665.34
(Decrease \$7,365,599.86, or 16.38%)	
Rental and Other Payments	319,255.00
(Decrease \$40,951.89, or 11.37%)	
Income for year available for Interest	\$37,279,410.34
(Decrease \$7,324,647.97, or 16.42%)	
Interest (28.76% of amount available) amounted to	10,721,064.77
(Increase \$90,538.60, or .85%)	
Net Income for year applicable to dividends	\$26,558,345.57
(Decrease \$7,415,186.57, or 21.83%)	
Dividend of 6½% on Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock, Series A	8,359.00
Net Income equivalent to 13.88% of \$191,316,250.00 Common Stock outstanding December 31, 1931	\$26,549,986.57
Common Stock Dividends—	
2½% on amount of C. & O. stock held by stockholders of record March 7, 1931	\$4,782,655.84
2½% on amount of C. & O. stock held by stockholders of record June 8, 1931	4,782,857.03
2½% on amount of C. & O. stock held by stockholders of record September 8, 1931	4,782,858.57
2½% on amount of C. & O. stock held by stockholders of record December 8, 1931	4,782,916.29
	\$19,131,287.73
Add—Adjustment account of conversion of 6½% Series "A" Preferred Stock into Common Stock during year	17.64
	19,131,305.37
Remainder available for payments of principal amounts of Equipment Trusts and improvements of physical and other assets	\$7,418,681.20

FINANCIAL

As of December 31, 1931, there were outstanding 7,652,651 shares of common stock of the par value of \$25.00 each and \$91.66 of scrip, making the total par value outstanding, as shown by your balance sheet on page 15 (pamphlet report), \$191,316,366.66, of which one share of the par value of \$25.00 is held in the treasury of your Company.

During the year \$24,300 of your Company's 6½ per cent Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock, Series A, was converted into a like amount of common capital stock on a basis of one share of Preferred Stock of the par value of \$100.00 per share for four shares of common capital stock of a par value of \$25.00 per share.

As of December 31, 1931, the par amount of 6½ per cent Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock, Series A, outstanding was \$127,500.

The changes in funded debt in the hands of the public during the year were as follows:

5 per cent Craig Valley Branch First Mortgage Bonds	Retired. \$9,000.00
4 per cent Big Sandy Railway First Mortgage Bonds	30,000.00
4 per cent Coal River Railway First Mortgage Bonds	26,000.00
5 per cent Kanawha Bridge and Terminal Company First Mortgage Bonds	7,000.00
4½ per cent Hocking Valley Railway First Consolidated Mortgage Bonds	5,000.00
Equipment Trust Obligations	5,920,000.00
Decrease	\$5,997,000.00

Your Company and The New York Central Railroad Company by an agreement, dated December 15, 1925, provided for the financing, construction, control and operation of the line of railroad of the Nicholas, Fayette and Greenbrier Railroad Company, the construction of which was authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission on October 31, 1928, 145 I. C. C. 643. The agreement further provided for the acquisition by the Nicholas, Fayette and Greenbrier Railroad Company of the properties of the Sewell Valley Railroad Company, Loop & Lookout Railroad Company and Greenbrier & Eastern Railroad Company, and the joint lease of the Nicholas, Fayette and Greenbrier Railroad

Company by your Company and The New York Central Railroad Company, authority for which was granted by the Interstate Commerce Commission in Finance Docket No. 8901. In accordance with such authority, there were conveyed by deeds, dated December 30, 1931, to the Nicholas, Fayette and Greenbrier Railroad Company the properties of the Sewell Valley Railroad Company, Loop & Lookout Railroad Company and Greenbrier & Eastern Railroad Company. The joint operation of the Nicholas, Fayette and Greenbrier Railroad, including these three lines, was actually commenced as of midnight, January 5, 1932.

Pursuant to authority granted by the Interstate Commerce Commission in Finance Docket No. 8901, the Nicholas, Fayette and Greenbrier Railroad Company assumed obligations and liability with respect to the payment of principal of and interest on \$300,000 face amount of outstanding First Mortgage 5 per cent Bonds of the Sewell Valley Railroad Company, and issued \$7,071,800, par value, of its common capital stock in payment of advances made for the construction of its line of railroad and for the properties of the three lines above mentioned. In January, 1932, your Company received Nicholas, Fayette and Greenbrier Railroad Company's capital stock of the par value of \$1,800,000 for a like face amount of promissory notes which it held on December 31, 1931, as shown in Table 5 on page 17 (pamphlet report). Your Company and The New York Central Railroad Company now own in equal shares all of the outstanding common stock of the Nicholas, Fayette and Greenbrier Railroad Company.

Your Company acquired, with the approval of the Interstate Commerce Commission in Finance Docket 8860, decided July 20, 1931, a line of railroad and appurtenances owned by the Blue Jay Lumber Company extending from Beaver Junction to Flat Top, a distance of 15 miles, in Raleigh and Mercer Counties, West Virginia, serving an area of 35 square miles underlaid with bituminous coal. The property was purchased under an agreement with Blue Jay Lumber Company, dated May 13, 1931, for \$166,000.

GENERAL REMARKS

During the year, there was an increase in the investment in road, of \$7,399,148.98, while the cost of equipment shows a net decrease of \$3,059,818.64, making a total increase in Investment in Road and Equipment of \$4,339,330.34, the details of which are set forth in Table 4 on page 16 (pamphlet report).

The general nation-wide economic depression, which began in the latter part of 1929, continued with greater severity during the year 1931 than in previous years. This nation-wide condition affected your Company's revenues, which decreased \$17,678,204.81, or 12.9% under the year 1930. Your management, however, was able to reduce operating expenses to the extent of \$12,468,656.36, or 14.3 per cent. The ratio of operating expenses to revenues, therefore, was 62.3 per cent compared with 63.4 per cent for the year 1930, or a decrease of 1.1 per cent.

Notwithstanding the necessity for economies which, as shown above, were accomplished, the equipment, roadway, track and structures were maintained in good condition throughout the year.

The revenue coal and coke tonnage was 52,020,197, a decrease of 11.6 per cent; other revenue freight tonnage was 10,753,369, a decrease of 22.7 per cent. Total revenue tonnage was 62,773,566, a decrease of 13.7 per cent. Freight revenue was \$109,882,029.99, a decrease of 12.7 per cent. Freight train mileage was 11,312,816 miles, a decrease of 16.7 per cent. Revenue ton miles were 18,391,434,397, a decrease of 11.2 per cent. Ton mile revenue was 5.97 mills, a decrease of 1.6 per cent. Revenue per freight train mile was \$9.713, an increase of 4.8 per cent. Revenue tonnage per train mile was 1,626 tons, an increase of 6.6 per cent; including Company's freight the tonnage per train mile was 1,699 tons, an increase of 6.7 per cent. Tonnage per locomotive mile, including Company's freight, was 1,559 tons, an increase of 8.2 per cent. Revenue tonnage per loaded car was 42.9 tons, an increase of 1.2 per cent. Tons of revenue freight carried one mile per mile of road were 5,903,773, a decrease of 11.3 per cent.

There were 1,848,153 passengers carried, a decrease of 29.4 per cent. The number carried one mile was 127,321,621, a decrease of 22.9 per cent. Passenger Revenue was \$4,110,246.65, a decrease of 25.7 per cent. Revenue per passenger mile was 3,228 cents, a decrease of 3.7 per cent. Number of passengers carried one mile per mile of road was 43,432, a decrease of 22.7 per cent. Passenger train mileage was 5,679,348, a decrease of 9.0 per cent. Passenger revenue per train mile was \$.724, a decrease of 18.3 per cent; including mail and express it was \$1.035, a decrease of 14.6 per cent. Passenger Service Train Revenue per train mile was \$1.056, a decrease of 15.3 per cent.

Transportation Expenses decreased \$4,804,550.99, or 13.7 per cent. Ratio Transportation Expenses to Operating

Revenues was 25.2 per cent. in 1931 and 25.5 per cent in 1930, a decrease of .3 per cent. Revenue ton miles decreased 11.2 per cent.

There were 59,480.2 tons of new rail (45,785.2 tons 130 lb., 13,676.2 tons 110 lbs., 18.8 tons 100 lb.), equal to 303.4 miles of track used in renewal of existing tracks, a decrease, as compared with previous year, of 3.0 miles of track renewed with new rail.

There were 669,911 cross ties used in maintaining existing tracks, a decrease of 241,035.

There were 958,645 cubic yards of ballast (424,250 cubic yards stone) used in maintaining existing tracks, a decrease of 86,442 cubic yards.

The average amount expended for repairs per locomotive was \$5,358.78, a decrease of 25.9 per cent over 1930; per passenger train car \$1,482.67, a decrease of 34.6 per cent over 1930; per freight train car \$88.81, a decrease of 22.5 per cent.

An important construction program was in progress during the year.

The largest and most important works under way were the tunnel improvements through the mountains of Virginia and West Virginia, between Covington, Va., and Gauley, W. Va., and the construction of new coal pier No. 15 at Newport News, Va.

The tunnel improvements include the building of four new single track tunnels parallel to the present Lewis, Alleghany, Man's and Big Bend Tunnels; completing new double track tunnel at Second Creek; enlarging six existing tunnels; converting one tunnel into an open cut and a revision of line to eliminate one tunnel, at a cost of approximately \$10,000,000, to provide ample clearance for the largest locomotives now in service and for modern rolling stock, some of which can not be handled through the present tunnels because of restricted clearances. It is expected that all of this work will be completed on or about January 1, 1933.

Coal Pier No. 15 at Newport, Bews, Va., which was completed at a cost of approximately \$2,250,000 and put in operation during the year, is a low level reinforced concrete pier of the latest type of construction especially designed to minimize the breakage and degradation of coal prepared for special processes.

During the year your Company joined with States, Cities and Counties in the separation of the grades of the railroad and streets and highways at various locations in the several States traversed by your lines. Undergrade crossings were completed at Magnolia Street, Richmond, Va., Palmyra, Va., Raleigh, W. Va. and Canal Winchester, Ohio; overhead crossings were built at Staunton, Va., Lick Run, Va., and Kellogg, W. Va.; at Gordonsville, Va., the undergrade crossing at Main Street was enlarged and at Prestonsburg, Ky., undergrade and overhead crossings were constructed.

A five mile section out of Surveyor of the new line down Marsh Fork, between Edwight, W. Va., and Surveyor, W. Va., was completed.

At Russell, Ky., ten tracks were extended in the west-bound yard.

Between Buchanan, Va., and Springwood, Va., new second track was completed and put in operation for a distance of 5.05 miles, including the existing passing sidings absorbed by the second track.

Existing sidings were extended at the following points: East and westbound passing sidings at East Alleghany, Va.; westbound passing siding at Alderson, W. Va.; and passing sidings at Meadow Creek, W. Va., Catalpa, Ky., Wagner, Ky., and Fostoria, Ohio.

New water softening plants were placed in service at Newport News, Va., Ceredo, W. Va., Netherland, Ky., Cheviot, O., and the old obsolete type water treating facilities at Peru, Ind., were replaced with modern equipment; six new steel water storage tanks were erected varying in capacity from 100,000 to 366,000 gallons and eight former steam pumping plants were electrified; complete new water stations were installed at Meadow Creek, W. Va., and Rich Creek Junction, W. Va.

Important signal, interlocking and telephone and telegraph improvements were made and put into operation. Flasher light signals were installed at twenty-seven crossings in the several states; two positions automatic semaphore signals were changed to three position automatic color light signals between Fort Springs, W. Va., and Talcott, W. Va., McDougal, W. Va., and Sewell, W. Va., Montgomery, W. Va., and Cabin Creek Junction, W. Va., Siloam, Ky., and Garrison, Ky.; in conjunction with the Erie Railroad, new automatic color light signals replacing manual block signals and traffic locking on the two main tracks were installed between Griffith, Ind., and Hammond, Ind. At Newport News, Va., 1.35 miles of new telephone line, together with necessary cable, was constructed and put in operation to provide telephone service for new coal pier No. 15.

At South Chicago, Ill., Annex to Calumet Elevator "A" for storage of grain was completed. Between Marshall, O., and Columbus, O., sixteen bridges were waterproofed; at Peru, Ind., bridge 1595 was raised; at Sweetser, Ind., bridges 1374, 1400, 1412 and 1508 were rebuilt. At Martin, Ky., combined freight and passenger depot was constructed.

Many other important improvements were under way but not completed. Among these are the second track Cotton Hill, W. Va., to Gauley, W. Va.; engine terminal improvements at Walbridge, O.; extension of five stalls in roundhouse at Peru, Ind.; undergrade crossing at Fishersville, Va.; undergrade crossing at Midland, Ky.; overhead bridge at Winchester Avenue, Ashland, Ky., which work is being done by the State Highway Department and participated in by your Company, the State of Kentucky and the City of Ashland, Ky.; overhead crossing at Cummings Road, Walbridge, O., eliminating three existing grade crossings; 100-car passing track at Terry Junction, W. Va., two yard tracks at Raleigh, W. Va.; extension of center sidings at

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1931

ASSETS

TABLE 3. (Excluding Stocks and Bonds Owned of the C. & O. R'y Co. of Indiana and of the C. & O. Equipment Corporation.)

Investments—	Unpledged.	Pledged.	
Investment in Road and Equipment:			
Road.....			\$347,469,702.38
Equipment.....			170,578,543.17
Improvements on Leased Railway Property.....			\$518,048,245.55
Sinking Funds.....			428,919.35
Deposits in lieu of Mortgage Property Sold.....			534,701.49
Miscellaneous Physical Property.....			350,398.51
			2,306,362.59
Investments in Affiliated Companies—			
Stocks.....	\$106,500,348.55	\$8,647,244.44	\$115,147,592.99
Bonds.....	430,616.55	8,017,501.00	8,448,117.55
Notes.....	7,855,001.00	1.00	7,855,002.00
Advances.....	7,780,998.92		7,780,998.02
			\$139,231,710.56
Other Investments:			
Stocks.....	15,502.00		15,502.00
Bonds.....	594,862.20		594,862.20
Notes.....	16,202.23		16,202.23
Advances.....	27,659.44		27,659.44
Miscellaneous.....	1,700.00		1,700.00
			655,925.87
Total Investments.....			\$661,556,763.92
Current Assets—			
Cash in Treasury.....			\$2,347,468.98
Cash in Transit.....			758,807.26
Cash Deposit—Special Fund for Additions and Betterments, New Equipment, Branch Lines, etc.....			2,040,877.30
Cash Deposits to pay Interest and Dividends.....			6,416,897.94
Miscellaneous Cash Deposits.....			35,599.93
Loans and Bills Receivable.....			33,691.16
Traffic and Car Service Balances Receivable.....			3,417,897.55
Net Balances Receivable from Agents and Conductors.....			186,318.59
Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable.....			1,609,108.78
Material and Supplies.....			4,882,110.62
Interest and Dividends Receivable.....			287,09.55
Rents Receivable.....			36,787.78
Other Current Assets.....			7,304.43
Total Current Assets.....			22,060,679.87
Deferred Assets—			
Working Fund Advances.....			\$13,979.99
Insurance and Other Funds.....			551,132.32
Other Deferred Assets.....			72,273.82
Total Deferred Assets.....			637,386.13
Unadjusted Debits—			
Rents and Insurance Premiums Paid in Advance.....			\$90,459.08
Other unadjusted Debits.....			2,738,533.54
Securities Issued or Assumed:			
Common Capital Stock (see Contra).....	\$25.00		
First Lien and Improvement 5% Mortgage Bonds (see Contra).....	28,142,000.00		
General Mortgage 4½% Bonds (see Contra).....	1,039,000.00		1,039,000.00
Total Unadjusted Debits.....			3,867,992.62
Grand Total.....			\$688,122,422.54

Garrison, Ky., Concord, Ky., and Stony Point, Ky., on the Cincinnati Division, and additional tracks between Cincinnati Junction and Mill Creek in Cincinnati, O., account of the relocation of tracks of your Company made necessary by the new Union Passenger Terminal, now under construction, to serve the railroads entering Cincinnati.

Application was made to the Interstate Commerce Commission on June 17, 1931, by all of the steam railroads in the United States, for an increase of fifteen per cent in freight rates. The Commission, on October 16, 1931, denied the application but suggested specific increases in rates upon designated commodities during a limited period, conditioned upon the approval by the Commission of arrangements between the carriers for the pooling of revenues derived from such increases. The carriers submitted to the Commission on November 19, 1931, a plan providing for the creation of The Railroad Credit Corporation for the purpose of collecting, receiving and administering the fund growing out of the proposed increase in rates. The plan provided for the payment monthly to the Corporation, by each participating carrier, of the revenues derived from the increased rates and for the making of loans by the Corporation to participating carriers as necessary, upon application, to enable such carriers to meet their fixed charges and avoid default thereon, with certain exceptions stated in the plan. The Commission approved the plan submitted by the carriers, the increases in rates, estimated to yield an increase of about 2 per cent in freight revenues, were made effective January 4, 1932, The Railroad Credit Corporation was organized and your Company became a participating member thereof.

Reference was made on page 6 of the annual report of your Company for the year 1930 to the Four System Plan for the consolidation of carriers in Eastern Territory. Your Company joined with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Com-

pany, New York Central Railroad Company and Pennsylvania Railroad Company in making application to the Interstate Commerce Commission, on October 2, 1931, to change and modify, in certain respects, the Commission's Consolidation Plan of December 9, 1929, so as to provide for the formation of four systems in the Eastern Territory of the United States, excluding New England. One of the proposed four systems, designated as System No. 6—Chesapeake and Ohio-Nickel Plate, would include the lines operated by your Company, the Nickel Plate Road, Erie Railroad, Pere Marquette, Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway, Lehigh Valley Railroad, Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad, Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railway, a one-half interest in the Virginian Railway, a one-half interest in the Detroit and Toledo Shore Line Railroad, and various short lines, trackage rights and interests in other railroads to be owned jointly with one or more of the other three proposed systems. The Commission received the application, reopened the matter for further hearings and such hearings began on January 6, 1932.

Among the new industries established along your line during the year were the following:

- 4 Manufacturers and dealers of farm implements and farm products.
- 4 Manufacturers and dealers of lumber and lumber products.
- 79 Manufacturers and dealers of mineral, metal and other products, including warehouses, etc.

Effective November 1, 1931, Mr. W. G. Black was appointed Assistant Vice-President, in charge of purchases and stores, which duties are in addition to those performed as Mechanical Assistant to the President.

Your Directors acknowledge the great appreciation of the Company for the faithful and efficient service of its officers and employes.

By order of the Board of Directors.

J. J. BERNET, *President.*

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1931

LIABILITIES

(Excluding Stocks and Bonds Owned of The C. & O. R'y Co. of Indiana and of The C. & O. Equipment Corporation.)

<i>Capital Stock—</i>		
First Preference (to be retired under plan of February 23, 1892).....		\$ 3,000.00
Second Preference (to be retired under plan of February 23, 1892).....		200.00
6½% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock—Series A (1,275 shares, par value \$100.00 each).....		127,500.00
Common (7,652,651 shares, par value \$25.00 each, and \$91.66 scrip).....		191,316,366.66
Common—The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company of Indiana (9 shares, par value \$100.00 each).....		900.00
		<u>\$191,447,966.66</u>
Less—Held by or for the Company at date (Common) (see Contra).....		25.00
		<u>\$191,447,941.66</u>
Premium on Common Capital Stock.....		2,301,093.00
		<u>\$193,749,034.66</u>
<i>Total Stock</i>		
<i>Funded Debt—</i>		
First Mortgage, R. & S. W. Railway, 4% Bonds.....	1936	\$758,000.00
First Consolidated Mortgage, 5% Bonds.....	1939	30,000,000.00
First Mortgage, Craig Valley Branch, 5% Bonds.....	1940	641,000.00
First Mortgage, Greenbrier Railway, 4% Bonds.....	1940	1,575,000.00
First Mortgage, Warm Springs Branch, 5% Bonds.....	1941	400,000.00
First Mortgage, Big Sandy Railway, 4% Bonds.....	1944	3,824,000.00
First Mortgage, Paint Creek Branch, 4% Bonds.....	1944	539,000.00
First Mortgage, Coal River Railway, 4% Bonds.....	1945	2,309,000.00
First Mortgage, C. & O. Northern Railway Company, 5% Bonds.....	1945	1,000,000.00
First Mortgage, Potts Creek Branch, 4% Bonds.....	1946	600,000.00
First Mortgage, Kanawha Bridge & Terminal Company, 5% Bonds.....	1948	394,000.00
First Mortgage, Columbus & Hocking Valley Railroad, 4% Bonds.....	1948	1,401,000.00
First Mortgage, Virginia Air Line Railway, 5% Bonds.....	1952	900,000.00
First Mortgage, Columbus & Toledo Railroad Company, 4% Bonds.....	1955	2,441,000.00
First Mortgage, R. & A. Division, 4% Bonds.....	1959	6,000,000.00
Second Mortgage, R. & A. Division, 4% Bonds.....	1959	1,000,000.00
General Mortgage, 4½% Bonds.....	1992	48,129,000.00
Refunding and Improvement Mortgage, 4½% Bonds, Series A.....	1993	24,784,000.00
Refunding and Improvement Mortgage, 4½% Bonds, Series B.....	1995	35,088,000.00
First Consolidated Mortgage, 4½% Bonds, Hocking Valley Railway Company.....	1999	15,872,000.00
Equipment Trust Obligations.....		50,196,000.00
		<u>227,851,000.00</u>
<i>Total Funded Debt Outstanding with public</i>		
<i>Held by or for the Company at date (see Contra)</i>		
General Mortgage, 4½% Bonds.....	1992	\$ 421,600,034.66
		<u>1,039,000.00</u>
<i>Current Liabilities—</i>		
Traffic and Car Service Balances Payable.....		\$ 487,359.53
Audited Accounts and Wages Payable.....		7,768,546.98
Miscellaneous Accounts Payable.....		256,200.99
Interest Matures Unpaid.....		1,660,088.16
Dividends Matures Unpaid.....		4,787,712.32
Funded Debt Matures Unpaid (\$28,142,000.00 F. L. & I. 5% Mtge. Bonds held by Company) (See Contra).....		28,500.00
Unmatured Interest Accrued.....		1,797,932.53
Unmatured Rents Accrued.....		257,179.24
Other Current Liabilities.....		87,334.05
		<u>17,128,853.80</u>
<i>Total Current Liabilities</i>		
<i>Deferred Liabilities—</i>		
Other Deferred Liabilities.....		\$ 1,398,436.14
		<u>1,398,436.14</u>
<i>Total Deferred Liabilities</i>		
<i>Unadjusted Credits—</i>		
Tax Liability.....		\$ 6,453,386.64
Insurance Casualty Reserve.....		551,132.32
Accrued Depreciation—Equipment.....		53,561,511.50
Accrued Depreciation—Miscellaneous Physical Property.....		658,526.60
Other Unadjusted Credits.....		3,048,134.13
		<u>64,272,691.19</u>
<i>Total Unadjusted Credits</i>		
<i>Corporate Surplus—</i>		
Additions to Property through Income and Surplus.....		\$ 25,822,659.81
Funded Debt retired through Income and Surplus.....		1,081,905.03
Sinking Fund Reserves.....		534,701.49
		<u>\$ 27,439,266.33</u>
<i>Total Appropriated Surplus</i>		
<i>Profit and Loss—Credit Balance</i>		
		<u>155,244,540.42</u>
		<u>182,683,806.75</u>
<i>Total Corporate Surplus</i>		
<i>Grand Total</i>		
		<u>\$ 688,122,822.54</u>
This Company is also liable as a guarantor of the following securities:		
Western Pocahontas Fuel Co. Coupon 5% Notes. Due 1919 and 1921 (\$500,000 each year) owned by this Company.....		\$ 1,000,000.00
The Chesapeake and Ohio Grain Elevator Co. First Mortgage 4% Bonds due 1938.....		820,000.00
Richmond-Washington Co. Collateral Trust Mortgage (C. & O. prop'n 1-6) 4% Bonds due 1943.....		10,000,000.00
Western Pocahontas Corporation, First Mortgage 4½% Bonds due 1945.....		750,000.00
Western Pocahontas Corporation, Extension Mortgage No. 1, 4½% Bonds due 1946.....		114,000.00
Western Pocahontas Corporation, Extension Mortgage No. 2, 4½% Bonds due 1948.....		51,000.00
Norfolk Terminal and Transportation Company, First Mortgage 5% Bonds due 1948.....		500,000.00
Sewell Valley Railroad Company, First Mortgage (C. & O. prop'n ½) 5% Bonds due 1938.....		300,000.00
Cincinnati Union Terminal Co. First Mortgage (C. & O. prop'n 1-7) 4½% Bonds due 2020.....		12,000,000.00

PARAMOUNT PUBLIX CORPORATION

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AT DECEMBER 26, 1931

ASSETS			
	Total	U. S. A. Companies	Foreign Companies
Cash	\$4,949,282.55	\$3,193,792.77	\$1,755,489.78
Accounts receivable:			
Advances to subsidiary companies (not consolidated)	\$963,526.44	801,265.61	162,260.83
Advances to outside producers (secured by film)	376,043.31	296,594.31	79,449.00
Film customers and sundries	4,065,162.83	2,627,917.63	1,437,245.20
Inventory:			
Released productions, cost less depletion	\$11,638,727.92	11,309,257.87	329,470.05
Completed productions, not yet released for exhibition	6,301,266.28	4,862,587.20	1,438,679.08
Productions in process of completion	2,884,856.59	2,655,546.36	229,310.23
Scenarios and other costs applicable to future productions	2,197,591.33	2,031,130.51	166,460.82
Rights to plays, etc. (at cost)	1,585,292.80	1,559,768.47	25,524.33
Securities	766,652.37	255,687.01	510,965.36
Prepaid expenses	2,004,139.38	1,656,443.37	347,696.01
Total current and working assets	\$37,732,541.80	\$31,249,991.11	\$6,482,550.69
Deposits to secure contracts	3,205,739.51	2,979,058.56	226,680.95
Investments in subsidiary and affiliated companies not consolidated (including investments in companies in which the voting stock owned is less than 65%)	20,471,949.09*	17,696,021.20	2,775,927.89
Fixed Assets:			
Land	\$71,351,578.50z	62,914,522.94	8,437,055.56
Buildings, leases and equipment (after depreciation)	133,160,717.59	110,775,992.45	22,384,725.14
Premiums paid for Capital Stocks of consolidated subsidiaries	26,498,210.04z	13,981,370.09	12,516,839.95
Advance payments on purchase of real property	453,148.18	453,148.18	---
Deferred charges	5,430,223.78	4,689,959.42	740,264.36
TOTAL ASSETS	\$298,304,108.49	\$244,740,063.95	\$53,564,044.54
LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL			
	Total	U. S. A. Companies	Foreign Companies
Notes payable	\$7,500,000.00	\$7,500,000.00	\$---
Accounts payable	3,830,284.50	2,768,881.54	1,061,402.96
Owing to subsidiary companies (not consolidated)	118,238.59	91,526.80	26,711.79
Unsecured trade acceptances discounted by foreign subsidiaries	940,322.58	---	940,322.58
Excise taxes, payrolls and accruals	5,494,731.23	4,388,264.44	1,106,466.79
Owing to outside producers and owners of royalty rights	918,674.35	853,404.11	65,270.24
Purchase money obligations for properties and investments, maturing serially within twelve months	4,684,283.50	4,227,682.10	456,601.40
1931 Federal taxes (estimated)	195,145.24	195,145.24	---
Total current liabilities	\$23,681,679.99	\$20,024,904.23	\$3,656,775.76
Purchase money obligations for properties and investments, maturing serially after one year	11,259,751.21	10,415,944.78	843,806.43
Mortgages and bonds of subsidiary companies, less \$1,276,000.00 sinking funds and treasury bonds (including \$1,040,500.00 standing demand mortgages and \$5,010,000.00 maturing within one year, subject in part to renewal)	\$72,438,882.51	57,600,900.02	14,837,982.49
Twenty-year 6% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds	12,542,000.00	12,542,000.00	---
Twenty-year 5½% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds	13,676,000.00	13,676,000.00	---
Advance payments of film rentals, etc. (self-liquidating)	972,960.73	790,223.36	182,737.37
Reserve for foreign exchange fluctuations	2,316,049.79†	---	2,316,049.79
Appropriated surplus and other reserves	2,982,974.00	2,625,871.31	357,102.69
Total liabilities	\$139,870,298.23	\$117,675,843.70	\$22,194,454.53
Investment and advances (net) eliminated	---	---	---
Interest of minority stockholders in capital and surplus of subsidiary companies (including \$4,243,175.00 preferred stock)	5,791,391.66	4,185,281.84	1,606,109.82
Stock dividend payable December 31, 1931	1,989,668.75	1,989,668.75	---
Common Capital Stock without par value:			
Issued 3,312,688 shares	\$132,095,311.41¶	---	---
Less: Treasury Stock 152,092 shares	8,711,917.06¶	---	---
Outstanding 3,160,596 shares	\$123,383,394.35	123,383,394.35	---
Earned Surplus	27,269,355.50*	150,652,749.85	21,379,577.58
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL	\$298,304,108.49	\$244,740,063.95	\$53,564,044.54
Contingent mortgage liability of subsidiary companies	\$1,678,274.55	---	---
Contingent liability on investment notes discounted	643,369.50	---	---
Letter of credit expiring March 23, 1933	292,170.00	---	---
Guaranty of employees' stock subscriptions (secured by deposit of \$150,000.00 par value of treasury bonds and 54,800 shares of treasury stock)¶	288,399.12	---	---
	\$2,902,213.17	---	---

*Investments include \$85,655.25, the Corporation's share of undistributed earnings of non-consolidated subsidiaries owned between 65% and 85%. Included in surplus; after deducting \$306,009.14 from 1931 profits.

†The Capital Assets of all foreign subsidiary companies have been converted at the rates of exchange prevalent at dates of acquisition; all other assets and liabilities have been converted at current rates of exchange. The reduction in funded debt, arising from the conversion on this basis of the long term liabilities of the British and Canadian subsidiaries, has been carried to reserve.

¶Including 7,084 shares, represented by scrip. During the year 1931, the Corporation purchased 105,239 shares, under options, increasing the investment cost in consolidated subsidiaries by the premium paid for such shares; the remaining 47,484 shares have since been purchased by the Corporation.

¶Including 65,000 shares deposited in escrow under stock repurchase contracts, since delivered to the Corporation.

CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 26, 1931

Profit before depreciation and Federal taxes			\$17,263,132.90
Add special profits:			
Stock dividend from Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc.		\$412,500.00	
Reserves heretofore provided for capital losses, etc.		2,150,000.00	
Discount on bonds purchased for redemption		620,000.00	
Total		\$3,182,500.00	
Less: Provision for losses on investments, research costs, etc.	\$1,665,000.00		
Provision for abnormal losses on British and Canadian exchange (other current exchange losses taken as expense)	485,000.00	2,150,000.00	1,032,500.00
Less: Depreciation of fixed assets (excluding studio depreciation of approximately \$2,000,000.00 capitalized to production cost and written off as film exhaustion.)		\$11,755,000.00	
Provision for Federal taxes		195,145.24	11,950,145.24
Balance carried to Surplus			\$6,345,487.66*

CONSOLIDATED SURPLUS ACCOUNT AT DECEMBER 26, 1931

Earned Surplus at December 27, 1930		\$33,004,167.70
Less: Reserve for investment in Art Cinema Corporation debentures		3,000,000.00
Add: [Profit for twelve months to December 26, 1931, after providing for Federal taxes		\$30,004,167.70
		6,345,487.66
Less Dividends on Common Stock:		\$36,349,655.36
Cash, paid March 23 and June 27	\$5,105,528.61	
Stock, paid September 30 and December 31, at valuation of \$25.00 a share	3,974,771.25	9,080,299.86
Earned Surplus at December 26, 1931		\$27,269,355.50*

PARAMOUNT PUBLIX CORPORATION
New York

We have made an examination of the books and accounts of the Paramount Publix Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries for the twelve months ending December 26, 1931, and certify that, in our opinion, the foregoing consolidated balance sheet and profit and loss and surplus accounts correctly set forth the financial position of the Paramount Publix Corporation and its subsidiary companies at December 26, 1931, and the results of operations for the twelve months ending on that date.

April 2, 1932.

PRICE, WATERHOUSE & CO.

THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY.

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 1931.

March 17, 1932.

To the Stockholders:

Your Directors submit the following report for the fiscal year January 1, 1931, to December 31, 1931, inclusive.

The lines comprising the Atchison System, the operations of which are embraced in this report, and the mileage in operation at the end of the year as compared with the previous year, are as follows:

	Dec. 31, 1931.	Dec. 31, 1930.
Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway	9,742.32 miles	9,622.60 miles
Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway	1,955.10 "	1,976.74 "
Panhandle and Santa Fe Railway	1,870.88 "	1,713.01 "
	13,568.30 "	13,312.35 "

Increase during the year 255.95 miles.

The average mileage operated during the fiscal year ending December 31, 1931, was 13,467.64, being an increase of 272.96 miles over the average mileage operated during the preceding fiscal year.

The Company is also interested jointly, through ownership of stocks and bonds of the Central California Traction Company and the Sunset Railway Company, in 105.33 miles of railway, of which the former company owns 55.27, and the latter 50.06 miles.

INCOME AND PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT.

The following is a summary of the transactions of the System for the years ending December 31, 1930 and 1931:

	1930.	1931.
Operating revenues	\$226,421,044.94	\$181,181,260.58
Operating expenses	159,920,622.80	132,812,924.30
Net operating revenues	\$66,500,422.14	\$48,368,336.28
Railway tax accruals	18,280,551.52	15,038,205.52
Uncollectible railway revenues	40,592.67	53,319.51
Equipment and joint facility rents	3,302,811.53	1,827,537.56
Net railway operating income	\$44,876,466.42	\$31,449,273.69
Other income	5,716,570.03	5,084,637.41
Gross income	\$50,593,036.45	\$36,533,911.10
Miscellaneous tax accruals	62,947.74	114,334.29
Rent for leased roads and other charges	295,973.82	508,431.49
Interest on bonds, including accrued interest on adjustment bonds	\$50,234,114.89	\$35,911,145.32
Net corporate income (representing amount available for dividends and surplus)	\$37,348,800.25	\$23,101,691.02
Surplus to credit of Profit and Loss, December 31, 1930		321,311,747.30
Total		\$344,413,438.32
Appropriations for the year:		
Dividends on Preferred Stock—		
No. 66 (2½%) paid Aug. 1, 1931	\$3,104,320.00	
No. 67 (2½%) paid Feb. 1, 1932	3,104,320.00	
	\$6,208,640.00	
Dividends on Common Stock—		
No. 104 (2½%) paid June 1, 1931	\$6,067,575.00	
No. 105 (2½%) paid Sept. 1, 1931	6,067,650.00	
No. 106 (2½%) paid Dec. 1 1931	6,067,650.00	
No. 107 (1½%) paid March 1, 1932	3,640,590.00	
	\$21,843,465.00	
Less accrued dividends received on common stock issued in conversion of Convertible Debenture Bonds	1,599.78	
	21,841,865.22	
California-Arizona Lines Bonds Sinking Fund	22,710.03	
S. F. & S. J. V. Ry. Co. Bonds Sinking Fund	25,825.59	
	28,099,040.84	
Donations in connection with industry tracks, etc.	\$214,362.57	
Miscellaneous credits—Net	5,610.98	
Surplus appropriated for investment in physical property—Debit	\$219,973.55	
	214,362.57	
		5,610.98
Surplus to credit of Profit and Loss December 31, 1931		\$316,320,008.46

"Other income" consists of interest accrued and dividends received on securities owned, including United States Government securities, interest on bank balances, rents from lease of road and other property, and other miscellaneous receipts.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES AND REDUCTION OF BOOK VALUES.

The total charges to Capital Account, as shown by the General Balance Sheet at December 31, 1931, aggregated \$1,215,195,121.37 compared with \$1,196,233,979.81 at December 31, 1930, an increase during the year of \$18,961,141.56, which analyzes as follows:

Construction and acquisition of new mileage, including the acquisition of bonds and stocks of other System railway companies:		
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry	\$205,610.99	
California, Arizona & Santa Fe Ry	942.53	
Cane Belt RR	62,078.27	
Clinton-Oklahoma-Western RR. of Texas	51,841.69	
Corona & Santa Fe Ry	8,650.03	
Elkhart & Santa Fe Ry	2,401,433.58	
Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Ry	19,308.55	
Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Ry. of Texas	72,302.09	
North Plains & Santa Fe Ry	1,338,017.87	
North Texas & Santa Fe Ry	459,822.63	
Oklahoma Central RR	9,084.00	
Pecos & Northern Texas Ry	159,500.00	
South Plains & Santa Fe Ry	17,115.75	
		\$4,754,176.47
Additions and betterments:		
Fixed property	\$8,887,602.07	
Equipment		
Net additions	3,051,023.08	
Betterments	368,065.87	
		12,806,691.02
Investments in terminal and collateral companies:		
Alameda Belt Line	\$12,000.00	
Beaumont Wharf & Terminal Co.	10,723.37	
Central California Traction Co.	6,419.91	
Chicago Produce Terminal Co.	26,214.81	
Denver Union Terminal Ry. Co.	425.84	
El Paso Union Passenger Depot Co.	5,244.40	
Houston Belt & Terminal Ry. Co.	5,192.93	
Kansas City Terminal Ry. Co.	9,223.48	
Oklahoma Terminal Land Co.	17,000.00	
Pueblo Union Depot & RR. Co.	60.44	
Railway Express Agency, Inc.	73,600.00	
St. Joseph Terminal RR. Co.	2,020.40	
Santa Fe Tie & Lumber Preserving Co.	15,234.94	
Santa Fe Stock Corporation	12,500.00	
Tulsa Union Depot Co.	1,125.00	
Union Passenger Depot Co. of Galveston.	480,150.22	
Union Terminal Co. of Dallas.	9,139.04	
		572,232.64
Miscellaneous physical property		250,770.66
Other investments, including sinking funds		1,077,270.77
Net increase in Capital Account during the year		\$18,961,141.56

Credits in bold face.

The charge of \$3,051,023.08, covering net additions to equipment for the year, analyzes as follows:

1,533 Freight-train cars	\$4,336,998.75
29 Passenger-train cars	680,467.38
14 Motor equipment of cars	516,992.12
249 Company service equipment	326,593.80
21 Miscellaneous equipment	15,676.48
Adjustment of charges for locomotive received in previous year	2,268.15
	\$5,874,460.38
Less—Ledger value of equipment retired during the year as follows:	
49 Locomotives	\$965,729.34
1,220 Freight-train cars	1,452,923.36
22 Passenger-train cars	158,654.13
396 Company service equipment	230,883.83
15 Miscellaneous equipment	15,246.64
	2,823,437.30
	\$3,051,023.08

The additions and retirements reported above include the following conversions:

Of the 1,220 freight-train cars retired 190 were converted to company service equipment and 3 to passenger-train cars.
Of the 22 passenger-train cars retired 7 were converted to company service equipment.
Of the 396 company service equipment retired 1 was converted to a freight-train car.

Credit in bold face.

COMPARISON OF OPERATING RESULTS.

The following is a statement of revenues and expenses of the System for the year ending December 31, 1931, in comparison with the previous year:

	Year Ending Dec. 31, 1931.	Year Ending Dec. 31, 1930.	Increase or Decrease.
Operating Revenues—			
Freight	\$143,624,008.07	\$175,960,470.98	\$32,336,462.91
Passenger	22,557,053.51	31,180,170.25	8,623,116.74
Mail, express & miscellaneous	15,000,199.00	19,280,403.71	4,280,204.71
Total operating revenues	181,181,260.58	226,421,044.94	45,239,784.36
Operating Expenses—			
Maintenance of way and structures	23,825,471.99	35,459,810.19	11,634,338.20
Maintenance of equipment	39,822,045.92	45,402,804.05	5,580,758.13
Traffic	5,685,352.82	5,964,687.08	279,334.26
Transportation—Rail line	57,047,975.62	67,093,802.78	10,045,827.16
Miscellaneous operations	206,724.28	351,210.29	144,486.01
General	6,522,043.85	6,757,166.13	235,122.28
Transportation for investment—Cr	296,690.18	1,108,857.72	812,167.54
Total operating expenses	132,812,924.30	159,920,622.80	27,107,698.50
Net operating revenue	48,368,336.28	66,500,422.14	18,132,085.86
Railway tax accruals	15,038,205.52	18,280,551.52	3,242,346.00
Uncollectible railway revenues	53,319.51	40,592.67	12,726.84
Railway operating income	33,276,811.25	48,179,277.95	14,902,466.70
Equipment rents—Net—Dr.	990,617.12	2,504,120.35	1,513,503.23
Joint facility rents—Net—Dr.	836,920.44	798,691.18	38,229.26
Net railway oper. income	31,449,273.69	44,876,466.42	13,427,192.73
Credits in bold face.			

CAPITAL STOCK AND FUNDED DEBT.

The outstanding Capital Stock on December 31, 1930, consisted of:

Common	\$242,166,900.00
Preferred	124,172,800.00
	\$366,339,700.00

Issued during the year:

Common Stock issued in exchange for Convertible Debenture Bonds retired	539,100.00
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Capital Stock outstanding December 31, 1931:

Common	\$242,706,000.00
Preferred	124,172,800.00
	\$366,878,800.00

The number of holders of the Company's capital stock at the close of each of the last five years was as follows:

December 31—	Common.	Preferred.
1927	37,734	20,673
1928	41,204	19,439
1929	40,927	18,115
1930	40,874	17,328
1931	41,784	17,049

The outstanding Funded Debt of the System on December 31, 1930, amounted to \$310,626,334.80

The following changes in the Funded Debt occurred during the year:

Obligations retired:	
S. F. & S. J. V. Ry. Co. First Mortgage 5% Bonds	\$30,000.00
Convertible-Debenture 4½% Bonds—Issue of 1928	898,500.00
	\$928,500.00
Obligations issued:	
California-Arizona Lines First and Refunding Mortgage 4½% Bonds	347.10
Decrease of Funded Debt	\$928,152.90
Total System Funded Debt outstanding Dec. 31, 1931	\$309,698,181.90

TAXES.

Federal, state, local, and miscellaneous railway tax accruals for the year 1931 aggregate \$15,038,205.52 a decrease of \$3,242,346.00 compared with the year 1930. A comparison of these accruals for the two years is presented in the following table:

	1931.	1930.	Increase or Decrease.
<i>Federal Taxes—</i>			
Income	\$1,400,430.42	\$4,469,214.39	\$3,068,783.97
Stamp and license	15,299.10	3,273.11	12,025.99
Total	\$1,415,729.52	\$4,472,487.50	\$3,056,757.98
State, Local & Miscellaneous	13,622,476.00	13,808,064.02	185,588.02
Grand total	\$15,038,205.52	\$18,280,551.52	\$3,242,346.00

Credits in bold face.

GENERAL.

During the past year conditions in the territory served by this Company were favorable, on the whole, from the standpoint of production in agriculture. This was preeminently true of wheat, the Kansas crop being by far the largest in its history, while both Oklahoma and Texas had large yields. Other grains did well, but broke no records. Grapes in California made about the poorest showing, due to excessive heat at critical times, but even so this crop was sufficient to meet the current demand. Citrus fruits made good yields and were in demand because of the unusually hot summer. Except for the low price, live-stock conditions were normal. Activity in mining, lumbering, oil production, building and general manufacturing was much curtailed, all of which greatly reduced traffic and as a result gross earnings fell off 19.98 per cent from 1930.

There has been a considerable reduction in the acreage planted to winter wheat, and its general condition is below last year, especially in western Kansas and to a lesser extent in western Oklahoma and Texas, due to a dry fall. However, there has been abundant moisture all over our territory during the winter, and the water supply in Arizona and California is greater than for some years past.

Our program of additions and betterments for 1931 was confined to such projects as were immediately required, and new equipment was acquired only for replacements. No new equipment has been ordered for the current year, and capital expenditures will be considerably less than last year. The condition of roadway, structures, and equipment is being satisfactorily maintained, but a constant study is being made to effect every justifiable economy. In connection with roadway maintenance 362 miles of old rail were replaced with new. Of the new rail 337 miles were 110-lb. and 25 miles were 90-lb. Since the adoption of 110-lb. rail as standard for our transcontinental main lines 3,350 miles of this weight have been laid, and in addition 14 miles of 130-lb. rail. Our 1932 program covers 2 miles of 130-lb., 263 miles of 110-lb. and 9 miles of 90-lb.

Following an application of the railroads for a general increase in freight rates, to make up in part for the great loss in revenue sustained by the carriers, the Interstate Commerce Commission authorized certain limited increases with the proviso that these added revenues should be used for the benefit of railroads which would otherwise have to default in their interest payments. This has been worked out so that the added revenue up to March 31, 1933, will be turned over to an organization, styled The Railroad Credit Corporation, and will be loaned to needy railroads for not longer than two years except that the Corporation may renew any loan in its discretion for not exceeding two years.

The plan contemplates that on liquidation of the Corporation all money will be returned to the contributing railroads with interest. While it is hoped that this will help stabilize the railroad industry, payments are just beginning to be made to the Corporation, so there has been no opportunity as yet to judge by results.

During the past year there has been very little building of pipe lines, due no doubt to the general business depression. Motor truck competition has been especially active and difficult to meet because the very scarcity of business and employment has made both trucks and men ready to take any available business at any figure which would capture it. In meeting motor truck competition rail carriers in a considerable part of the southwest inaugurated a system of pick-up and delivery service last fall on both interstate and intrastate traffic. Your Company arranged with local truckmen in each town to perform the pick-up and delivery service and they serve thus as freight solicitors against the over-the-road truck concerns. Sufficient time has not elapsed to demonstrate the effectiveness of this service, but it seems clear that this is a move in the right direction. The situation in respect to this motor carrier competition is characterized by an encouraging development in public opinion. There is indication that the people generally are discovering, altogether apart from consideration of the interests of the rail carriers, that motor carriers usually do not pay their proper share of the cost of construction and maintenance of public highways or reasonable compensation for their commercialized use. There is reason to believe also that the realization grows that the public shares, and in increasing measure must bear, the injury done rail carriers by unequal competition. At their recent sessions many State legislatures adopted statutes designed as remedies, and while extensive litigation and considerable confusion in judicial expression cast doubt on the effectiveness of much of that attempted, the law is being developed rapidly to such a point that legislatures will know how far they can go; and it can be said with some confidence that some measure of effective relief can be expected. The Interstate Commerce Commission has conducted an extensive investigation of the motor carrier industry including its effect on rail carriers and now has before it a report proposed by the Commission's representatives disclosing understanding of the problem and proposing certain legislative action. It is not likely that complete legislative relief will be afforded immediately, and it is doubtful whether complete relief lies in legislation alone, but at least encouragement is to be found in the fact that public interest has been aroused.

Notwithstanding the shrinkage in the amount of traffic being carried, the Government is going forward in its program for inland waterways, although all evidence continues to indicate as strongly as ever that there is no economic justification for them, that counting all costs their use is much more expensive than rail service. The Government is now considering building enlarged and deepened waterways in the Chicago area, involving a proposal to force upon the railroads the expenditure of large sums for moveable or wider and higher bridges in connection with the crossings of such waterways. Every effort will be made to show that the benefits will not justify the cost, and it is earnestly hoped that the decision will be determined entirely by whether the economies will outweigh all the costs.

From time to time the Interstate Commerce Commission has recommended to Congress the repeal of the recapture provision of the Transportation Act, 1920 retroactive to its passage. The present Congress has taken up this question for serious consideration and Commissioner Eastman presented at one of the hearings a very clear statement of the general undesirability and lack of necessity of this provision from the public standpoint and its unfairness from the railroad standpoint. It is felt that such repeal would be beneficial from every standpoint.

Effective February 1, 1932, the representatives of the employees' organizations agreed with the management upon a reduction of 10 per cent in wages for a period of one year and this same reduction has been applied to all officers and employees.

To meet the decline in passenger travel trains have been discontinued so far as could be done without undue impairment of service and many steam trains have been replaced by gas-electric cars where these smaller carriers would suffice. In all, nearly 3,000,000 miles per annum of passenger train operation have been replaced with gas-electrics, and over 5,400,000 miles additional have been discontinued.

During the year 1931 your Company paid out in pensions to its retired employes \$799,716.60, there being 1,546 pensioners on the roll at December 31, 1931, compared with \$692,214.79 paid in 1930 and 1,412 pensioners December 31 1930. The pensioners have an average service of 30 years with the Company and an average age of 67 years. During 1931 death benefits were paid in 376 cases, amounting to \$431,808.75, compared with 433 cases, amounting to \$514,377.88 in 1930. The average length of service in all cases in which death benefits were paid in 1931 was 19 years, the same as in 1930.

Your Directors take pleasure in again expressing their appreciation of faithful and efficient service rendered by officers and employees.

W. B. STOREY, *President.*

For comparative General Balance Sheet, Income Account, etc., see Annual Reports in Investment News columns.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY
INCORPORATED

SEVENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1931

To the Stockholders:

The capacity of the plant being ample to meet all present requirements, new construction was restricted.

Reserves for Depreciation and Development amounted to nearly \$42,000,000 at the close of the year. In view of these substantial reserves and the accumulated surplus of over \$93,000,000, charges against earnings for depreciation were reduced.

Wages were reduced 10% November 1, 1931. In January, 1932, the time of supervisory officers and their staffs was reduced to a five-day week, the hours of operating forces were further shortened and other changes in working conditions were made, but only a small part of these wage adjustments was reflected in the expenses for 1931. The fine temper with which the employes have accepted these reductions is renewed evidence of their invaluable co-operation.

The heavy burden of taxation continues to grow. Taxes levied for 1931 against Western Union by state and local authorities in the United States, despite contraction of business, materially exceeded corresponding taxes for 1929, and equalled \$3.36 for each share of the capital stock.

At the close of 1931, there were 35,354 stockholders: of this number 34,025 held one hundred shares or less, and of these 28,912 held twenty-five shares or less. During the year, the number of stockholders increased 11,582. In normal times there are over one hundred thousand in the Western Union family, including stockholders.

To meet the demand for intermittent exchange of telegraphic correspondence, your Company developed and inaugurated the Serial Letter service.

The Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies combined to introduce a new form of service, adapted to lengthy messages, at rates graduated according to distance and based on time of transmission, rather than on number of words. Through co-ordination of the printer facilities of the two companies and publication of a common directory of printer patrons, this Time Wire service was made available to over 8,000 patrons. Since these printers had already been installed, and still are available for their former uses, this new service entailed no additional investment on the part of the telegraph companies. The demand for this new service, however, has been limited, and the aggregate business of all companies offering it, or an equivalent, has been negligible.

On December 31, 1931, the Western Union system comprised 219,298 miles of pole lines, 1,875,812 miles of wire, 3,879 miles of landline cables, 30,768 nautical miles of ocean cables, and 23,490 telegraph offices.

Improvements have so increased capacity of the plant that present facilities are adequate for the handling of approximately double the present volume of business.

The Company's surplus at June 30, 1910, was \$7,734,000, and has since grown to over \$93,000,000, and almost entirely represents earned surplus reinvested in the business. The Company has paid dividends each year since 1874.

Experience leads to the belief that in normal times radio, air mail and telephone create an increasing demand for telegraph service. During the seventy-six years of its corporate existence, your Company has kept pace with the times and is now an integral part of American life. With returning trade, this great property and its experienced and devoted personnel will, we believe, continue to hold their prestige in the telegraph business.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY
INCOME AND SURPLUS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR
ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1931

INCOME ACCOUNT.

Gross Operating Revenues.....	\$108,736,948.85
Deduct:	
Operating Expenses, including Repairs, Reserved for Depreciation, Rent for Lease of Plants, Taxes, &c.....	99,215,430.71
	9,521,518.14
Add:	
Income from Dividends and Interest.....	1,810,296.55
	\$11,331,814.69
Deduct:	
Interest on Bonds of The Western Union Telegraph Company.....	5,357,315.00
Balance transferred to Surplus Account.....	\$5,974,499.69

SURPLUS ACCOUNT

Surplus at December 31, 1930.....	\$95,692,696.79
Add:	
Balance from Income Account for year ended December 31, 1931.....	5,974,499.69
	\$101,667,196.48
Deduct:	
Adjustments of Surplus (Net).....	\$496,462.02
Dividends paid and declared.....	7,837,683.00
	8,334,145.02
Surplus at December 31, 1931, as per Balance Sheet.....	\$93,333,051.46

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1931

ASSETS

Property Account:	Dec. 31, 1931.
Plant, Equipment and Real Estate, including properties controlled by stock ownership or held under perpetual leases and merged in the Western Union System.....	\$332,119,585.11
Amount recoverable on the expiration of long term lease in respect of obligations assumed thereunder.....	1,180,000.00
	\$333,299,585.11
Other Securities Owned:	
Stocks of Telegraph, Cable and Other Allied Companies operated under term leases (not including securities held as Lessee).....	\$4,751,944.57
Stocks of Telegraph, Cable and Other Companies.....	4,506,455.39
	\$9,258,399.96
Inventories of Material and Supplies.....	\$10,022,093.23
Current Assets:	
Accounts Receivable, including Managers' and Superintendents' balances, etc. (less Reserve for Doubtful Accounts).....	\$14,227,736.53
Marketable Securities and Investments.....	69,211.47
Treasurer's balances.....	6,315,153.56
	\$20,612,101.56
Sinking and Insurance Funds (Cash and Securities)...	\$1,460,735.02
Deferred Charges to Operations.....	\$4,192,647.38
Total.....	\$378,845,562.26

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock:	Dec. 31, 1931.
Authorized.....	\$105,000,000.00
Issued.....	\$104,559,200.00
Less—Held in Treasury.....	31,200.84
	\$104,527,999.16
Capital Stock of Subsidiary Companies not owned by The Western Union Telegraph Company (par value):	
Companies controlled by perpetual leases.....	\$1,333,900.00
Companies controlled by stock ownership.....	427,850.00
	1,761,750.00
Funded Debt:	
Bonds of The Western Union Telegraph Company:	
Funding and Real Estate Mortgage	
4½% Gold Bonds, 1950.....	\$20,000,000.00
Collateral 5% Trust Bonds, 1938.....	8,745,000.00
Fifteen Year 6¼% Gold Bonds, 1936.....	15,000,000.00
Twenty-five Year 5% Gold Bonds, 1951.....	25,000,000.00
Thirty Year 5% Gold Bonds, 1960.....	35,000,000.00
Total.....	\$103,745,000.00
Bonds of Subsidiary Companies.....	\$6,500,000.00
Less—Held in Treasury.....	3,143,000.00
	\$3,357,000.00
Real Estate Mortgages.....	\$828,000.00
	107,930,000.00
Total Capital Liabilities.....	\$214,219,749.16

Current Liabilities:

Audited Vouchers and Miscellaneous Accounts Payable.....	\$7,271,135.79
Accrued Taxes (Estimated).....	3,026,009.67
Interest and Guaranteed Dividends accrued on Bonds and Stocks.....	1,289,420.39
Unpaid Dividends (including Dividend of \$1,567,539.00 payable January 15, 1932).....	1,588,512.96
Installment payments under Employees' Stock Plan.....	
	\$13,175,078.81

Deferred Non Interest Bearing Liabilities, in respect of proceeds of sales of securities and other property, held under leases for terms expiring in 1981 and 2010, from companies in which The Western Union Telegraph Company has, for the most part, a controlling interest, payable on the terminations of the leases.....

\$13,025,927.44

Reserves for

Depreciation and Development—Land Lines and Cables.....	\$41,932,453.00
Employees' Benefit Fund.....	1,298,189.71
Other Purposes.....	1,861,112.68
	\$45,091,755.39
Surplus (as per Annexed Account).....	\$93,333,051.46
Total.....	\$378,845,562.26

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, April 8 1932.

COFFEE on the spot was in rather better demand. Well-described Santos 4s on the spot sold at 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢; general quotations were 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Rio 7s were 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; some ask $\frac{1}{8}$ ¢ higher. Victoria 7-8s were 7 $\frac{1}{8}$ to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Spot coffee on the 7th inst. was firmer at 9 $\frac{3}{8}$ to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. for Santos 4s and 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. for Rio 7s. Maracaibo, Trujillo, 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.; Cucuta, fair to good, 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢.; prime to choice, 11 to 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.; washed, 10 to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Colombian, Ocaña, 10 to 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢.; Bucaramanga, natural, 10 to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.; washed, 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.; Honda, Tolima and Giradot, 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 11¢.; Medellin, 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 12¢.; Manizales, 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 11¢.; Mexican, washed, 14 to 15¢.; Ankola, 25 to 34¢.; Mandheling, 25 to 32¢.; genuine Java, 23 to 24¢.; Robusta, washed, 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.; Mocha, 13 to 14¢.; Harrar, 12 to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.; Abyssinian, 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.; Salvador, washed, 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.; Guatemala, prime, 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢.; Bourbon, 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 10¢. On the 4th with a further advance in Brazilian exchange, cost-and-freight offers were about 5 points higher. Prompt shipment Santos Bourbon 2-3s at 9.45 to 9.55¢.; 3s at 9.15 to 9.45¢.; 3-4s, 9.10 to 9.25¢.; 3-5s at 8.90 to 9.15¢.; 4-5s at 9.00 to 9.05¢.; 5-6s at 8.45 to 8.90¢.; 6s at 8.50 to 8.80¢.; 6-7s at 8.70¢.; 7s at 8.30 to 8.45¢.; Peaberry 2-3s at 9.35¢.; 3s at 9.45¢.; 4s at 8.90 to 9.10¢., and Victoria 7s at 7.00¢. and 7-8s at 7.10¢. For prompt shipment as well as for April-May shipment from Rio or Angra dos Reis, Bourbon 3-4s were offered at 8.85¢. and 4s at 8.75¢.

On the 4th inst., E. Laneville cabled the New York Exchange stating the world's visible supply April 1, at 6,538,000 bags, against 6,642,000 a month previously, and 5,983,000 last year. Arrivals in Europe for March totaled 1,050,000 including 436,000 of Brazilian. Deliveries totaled 2,043,000 for the month, including 1,106,000 in the United States, and 937,000 in Europe. Total world deliveries for nine months amounted to 18,029,000 bags against 17,686,000 for the corresponding period last year. Deliveries included 8,453,000 to the United States, against 8,383,000 last year; 8,852,000 to Europe against 8,551,000 and 724,000 to southern ports against 752,000 last year. G. Duuring & Zoon, Rotterdam, cabled: "Arrivals in Europe 1,061,000 bags, including 444,000 bags Brazilian; deliveries in Europe 914,000, including 481,000 Brazilian; stocks in Europe on April 1, 2,181,000; world's visible April 1, 6,548,000, a decrease of 67,000." The arrivals of mild coffee in the United States since March 1 were 70,614 bags while deliveries for the same time were 70,878 bags. Stock of mild coffee in the United States on April 4 were 399,590 bags against 399,854 on April 1 and 260,221 last year. Of the total, 328,882 are at New York, 42,578 at San Francisco, and 28,130 at New Orleans. On the 4th inst. Santos Exchange rate advanced 1-16d. to 4 37-128d. the dollar was 100 reis lower at 15\$020. On the 5th inst., cost and freight coffee was in fairly liberal supply, prompt shipment, Santos Bourbon 2-3s were here at 9.45 to 9.95¢.; 3s at 9.20 to 9.45¢.; 3-4s at 9.10 to 9.30¢.; 3-5s at 9.00 to 9.20¢.; 4-5s at 9.00 to 9.10¢.; 5s at 9.05¢.; 5-6s at 8.45 to 8.90¢.; 6s at 8.55 to 8.80¢.; 6-7s at 8.65 to 8.70¢.; 7s at 8.40¢.; Peaberry 2-3s at 9.45¢.; 3s at 9.45¢.; 4s at 9.00 to 9.10¢., and 5s at 9.05¢. and Victoria 7-8s at 7.10¢. For shipment from Rio or Angra dos Reis, Bourbon 4s were offered at 8.85¢. On the 6th inst., cost and freight offerings unchanged to 10 points higher. Demand slow at cheaper prices reported for spots. For prompt shipment, Santos Bourbon 2-3s were here at 9.55 to 9.65¢.; 3s at 9.45 to 9.65¢.; 3-4s at 9.05 to 9.30¢.; 3-5s at 9.10 to 9.20¢.; 4-5s at 9.05 to 9.10¢.; 5-6s at 8.95¢.; 6s at 8.50 to 8.80¢.; 6-7s at 8.50¢.; 7s at 8.45¢.; 7-8s at 8.30 to 8.35¢., and Peaberry 4s at 9.10 to 9.15¢. Victoria 7s for April shipment were offered at 7.05¢. For prompt shipment from Rio or Angra dos Reis, Bourbon 4s were here at 8.95¢.

On the 7th cost-and-freight offers from Brazil were unchanged to 5 to 10 points higher. For prompt shipment, Santos Bourbon 2-3s were here at 9.50 to 9.70¢.; 3s at 9.30 to 10.20¢.; 3-4s at 9.05 to 9.55¢.; 3-5s at 9.10 to 9.20¢.; 4-5s at 9.00 to 9.10¢.; 5-6s at 8.55¢.; 6s at 8.60 to 8.90¢.; 6-7s at 8.50¢.; 7-8s at 8.35¢.; Peaberry 3s at 9.40 to 9.55¢., and 4s at 9.00¢. For prompt shipment from Angra dos Reis, Bourbon 3-4s were offered at 9.00 to 9.20¢. Java Robusta coffee for April shipment was offered at 7 $\frac{3}{8}$ ¢. cost and freight. To-day cost-and-freight offerings from Brazil were in moderate supply. For prompt shipment, Santos Bourbon 2-3s were here at 9.50 to 10.10¢.; 3s at 9.30 to 9.70¢.; 3-4s at 9.10 to 9.50¢.; 3-5s at 9.10 to 9.25¢.; 4-5s at 9.05 to 9.15¢.; 5-6s at 8.55 to 9.00¢.; 6s at 8.60 to 8.90¢.; 6-7s at 8.55¢.; 7s at 8.55¢.; 7-8s at 8.45¢.; Peaberry 3s at 9.55¢.; 3-4s at 9.00 to 9.05¢., and 4s at 9.20¢. For April

shipment from Rio, Santos 6-7s were offered at 8.40¢. and for May shipment at the same price.

On the 2d inst. Rio futures here closed 2 to 6 points lower; sales, 2,000 bags. Santos closed 1 point lower to 1 point higher; sales, 4,000 bags. The buying was for foreign and trade account. Brazil sold a little. Brazilian cables were unchanged. On the 4th inst. Rio futures here closed unchanged to 4 points higher; sales, 2,000 bags. Higher cables helped New York. Santos futures closed 1 point off to 1 point up; sales, 7,000 bags.

On the 5th inst. Rio futures here closed 4 points off to 2 points up; sales, 7,000 bags. Santos futures here advanced 1 to 2 points with sales estimated at 6,000 bags. Steadiness of cost-and-freight coffee had some effect. On the 6th inst. Rio futures here closed 1 to 3 points net higher with sales of 5,000 bags and Santos wound up 8 to 11 points net higher with sales of 6,000 bags. On the 7th inst. Rio futures here closed 1 to 6 points net lower with sales estimated at 5,000 bags. It was a natural reaction after an advance for a week. Santos futures here closed unchanged to 3 points lower with sales estimated at 11,000 bags. Berlin cabled: "Owing to the difficulties that have arisen in the transfer of payments for goods sold and the adverse exchange rates, the German Ruhr coal syndicate has agreed to barter 75,000 tons of coal against coffee from Brazil to the same value. German coffee requirements are only partly covered by this transaction."

To-day Rio futures here closed 1 point lower to 1 point higher with sales of 4,000 bags and Santos futures 1 to 4 points higher with sales of 10,000 bags. Brazil appeared to be the only buyer with trade and scattered interests selling. Final prices for the week are 2 points lower to 1 point higher on Rio futures and 8 to 13 points higher on Santos.

Rio coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial	7 $\frac{1}{4}$ @	September	6.18 @
May	6.28 @	December	6.13 @ nom
July	6.21 @ nom	March	6.13 @ nom

Santos coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial	9 $\frac{1}{2}$ @	September	8.61 @
May	8.56 @ nom	December	8.61 @
July	8.61 @ 8.62	March	8.58 @ nom

COCOA to-day ended 10 to 11 points lower with sales of 112 lots. May closed at 4.13¢.; July, 4.37¢.; Sept., 4.51¢.; Dec., 4.65¢. and March, 4.80¢. Final prices show a decline for the week of 7 to 8 points. To-day, Liverpool futures at 1:30 p. m. were net unchanged to 3d. higher, while the Liverpool spot market opened unchanged. The London spot market opened at an advance of 3 to 9d. New York licensed warehouse stocks on April 7 were 400,020 bags, against 391,572 on the previous day and 196,184 last year. Arrivals of cocoa in New York since April 1, 58,620 against 14,121 for the corresponding period a year ago.

SUGAR.—On the 2d inst. futures closed unchanged to 2 points off; sales, 7,650 tons. At one time they were 2 to 3 points lower. Later came a rally on buying by Cuban interests, operators and shorts. Cuba was supposed to have sold at one time. May went to a new low of .70¢. On the 2d inst. 2,000 tons of Philippines sold in port at Philadelphia at 2.66¢. in exchange for 2,000 tons Philippines for early May at 2.69¢. On the 2d inst. Havana cabled to the New York Exchange that 37 centrals that have not been reported as having started grinding have a total quota fixed by decree of 2,509,945 bags. On the 2d inst. Liverpool and London both closed unchanged to 1 point lower. Havana reported returns from 43 Cuban mills which had finished grinding with a production of 5,296,676 bags against quotas of 4,850,366 bags, an excess over quotas of 446,310 bags. President Machado in his address to the new Cuban Legislature said that the Cuban public debt as of Feb. 25 aggregated \$193,582,680, a decrease of \$9,335,200 in the last five months. In the second half of 1931 Cuba imported goods valued at \$30,066,052 and its exports totaled in the same period \$61,979,019.

On the 4th inst. futures closed unchanged to 2 points higher with sales estimated at 16,950 tons. The rise was due to local and European buying, private cables that Licht estimated German beet sowings at an increase of 20% and Czecho-slovakian 20 to 30% increase. This was smaller than expected. Prices were at one time on the 4th inst. 2 to 4 points higher. A reaction occurred later on realizing and hedge selling. In actual sugar 2.66¢. was reached, a new low; 2,000 tons of Philippines sold on the 2nd inst. at 2.66¢.; 16,000 bags of Porto Rico due April 11 at 2.66¢. On the 4th London cabled that Licht, referring to probable beet sowings for Europe, indicates a reduction of 20% for Germany and 20 to 30% for Czecho-slovakia. Stocks of raw sugar in licensed warehouses in New York are now 751,912 bags against 448,171 last month and 950,308 last year. London cabled: Market slightly better feeling owing to Licht. Sellers 4s. 9d., trade, refiners looking on. London opened 1d. off to $\frac{1}{2}$ d. up. Liverpool opened steady and

unchanged. It is noticed that according to authorities in Cuba it costs .49c. to bag the sugar at the mills, bring it to port and ship to the United States, hence .20c. is left the poor producer to pay for growing and harvesting the cane, property tax, administration, financing, &c. Is it logical that such a condition can continue any great length of time? We certainly do not think so. On the 5th inst. futures closed 3 to 4 points lower with sales of 23,700 tons. The decline in the stock market and May liquidation were depressing factors. Some 5,000 tons of Philippines due April 14 sold at 2.66c. and 15,000 bags of Porto Ricos due April 18 at the same price. New Orleans paid 2.67c. for 2,000 tons of Philippines due in New Orleans April 16. Refined was 3.90c. and quiet.

On the 5th inst., the New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange received returns from 52 centrals which have finished grinding with a total production of 7,088,433 bags compared with quotas of 6,630,612 or an excess of 457,821 bags. It adds that four other centrals have stopped grinding, but their production figures are not available. On the 5th inst., London cabled: "Market dull, sellers nearby parcels 4s. 7 1/2d. after business 4s. 8 1/4d." Havana cabled that, in the course of his address to the new Cuban Legislature, President Machado in referring to the sugar stabilization plan said he was optimistic in spite of present difficulties in the sugar situation. Some 57 Cuban mills have stopped grinding with a probable excess of 250,000 bags over quotas. It is reported that 36 mills with quotas totalling about 351,000 tons will not grind this season. The sugar production in Cuba to March 31, totaled 2,215,000 tons, according to the Sugar Club of Havana. The Cuba Cane Products Co. which had a quota of 2,067,317 bags, of its 11 mills produced only 1,800,064 bags, it is said. London opened on the 5th inst. at 1/4d. lower to 1/2d. higher. Liverpool opened steady and unchanged. On the 5th inst., the Sugar Institute, Inc., stated the total melt and total deliveries of 14 United States refiners up to and including the week ending March 26 1932 and same period for 1931 as follows: Melt—1932, Jan. 1 to March 26, 785,000 long tons; 1931, Jan. 1 to March 28, 905,000 long tons. Deliveries—1932, Jan. 1 to March 26, 680,000 long tons; 1931, Jan. 1 to March 28, 795,000 long tons. (Note—One refiner's figures estimated for 1932).

On the 6th inst. futures closed 4 points lower with London sharply lower and the stock market down. The selling was attributed to the trade, Wall Street, and Cuba; 10,000 bags of Porto Rico sold on the 5th inst. at 2.64c. and later 4,000 tons of Philippines due the end of this week sold at 2.61c.; 4,400 Porto Rico clearing next week at 2.60c., and 17,000 bags prompt also at 2.60c. On the 6th London cabled: "Terminal market weak influenced your market, fear large tenders made. Sellers 4s. 4 1/2d. parcels done 4s. 3 3/4d. Refined declined 3d." London opened weak at 3 1/2 to 4 1/4d. decline. Liverpool opened at 1/2d. decline. London at 3:15 p. m. was easy with prices 3/4 to 2 1/2d. under opening levels. On the 6th Havana cabled to the New York "Times": "With 70 mills still grinding, 2,215,000 tons of sugar have been produced in Cuba up to March 31 of this year, as compared with 2,736,000 tons in the corresponding period of last year, according to the Cuba Sugar Club. Although 56 mills have been shut down, produced or exceeded their quotas, it is certain that an output of 2,500,000 tons will be the total for the close of the season. The mills now grinding will continue until their quotas have been filled." Washington wired: "Negotiations between the Great Western Sugar Co. and the sugar beet farmers for a guaranteed minimum price for beets are broken off. President Hoover was to-day requested to designate Secretary of Agriculture Hyde and Secretary of Labor Doak to aid in bringing about an agreement acceptable to the growers. The President was appealed to by Representative Robert G. Simmons (Rep., Neb.), who declared the sugar company has offered a contract that is unacceptable to the great body of beet farmers. No indication was given at the White House as to what action Mr. Hoover intends to take in the matter."

On the 7th inst. futures opened unchanged to 1 point lower but closed unchanged to 1 point higher with sales estimated at 29,500 tons. The early decline was due to lower London cables and the decline in spot sugar here the day before. Cuban interests were the largest sellers for hedge account. Trade demand and covering of hedges represented the buying. Of actual sugar the sales were 8,500 tons of Philippines, 10,000 bags of Porto Rican and 8,900 tons of Porto Rican, all at 2.60c. It was also reported that 2,000 tons of Cuban were sold to Chile for mid-April shipment at .70c. f.o.b. Cuba and that a cargo of Cubas was sold to Japan at around .68c. f.o.b. Cuba. On the 7th London opened at declines of 1/2 to 1 3/4d. Liverpool opened barely steady at 1/2 to 1d. decline. The London terminal market at 3:15 p.m. was 1 to 2 1/4d. higher than opening quotations. London also cabled: "Terminal market firmer after being weak. Bids solicited 4s. 1 1/2d. Cubas and San Domingos. Little doing." To-day spot sugar was quiet at 2.60c. delivered. Futures closed 3 to 5 points off with sales of 26,650 tons. Final prices show a decline for the week of 10 to 11 points. To-day London opened 1/4d. lower to 1/4d. up. Liverpool opened quiet and unchanged. London at 3:15 p.m. was weak, with prices 1 3/4 to 2 3/4d. under opening levels. London cabled: "Terminal market weakening, raws

little pressure. Probable buyers 4s. 1 1/2d. withdrawals good." They also were in receipt of a cable from Java which said: "Sales 3,000 tons Browns, fair business being done for China. Heavy floods Java, damage uncertain."

Closing quotations follow:

Spot unofficial	0.60@	December	0.80@
May	0.61@0.62	January	0.82@0.83
July	0.68@	March	0.87@0.88
September	0.75@		

LARD.—On the 2nd inst. futures closed unchanged to 2 points net lower. Liverpool fell 6d. Prime Western cash was 4.95 to 5.05c.; refined to Continent, 5 1/2c.; South America, 5 3/4c. and Brazil, 6 1/4c. On the 4th inst. futures closed 3 points lower to 2 points higher. Hogs were steady; Western receipts 101,400, against 109,400 a year ago. The exports were 532,000 lbs. on the 2nd inst. to Liverpool, Southampton, Antwerp and Rotterdam. The exports last week were 3,325,000 lbs. against 4,012,000 the week before. The cash markets were weaker. Prime Western was 4.95 to 5.05c.; refined for the Continent 5 1/2c. On the 5th inst. futures closed 20 to 12 points lower with stocks, grain, cotton and hogs all off. Hogs fell 10 to 15c. Cash prime Western was down to 4.85 to 4.95c. On the 6th inst. futures closed 5 points higher with hogs steady. Western receipts were 60,300 against 82,800 on the same day last week and 71,300 last year. Cash prime Western was 4.90 to 5c. On the 7th inst. futures advanced 2 to 3 points with hogs up 5 to 10c. and grain firmer. Western hog receipts were 58,000 against 61,000 last week and 64,000 last year. Export clearances were 121,400 lbs. from New York to Copenhagen. Liverpool lard was unchanged to 6d. lower. Cash prime Western 4.95 to 5.05c. To-day futures ended unchanged to 3 points lower showing a decline for the week of 5 to 8 points net.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May	4.52	4.52	4.40	4.45	4.47	4.47
July	4.70	4.67	4.57	4.62	4.65	4.62
September	4.85	4.85	4.72	4.77	4.80	4.777

Season's High and When Made—	Season's Low and When Made—
May 7.00	Nov. 14 1931 May 4.37
July 5.50	Feb. 1 1932 July 4.55
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PORK quiet; Mess, \$17; family, \$18.50; fat back, \$13.50 to \$16; Ribs, Chicago, cash 5c. Beef dull; Mess nominal; packer nominal; family, \$13 to \$13.50; extra India mess nominal; No. 1 canned corned beef, \$2; No. 2, \$3.50; six pounds, South America, \$10.50; pickled beef tongues, \$45 to \$50. Cut meats quiet; pickled hams, 14 to 24 lbs., 9 3/4c.; 10 to 12 lbs., 10 3/4c.; bellies, clear f.o.b. New York, 8 to 12 lbs., 8 1/4c.; 6 to 8 lbs., 8 1/2c. Bellies, clear, dry salted boxed, 18 to 20 lbs., 6 3/4c.; 14 to 16 lbs., 7c. Butter, firsts to higher than extras, 16c. to 21c. Cheese, flats, 11 to 19c.; daisies, 11 1/2 to 16c.; Young America, 12 to 17 1/2c.; lower grades of all sorts, 10 to 12 1/4c. Eggs, medium to special packs, 11 1/2 to 17 1/4c.

OILS.—Linseed was still quoted at 6.6c. for carlots, coopeage basis April-Aug., but it is understood that 6.3c. could be done on firm bids. Coconut, Manila Coast tanks, 3 1/4c.; tanks, N. Y., 3 3/4c. Corn, crude, tanks, f.o.b. Western mills, 3 1/2c. Olive, denatured, spot, 61c.; shipment, 59c. Chinawood, N. Y. drums, carlots, spot, 6 1/2 to 6 3/4c.; tanks, 5 3/8 to 5 1/2c.; Pacific Coast, tanks, 5 to 5 1/2c. Soya bean, tank cars, f.o.b. Western mills, 2.8 to 3c.; carlot, delivered N. Y., 4 1/2c.; L.C.I., 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 \$6.30. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, including switches, 15 contracts. Crude S. E., 2 5/8c. bid. Prices closed as follows:

Spot	3.50@	September	3.83@3.86
May	3.52@3.56	October	3.86@3.92
July	3.68@3.74	November	3.98@4.05
August	3.70@3.90		

PETROLEUM.—Sweeping advances were made in crude oil prices in Mid-Continent, Gulf Coast and Texas fields. The Texas Co. advanced its posted prices for crude oil 15c. a barrel in Oklahoma, North Texas, North Central Texas, West Texas, Gray County, North Louisiana and Darst Creek fields, and 10c. in Smackover and Carson and Hutchinson counties. In the Gulf Coast prices were advanced 10 to 15c. East Texas was posted on a flat basis of 98c. Later more crude oil increases were posted. The Magnolia Petroleum Co. announced an increase of 15c. a barrel in Louisiana-Arkansas crude oil prices, effective April 6. Gasoline held firm. U. S. Motor in tank cars at New York Harbor refineries was quoted at 5 3/4 to 6c. for below 65 octane gravity, while above 65 was 6 1/4 to 6 1/2c. same basis. There was a better export inquiry. Kerosene was also firm at 5 1/4 to 5 1/2c. for 41-43 gravity in tank cars at refineries. Grade C bunker fuel oil was firm at 65c. refinery and Diesel oil held at \$1.30 same basis. Philadelphia Grade C bunker fuel oil was steady at 70c. refinery.

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 2nd inst. prices closed unchanged with very little business. London and Singapore were also unchanged. Malaya's March shipments of 39,903 tons were off 5% from February and off 17.9% from March 1931. Ceylon's exports last month of 3,405 tons showed a loss of 24% from February and 45.2% from March last year. The Dutch East Indies, slower to tabulate export returns, only revealed last week, that its February shipments were

17,425 tons, a decrease of 24.4% from January and a drop of 18.6% from February 1931. It is difficult to make anything of this but decreased production and offerings. No. 1 standard contract May ended at 3.02 to 3.05c.; July, 3.12c.; December, 3.38c.; New "A" nominal with April, 2.92c.; May, 2.99c.; June, 3.04c.; July, 3.09c. Outside prices: Plantation R. S. sheets spot, April and May, 3 to 3 1-16c.; June, 3 1-16c.; spot, first latex, thick, 4 3-16c.; thin, pale latex, 4 1/4 to 4 5-16c.; clean, thin, brown No. 2, 2 15-16c. On the 2nd Singapore closed quiet and unchanged at 1 1/2d. for April and 1 1/4d. for July-Sept. London closed steady, unchanged to 1-16d. higher; April, 1 13-16d.; May and June, 1 1/2d.; July-Sept., 2d.; Oct.-Dec., 2 1/2d. On the 4th inst. futures advanced 3 to 8 points with cables firm or 1-16d. higher from London and unchanged from Singapore. The sales of No. 1 standard were only 80 tons, closing with May 3.10c.; July, 3.15 to 3.20c.; September at 3.25 to 3.30c. and December, 3.42c.; New "A" April, 3c.; May, 3.07c.; Spot, April and May still 3 to 3 1-16c. outside. On the 4th Singapore closed steady and unchanged; April, 1 1/2d. London opened quiet and unchanged to 1-16d. decline and at 2:31 p. m. was quiet; April, 1 13-16d.; May, 1 1/2d. London closed steady, unchanged to 1/2d. advance; April, 1 15-16d.; May, 1 1/2d.; June, 1 15-16d.; July-Sept., 2d.; Oct.-Dec., 2 3-16d. London rubber stocks for the week ended April 2 totaled 63,813 tons, a decrease of 648 from a week ago. Liverpool stocks for the week increased 235 tons to 61,010 tons. Ford dealers had approximately 200,000 orders for the new cars at the close of the first day's showing, according to preliminary figures compiled by the Ford Motor Co. The figure includes orders taken by dealers before the cars were shown.

On the 4th London press reports said: "Low prices for raw rubber for some time seem assured, as nature's laws of supply and demand and the survival of the fittest are to have their chance to operate almost unopposed in the industry. After years of effort to draw up a method of restricting production which would offset the two surest economic forces, British and Dutch producers of most of the rubber in the world have agreed to quit trying and to let happen what will. The immediate consequence of collapse of the prolonged negotiations will be that many plantations in the Malay States, Dutch East Indies and Ceylon will shut down production and go on a care and maintenance basis. Perhaps 15% of the rubber plantations of the world will be affected in this wise immediately, to remain dormant and unproductive until the industry shall improve, perhaps in a long while. Efforts were made to being all producers together in a restrictive scheme, but after nearly four years these have been abandoned, for all time, official circles state, because of difficulties in regulating native production in the Dutch East Indies. Nearly half the world's rubber consumption is in the United States and about 80% of all the rubber manufactured in the world goes for motor car tires." Washington wired April 5: "The Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce announced that as a result of the survey of dealers' stocks of waterproof rubber footwear as of March 1 1932, made by the Rubber Division, 17,306 dealers reported 5,036,574 pairs on hand, an average of 291 pairs per dealer, against 20,400 dealers with 6,109,033 pairs, or 299.5 pairs per dealer, on March 1 1931. The stocks of waterproof rubber footwear were appreciably lower than a year before.

On the 5th inst. prices closed unchanged to 5 points lower. The sales of No. 1 standard were only 100 tons. Spot rubber was also quiet at 3 to 3 1/2c. No. 1 standard closed with July 3.15 to 3.18c. and Dec. at 3.41 to 3.44c.; new "A" April, 2.97c.; May, 3.02c.; June, 3.07c.

On the 5th London opened quiet, unchanged to 1-16d. decline and at 2:37 p. m. was unchanged; April, 1 1/2d.; May and June, 1 15-16d. London closed dull; April and May, 1 1/2d.; June, 1 15-16d. Singapore closed steady and unchanged; April, 1 1/2d. On the 6th inst. prices declined 3 to 10 points, closing at a net decline of 1 to 6 points. The sales of No. 1 standard rose to 600 tons, against 100 on the previous day, closing with April at 2.90c.; July, 3.10c.; Sept., 3.19 to 3.22c., and Dec., 3.36 to 3.38c. New A April, 2.96c.; May, 3.01c.; June, 3.04c. Outside prices: Spot and April, 2 15-16c. to 3 1-16c.; May, 3 to 3 1-16c.; spot first latex thick, 4 5-16c.; thin pale latex, 4 1/4 to 4 5-16c.; clean thin brown No. 2, 2 15-16c.; rolled brown crepe, 2 13-16c.; No. 2 amber, 3 1-16c.; No. 3, 3c.; No. 4, 2 3/4c. On the 6th London opened quiet, unchanged to 1-16d. off; at 2:37 p. m. was quiet; Apr., 1 13-16d.; May and June, 1 1/2d.; July-Sept., 1 15-16d. London closed 1-16d. to 1/2d. net lower; April and May, 1 13-16d.; Oct.-Dec., 2d.; Jan.-March, 2 1/2d. Singapore closed unchanged to 1-16d. decline; April, 1 1/2d.; July-Sept., 1 13-16d. A Rubber Exchange membership sold for \$600 at auction on the 6th; a decline of \$150. On the 7th inst. prices fell below the 3c. level. May sold at 2.98c. London was down to 1 1/4d. Prices here ended 4 to 10 points lower after greater activity in No. 1 standard. The sales were 870 tons of that grade. Some private London advices said that trade there recently had been large with manufacturers and investors taking a chance on the extreme cheapness of the article. The statistical position of the industry has been slightly improved, with shipments so far this year about 18,700 tons, or 10% below last year. Some expect a fairly rapid decrease in output, which may become evident in April, but more plainly in May or June. No. 1 standard closed

with May, 2.98 to 2.99c.; July, 3.03 to 3.05c.; Sept., 3.12 to 3.14c.; Oct., 3.17c.; Dec., 3.26 to 3.29c.; Jan., 3.34c.; March, 3.50c.; new A April, 2.92c.; May, 2.95c.; June, 2.97c.; July, 3c.; no sales. Outside prices: Spot, April and May, 3c.; June, 3 1-16c.; July-Sept., 3 1/4c.; Oct.-Dec., 3 7-16c.; spot first latex thick, 4 1/2c.; thin pale latex, 4 1/2c.; clean thin brown No. 2, 2 15-16c.; rolled brown crepe, 2 11-16c.; No. 2 amber, 3c. No. 3, 3c. No. 4, 2 15-16c.; Paras, upriver fine spot, 5 to 5 1/4c.

On the 7th inst., London opened quiet, unchanged to 1-16d. up., and at 2:36 p. m. was quiet, unchanged to 1-16d. decline; April, 1 1/2d.; May, 1 13-16d.; June, 1 1/2d. London closed dull, and unchanged to 1-16d. lower; Oct.-Dec., 2d.; Jan.-March, 2 1/2d. Singapore closed dull at 1-16d. to 1/2d. decline; April, 1 13-16d.; July-Sept., 1 11-16d. and Oct.-Dec., 1 13-16d. A preliminary estimate of March motor production reported at the meeting of the directors of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce on April 6 indicated an output of 130,700 cars and trucks compared with 122,890 in Feb. and 289,398 in March 1931. To-day London closed dull and unchanged to 1-16d. decline; April, 1 1/2d.; May and June, 1 13-16d.; July-Sept., 1 1/2d.; Oct.-Dec., 2d.; Jan.-March, 2 1/2d., and April-June, 2 1/4d. General Motors sales to dealers in March, including Canadian sales and overseas shipments, were 59,696 cars and trucks, against 62,580 in Feb. and 119,195 in March 1931. March sales to consumers in the United States were 48,717 against 46,855 in Feb. and 101,339 in March a year ago. First quarter total sales to dealers were 197,256, against 304,547 in the like period of last year. To-day No. 1 standard closed 4 points lower to 1 point higher with sales of 140 lots. May closed at 2.97c.; July, 3.02c.; Sept., 3.13c.; Oct., 3.18c., and Nov. 3.26c. New "A" contract 3 points lower to 2 higher; April, 2.92c.; May, 2.95c. and June, 2.97c. Final prices show a decline for the week of 6 to 10 points. To-day, London opened dull, unchanged to 1/2d. lower, and at 2:37 p. m. was steady, unchanged to 1-16d. decline; April, 1 1/2d.; May-June, 1 13-16d.; July-Sept., 1 1/2d. Singapore closed dull and 1-16 to 1/2d. off; April, 1 1/2d.; July-Sept., 1 1/2d.; Oct.-Dec., 1 11-16d.

HIDES.—On the 2d inst. prices declined 4 to 20 points and ended with little recovery from the lowest. May ended at 4.70c.; June at 5.15c.; Sept. at 5.70c. to 5.80c.; Dec. at 6.20 to 6.30c.; March, 6.65c. On the 4th inst. prices closed unchanged to 10 points lower with sales of 600,000 lbs., ending with May at 4.60c., June 5.06c. and Sept. 5.66 to 5.70c. On the 5th inst. prices closed 10 to 15 points lower with sales of 1,080,000 lbs., ending with May 4.45c., July 5.15c., Sept. 5.52c., Dec. 6.05 to 6.10c. and March 6.50c. On the 6th inst. prices declined 10 to 15 points to new low levels; sales, 1,200,000 lbs. May ended at 4.30c., June 4.79c., July 5c., Sept. 5.40 to 5.50c., Dec. 5.90 to 6c. On the 7th inst. prices closed 10 to 25 points lower with sales of 2,440,000 lbs., ending with May at 4.05c., June 4.55c., Sept. 5.15 to 5.20c., Dec. 5.80 to 5.85c. On the 7th inst. spot hides were weaker. Outside prices: Common dry Ceuata, 9 1/2 to 10c.; Orinocos and Santa Marta, 8 1/2c.; Central America, 7c.; Maracaibo, La Guayra, Ecuador and Savanillas, 7 1/2c.; packer native steers, 6c.; Chicago light native cows, Oct.-Dec., 5 1/2c. New York City calfskins, 9-12s, \$1.35 to \$1.45; 7-9s, 70 to 80c.; 5-7s, 52 1/2 to 57 1/2c. To-day futures closed 10 to 15 points lower with May 3.90c., June 4.40 to 4.45c., Sept. 5.05 to 5.10c. and Dec. 5.65 to 5.70c.; sales, 36 lots.

OCEAN FREIGHTS.—Grain trading made up much of the business early in the week. Later on there was less demand for room for time, sugar and grain tonnage. Later rates were falling.

Charters included grain, 42,000 qrs. Galveston, New Orleans, April, 15-28 A. R., 9c.; Hamburg, Bremen, 10c. 21,000 qrs. N. Y., April 4-9, Bayonne, Dunkirk, range, 10c. and 10 1/2c.; 37,000 qrs. spot, Baltimore, Bayonne, Brest, range, 10c., 10 1/2c. and 11c.; Montreal, April 29, cancelling, Antwerp, Rotterdam, 9c.; Havre, Dunkirk, 10c.; 20,000 qrs. prompt, New York, Bayonne, Dunkirk, range, 10c. and 10 1/2c.; 20,000 qrs. Montreal, Rotterdam, 8c. to start. Berthed: 4 loads, New York, London, 1s. 6d.; April 8, 2 loads prompt, Hamburg, 6c. Grain booked: 7 loads Antwerp, two loads Hamburg, 6c., and a few to Liverpool at 1s. 6d.; a few loads to Liverpool at 1s. 6d. and a few to Hamburg at 6c.; Montreal, Marseilles, 10 1/2c.; 5 loads Hull, 1s. 9d., 3 loads Liverpool, 1s. 6d.; 1 load, London, 1s. 6d., 2 loads Cork, 2s. 6d. Sugar: 3,500 tons, 5 Santo Domingo, middle April, U. K. Continent, 15s. 6d.; 7,500 tons, 5% Cuba, April 20-May 5, U. K. Continent, 15s.; one or two ports, middle April, Cuba, to United Kingdom, Continent, 15s. 6d. Time: West Indies, prompt round, \$1.10. Tanks: 12,000 tons, dirty, Gulf Kingdom Continent, 7s. 6d.; 8,250 tons, crude, Aruba Trinidad, Medway, 9s.; April-May, 2,000 tons, 10, clean, April, Gulf London, 12s.

TOBACCO.—Prices have as a rule declined at the South under larger offerings. Mayfield, Ky.: Offerings in the Eastern Fired section were again large, but in the Western district a large number of growers are awaiting definite announcement from the Western Dark Fired Tobacco Growers' Association relative to the opening of the organization's prizeries. Prices at all points show lower averages. Sales for the past week in the southern markets follow: At Mayfield: 648,970 lbs. at an average of \$1.99, or 54c. lower than the preceding week. At Paducah: 302,485 lbs., average of \$2.63, or 29c. lower than in the preceding week. At Murray: 197,250 lbs., averaging \$3.15, or 7c. lower. At Hopkinsville: 1,098,385 lbs., average \$3.63, or \$1.14 lower. At Clarksville: 1,731,120 lbs., average \$4.91, or 98c. lower. At Springfield: 1,590,410 lbs., average \$6.92, or 35c. higher. At Owensboro: 873,195 lbs. of dark, average \$3.12, and 159,180 lbs. Burley average of \$4.20. Dark, 35c. and Burley, 3c. lower. At Henderson: 422,305 lbs., average of

\$3.94, or 6c. higher. At Lynchburg: 287,707 lbs., average \$3.72, or 29c. lower. At Blackstone: 141,049 lbs., averaging \$5.37, or 90c. higher.

Havana cabled to the "United States Tobacco Journal" that 7,000 bales changed hands in a short week in Havana leaf market, mostly of 1931 crop. Partido on poles is mostly bundled. The cigarmakers' strike is still on. Reduction is shown in the cigar leaf acreage by the official survey; also a cut in wrappers and binders. Pennsylvania is the only State that will plant a larger area in tobacco, according to report by the Government. The acreages indicated, by sections, are as follows: The Connecticut Valley will have 4,700 acres under shade as against 5,800 last year. Florida-Georgia, 2,400 acres as compared with 2,900 last year. Connecticut broadleaf, 9,200 acres as against 13,200 last year. Connecticut Havana seed, 10,100 acres, comparing with 11,000 in 1931. Northern Wisconsin, 14,900 as compared with 18,800 last year. Southern Wisconsin, 20,800 acres as against 23,170 in 1931. Pennsylvania, 45,500 as against 40,900 acres last year. Miami Valley of Ohio, 30,400 as against 32,900 in 1931. Florida sungrown, 400 acres against 1,200 last year. Present indications point to a total acreage of 108,000 compared with 163,000 acres harvested last year. The acreage of flue-cured and fire-cured types will each be reduced approximately 35%, uncured 30% and burley 15%.

COAL.—The demand showed some tendency to broaden without developing into anything like activity in actual business. Later coke prices were cut \$1.25 to \$1.50. Manhattan and the Bronx, \$10.50 less 2% discount instead of \$11.25; Brooklyn and Queens, \$11.25 instead of \$12.75; Soft coal was dull. Anthracite later was less active. Bunkers were dull and weaker.

SILVER.—On the 2d inst. futures closed 20 to 43 points lower; sales, 650,000 ounces. May ended at 29.85c.; July, 30.15 to 30.30c.; Aug., 30.30c.; Sept., 30.50c.; Oct., 30.75c., and Dec., 31.05c. On the 4th inst. futures were 11 to 50 points net lower with sales of 1,250,000 ounces; May, 29.50c.; July, 29.75c.; Aug., 29.80c.; Oct., 30.48c.; Dec., 30.88c.; March, 31.48c. On the 5th inst. prices closed 10 to 30 lower with sales of 850,000 ounces. May ended at 29.32c.; July, 29.55c.; Sept., 29.90c.; Oct., 30.20c., and Dec., 30.60c. On the 6th inst. prices closed 20 to 30 points lower with sales of 1,325,000 ounces. May ended at 29.02c.; July, 29.20c.; Sept., 29.69c.; Oct., 29.96 to 30.10c. On the 7th inst. prices closed 57 to 64 points lower with sales of 2,625,000 ounces. May ended at 28.45c.; July, 28.55c.; Aug., 28.75c.; Sept., 28.95c.; Oct., 29.25c. To-day futures closed 10 to 78 points lower with April 28.20c.; May, 28.25c.; July, 28.40c.; Aug., 28.55c.; Sept., 28.70c.; Oct., 28.80c., and Dec., 28.99c.; sales, 4,375,000 ounces. Final prices show a decline for the week of 181 to 206 points.

COPPER was reduced 1/8c. for domestic delivery and 1/4c. for export. Custom smelters were quoting 57/8c. and Copper Exports, Inc., offered the metal abroad at 6c. Demand was poor. Low prices failed, however, to stimulate demand. London on the 7th inst. dropped 12s. 6d. on spot standard to £29 10s.; futures off 10s. to £29 10s.; sales, 50 tons spot and 650 futures; electrolytic off 5s. to £34 bid and £34 10s. asked; at the second London session standard advanced 5s. on sales of 50 tons spot and 250 futures. Later the domestic price went back to 53/4c. On the 7th inst. prices closed unchanged to 1 point lower; no sales. May ended at 4.50c.; July, 4.60c.; Sept., 4.80c.; Dec., 5.10c., and March, 5.40c.

TIN declined to 19 1/4c. for spot Straits, the lowest price of the present century. The market was extremely dull, despite the cheapness of the metal. At the first session in London on the 7th inst., prices declined £1 10s., while at the second session standard tin recovered 15s. to £1. On the 7th inst. futures closed 5 to 25 points lower with sales of 10 tons, ending with May at 18.50c.; July, 18.90c.; Sept., 19.35c.; Dec., 20.10c.; March, 20.85c. To-day futures closed 35 points lower with April at 18.05c.; May, 18.15c.; June, 18.35c.; July, 18.55c., and August, 18.75c.; sales, 35 tons.

LEAD was in fair demand and steady at 3c. New York and 2.90c. East St. Louis. London prices on the 7th inst. advanced 1s. 3d. to £10 17s. 6d. for spot, and £11 3s. 9d. for futures; sales 75 tons spot and 575 tons futures; at the second session prices rose 2s. 6d. on sales of 100 tons futures. The total of lead in ore and matte, in base bullion and in refined forms, including that in process and that in transit to United States smelters on March 1 amounted to 238,272 short tons, according to the American Bureau of Metal Statistics. This compared with 226,913 tons on Feb. 1, 217,716 on Jan. 1, and 179,511 on March 1 1931.

ZINC was very dull, but firm at 2.80c. East. St. Louis. The statistical position was better. In London on the 7th inst. spot was unchanged at £10 11s. 3d. and futures advanced 1s. 3d. to £11; sales 75 tons spot and 575 tons futures; at the second session prices advanced 1s. 3d. on sales of 325 tons of futures.

STEEL remained as a rule quiet and featureless; 8,000 tons of line pipe were sold by the National Tube Co. to the Southern Georgia Co. Buying of cast iron pipe by municipalities was smaller than usual. They do not accept

the first bids. They try again. March production of steel ingots was the lowest since December, according to the American Iron and Steel Institute. The industry was engaged on an average of 24.68% of capacity against 27.57% in February. The actual calculated production for March was 1,410,830 tons compared with 1,159,547 tons in February, and despite the fact that March contained 27 working days as against 25 in February. Production of steel ingots for the first quarter of the year was 4,331,667 tons as against 7,954,645 for the first quarter of 1931.

PIG IRON was still quiet. In fact last week's sales at New York were smaller than in the previous weeks. Some look for larger shipments this month. It was said at one time that Buffalo iron to compete with foreign would have to be sold at \$11 at furnace as against the official price of \$14.50. Dutch pig iron, it is said, is to be advanced, owing to the higher cost of ore. It sold at one time at \$15, duty paid, but has recently been offered, it is stated, at as low as \$13.50 at Atlantic ports. In the week ended April 7 the importations of foreign iron at Philadelphia included 11,224 tons from Holland, 300 from India and 150 from England. Nominal prices are \$14 to \$15. for eastern Pennsylvania and Buffalo.

WOOL.—Boston wired a government report as follows: "Sales have been closed on both moderate quantities and sample bags of strictly combing 64s and finer Ohio and similar fleece wools. Prices were 20 to 21c. in the grease, or 50 to 52c. scoured basis. An occasional buyer shows interest in French combing 64s and finer wool of both fleece and territory lines and in 58-60s territory wools. Quotations generally are about steady to fairly firm." London cabled April 5: "The third series of London Colonial auctions will open on April 12. Total offerings of 132,500 bales comprise the following: Australian, 39,100; New Zealand, 65,100; Cape, 6,900; Kenya, 200; Puntas, 19,500; Falklands, 1,700. According to present arrangements the sales will close on April 28." Liverpool cabled April 7 that the next East India carpet wool auction will be there on April 19. It will continue until April 29. The quantity declared is 20,000 bales. At Adelaide on April 7, 22,000 bales were offered and 17,500 sold. Demand in general was for fine descriptions and coarse wools were irregularly wanted. Compared with Sydney sales on March 29, prices were generally unchanged. At Timaru on April 7, 8,000 bales were offered and 6,700 sold. The selection of cross-breeds was representative, but merinos were poor. Yorkshire demand was irregular and the Continent was quiet. Compared with Dunedin sales last Monday, prices were slightly in buyers' favor. Fine grades were wanted, but coarse qualities were neglected. Prices closed fairly firm. Prices realized: 6 1/2 to 8d.; cross-breeds, 56-58s, 7 to 9 1/4d.; 50-56s, 6 3/4 to 9d.; 48-50s, 5 1/4 to 8d.; 46-48s, 3 1/2 to 5 1/2d.; 44-46s, 3 1/4 to 5d.

WOOL TOPS today closed quiet, unchanged to 150 points higher at 62c. for April, 61c. for May, June, July, August and Sept.; 61.50c. for Oct., Nov. and Dec., and 62c. for Jan., Feb. and March. Boston spot, 50 points lower at 68c. Roubaix unchanged to 10 lower with sales of 242,000 lbs. Antwerp unchanged to 1/8d. lower, with sales of 186,000 lbs.

SILK on the 4th inst. closed 1 point lower to 5 points higher, with sales of 30 bales, ending with May at \$1.44 to \$1.47; Sept., Oct. and Nov., \$1.47. On the 5th inst. the ending was 4 points lower, with 1 point higher with sales of 890 bales, May and June closing at \$1.43 to \$1.45; July and August, \$1.43 to \$1.46, and Sept. and Nov., \$1.44 to \$1.46. On the 6th inst. prices declined 4 points with sales of 840 bales, ending with April, \$1.40; May, \$1.39 to \$1.40; June, \$1.39 to \$1.41, and July, \$1.39. On the 7th inst. prices closed unchanged to 1 point lower with sales of 2,540 bales, ending with April at \$1.40 to \$1.42; May, \$1.39 to \$1.40; June, July and August, \$1.39 to \$1.41; Sept., \$1.39 to \$1.42; Oct. and Nov., \$1.40 to \$1.42. To-day futures closed 2 to 3 points higher with sales of 1,190 bales and with April at \$1.42 to \$1.44; May, \$1.41 to \$1.43 and July and May, \$1.42. Final prices are 2 points lower for week.

COTTON

Friday Night, April 8 1932.

THE MOVEMENT OF THE CROP, as indicated by our telegrams from the South to-night, is given below. For the week ending this evening the total receipts have reached 93,799 bales, against 115,587 bales last week and 130,968 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1931 8,960,134 bales, against 8,117,777 bales for the same period of 1930-31, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1931 of 842,357 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston-----	1,308	1,603	3,642	1,679	1,788	698	10,718
Texas City-----	---	---	---	---	---	1,854	1,854
Houston-----	2,488	1,474	1,665	2,063	1,412	5,184	14,286
Corpus Christi---	5	134	167	233	70	16	625
New Orleans-----	3,326	27,651	7,339	10,906	4,148	1,546	54,916
Mobile-----	459	160	1,251	417	221	1,787	4,295
Jacksonville-----	---	---	270	---	84	---	84
Savannah-----	225	469	270	243	58	381	1,646
Charleston-----	24	56	234	1,153	1,027	1,000	3,494
Lake Charles-----	---	---	---	---	---	461	461
Wilmington-----	16	173	139	23	61	114	526
Norfolk-----	104	129	244	5	293	15	790
Baltimore-----	---	---	---	---	---	104	104
Totals this wk.	7,955	31,849	14,951	16,722	9,162	13,160	93,799

consumption of all kinds of cotton totaled in the seven months ending Feb. 29 1,477,000 bales, compared with 1,295,000 in the same period last season. Japanese spinners are using about half American and half foreign cotton this season, whereas last season they used about 40% American and 60% foreign. The figures indicate that in the seven months ending Feb. 29 Japanese mills consumed, roughly, 739,000 bales of American cotton against 518,000 in the same period last year. Exports from the United States to Japan during this season to March 31 totaled 1,986,000 bales against 947,000 in the corresponding period last season. The Manchester "Guardian Commercial," however, said: "The boycott of Japanese goods resulting from the Sino-Japanese situation has been strongly enforced in South China for several months, and has resulted in a temporary demand for British low-grade, grey and white shirtings, which are usually supplied by the Japanese mills."

On the 6th inst. prices fell some 10 to 15 points, with stocks again lower and May liquidation a feature. Also there was selling by Japanese, Liverpool and the Continent. The South, too, sold rather more freely. Hedge selling was much more noticeable both in New York and Liverpool. Later there was a rally in stocks that caused covering in cotton accompanied by a brief upturn in which much of the early loss was regained. But it was only a brief recovery. Renewed selling set in and prices ended at or close to the lowest prices of the day. Liverpool was lower than due on liquidation, hedging sales and a poor demand. Manchester was dull, with a fear of lower prices. Worth Street was quiet, and second prices, as usual, cut under the regular mill quotations. The weather was better. The weekly report from Washington said: "Heavy rains caused further delay in the preparation for cotton planting in Eastern Arkansas, and from Tennessee southward, but in other parts of the belt good progress was reported. Planting advanced favorably in Texas and was active in the southeastern portions of the belt, especially in Southern Georgia." Meanwhile new low prices for the season are constantly being reached, and, naturally, they tend to undermine confidence. In Liverpool Japanese interests were said to be large sellers. Spot markets declined 10 to 20 points, including 15 at New York. Here the trade, New Orleans and Japanese interests bought but not at all heavily.

On the 7th inst. prices declined early 7 to 9 points, with stocks irregular, mill demand smaller, Japanese selling, and a lack of vigorous support. May cotton was down to new lows; that is, to 5.92c. for May, or 4 points under the low of Oct. 8 1931. The sentimental effect of such a thing, apart from anything else, was bad. The weather was generally fair and mild over the eastern and central belts, and with little rain anywhere else. The Cochran Bureau at Dallas, Tex., said. "Present intentions to plant indicate 37,947,000 acres, or 7.3% reduction. Unfavorable weather during planting and cultivating season would be more than ordinarily effective in reducing acreage from present intentions, since work animals and implements are at minimum and further cash outlay for crop is not justified." The weather during the season may be bad, or it may not be. Serious damage to the crop may occur or it may not. The weevil may be particularly destructive or it may not. But a reduction in the planted area far less than it ought to be is something concrete, something staring the trade in the face. The decline in cotton from the high of early last month is \$6.25 a bale. The technical position is considered better.

To-day prices ended unchanged to 4 points higher. They were irregular, first a little higher, then 6 to 10 points net lower, and then rallied as offerings fell off and stocks moved upward for a time. An amendment was introduced in the House of Representatives abolishing the Farm Board and transferring its activities to the Agricultural Department, but later on Washington wired that this measure had been defeated by a vote of 152 to 23. A report that the Chamber of Commerce was less favorable in its attitude towards prohibition and that John D. Rockefeller had the same leaning was viewed as a possible bullish factor, although just why was not altogether clear unless it might have a stimulating effect on the stock and grain markets with bracing repercussions on cotton. All that was clear was that cotton acted well in the face of a collapse of 3c. in wheat, a later break in stocks, and the persistent sharp decline in silver which hits the trade of Manchester. Undoubtedly, however, grain and stock market news had a certain sobering effect. May liquidation continued to be more or less of a feature. Liverpool, New Orleans, local and supposedly co-operative interests sold. But the trade, home and foreign, were fixing prices freely. The Continent, the Japanese and Wall Street were all reported to be buying. In Liverpool Bombay bought. Hedge selling was only moderate. Local traders who sold early covered later. Heavy rains fell in parts of the belt. Arkansas and the Memphis district both had 1 to 3 inches. Louisiana and Mississippi had undesirable rains. The Mississippi Valley would be the better for fair weather. Crop preparations, already very late, are further delayed. Spinners' takings for the week were far ahead of those for the same week last year. The New York Cotton Exchange's total was 299,000 bales against 180,000 last year; exports, 181,000 against 109,000 last year. Final prices show a decline for the week of 11 to 19 points. Spot cotton ended at 6.10c. for middling, a decline for the week of 20 points.

Staple Premiums
60% of average of
six markets quoting
for deliveries on
April 14 1932.

15-16 inch.	1-inch & longer.				
.11	.28	Middling Fair.....	White.....	64 on	Mid.
.11	.28	Strict Good Middling.....	do.....	51	do
.11	.28	Good Middling.....	do.....	37	do
.11	.28	Strict Middling.....	do.....	22	do
.11	.28	Middling.....	do.....		Basis
.11	.23	Strict Low Middling.....	do.....	22 off	Mid.
.11	.23	Low Middling.....	do.....	.48	do
.10	.22	*Strict Good Ordinary.....	do.....	.81	do
		*Good Ordinary.....	do.....	1.11	do
		Good Middling.....	Extra White.....	.37 on	do
		Strict Middling.....	do do.....	.22	do
		Middling.....	do do.....	Even	do
		Strict Low Middling.....	do do.....	.22 off	do
		Low Middling.....	do do.....	.94	do
.11	.29	Good Middling.....	Spotted.....	.22 on	do
.11	.29	Strict Middling.....	do.....	Even off	do
.11	.23	Middling.....	do.....	.23 off	do
		*Strict Low Middling.....	do.....	.48	do
		*Low Middling.....	do.....	.81	do
.11	.24	Strict Good Middling.....	Yellow Tinged.....	Even off	do
.11	.23	Good Middling.....	do do.....	.26	do
.11	.23	Strict Middling.....	do do.....	.39	do
		*Middling.....	do do.....	.52	do
		*Strict Low Middling.....	do do.....	.88	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.....	1.22	do
.11	.23	Good Middling.....	Gray.....	.20 off	do
.11	.23	Strict Middling.....	do.....	.39	do
		*Middling.....	do.....	.61	do
		*Good Middling.....	Blue Stained.....	.58 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:
Apr. to Apr. 8— Sat. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri.
Middling upland..... 6.25 6.40 6.25 6.10 6.05 6.10

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.

	Spot Market Closed.	Futures Market Closed.	SALES.		
			Spot.	Contr'ct.	Total.
Saturday	Quiet, 5 pts. dec.	Steady			
Monday	Steady, 15 pts. adv.	Very steady			
Tuesday	Quiet, 15 pts. dec.	Barely steady			
Wednesday	Quiet, 15 pts. dec.	Barely steady			
Thursday	Steady, 5 pts. dec.	Steady	400		400
Friday	Steady, 5 pts. adv.	Steady			
Total week			400		400
Since Aug. 1			113,928	107,000	220,928

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Apr. 2.	Monday, Apr. 4.	Tuesday, Apr. 5.	Wednesday, Apr. 6.	Thursday, Apr. 7.	Friday, Apr. 8.
April—						
Range..						
Closing..	6.08	6.23	6.10	5.96	5.90	5.93
May						
Range..	6.10-6.19	6.13-6.31	6.14-6.24	6.02-6.12	5.92-6.04	5.89-6.03
Closing..	6.14-6.16	6.29-6.30	6.16	6.02-6.03	5.96-5.98	5.99-6.01
June						
Range..						
Closing..	6.22	6.38	6.23	6.11	6.06	6.08
July						
Range..	6.27-6.34	6.29-6.47	6.29-6.40	6.20-6.31	6.11-6.22	6.06-6.20
Closing..	6.31	6.47	6.31-6.33	6.21	6.16-6.17	6.17-6.18
August						
Range..						
Closing..	6.38	6.55	6.40	6.29	6.25	6.26
Sept.						
Range..				6.38-6.38		
Closing..	6.45	6.62	6.49	6.38	6.32	6.35
Oct.						
Range..	6.49-6.55	6.52-6.70	6.54-6.62	6.44-6.54	6.35-6.45	6.31-6.45
Closing..	6.52	6.70	6.58	6.45	6.41	6.45
Nov.						
Range..						
Closing..	6.59	6.77	6.64	6.52	6.49	6.53
Dec.						
Range..	6.63-6.68	6.67-6.85	6.70-6.77	6.58-6.70	6.51-6.60	6.48-6.62
Closing..	6.66-6.67	6.84-6.85	6.71	6.59-6.60	6.57-6.58	6.61
Jan. (1933)						
Range..	6.74-6.77	6.75-6.93	6.80-6.86	6.69-6.77	6.63-6.67	6.57-6.70
Closing..	6.77	6.93	6.80	6.69	6.66-6.67	6.70
Feb.						
Range..						
Closing..	6.83	6.99	6.87	6.76	6.74	6.76
March						
Range..	6.89-6.92	6.90-7.06	6.94-7.02	6.85-6.93	6.77-6.83	6.72-6.85
Closing..	6.89-6.90	7.05-7.06	6.95	6.83	6.82-6.83	6.82-6.83

Range of future prices at New York for week ending April 8 1932 and since trading began on each option:

Option for—	Range for Week.	Range Since Beginning of Option.
Apr. 1932		6.63 Mar. 22 1932
May 1932	5.89 Apr. 8	6.99 Nov. 6 1931
June 1932	6.31 Apr. 4	11.40 June 27 1931
July 1932	6.06 Apr. 8	9.74 July 27 1931
Aug. 1932	6.47 Apr. 4	9.15 Aug. 1 1931
Sept. 1932	6.38 Apr. 6	7.57 Oct. 30 1931
Oct. 1932	6.31 Apr. 8	7.68 Oct. 30 1931
Nov. 1932	6.70 Apr. 4	7.87 Nov. 9 1931
Dec. 1932	6.48 Apr. 8	7.32 Feb. 11 1932
Jan. 1933	6.57 Apr. 8	7.77 Feb. 19 1932
Feb. 1933	6.93 Apr. 4	7.84 Feb. 19 1932
Mar. 1933	6.72 Apr. 8	7.00 Mar. 28 1932

Table of Rainfall and Thermometer data for various cities including Galveston, Tex., Abilene, Tex., Brownsville, Tex., Corpus Christi, Tex., Dallas, Tex., Del Rio, Tex., Houston, Tex., Palestine, Tex., San Antonio, Tex., Oklahoma City, Okla., Eldorado, Ark., Little Rock, Ark., Pine Bluff, Ark., Alexandria, La., Amite, La., New Orleans, La., Shreveport, La., Columbus, Miss., Vicksburg, Miss., Mobile, Ala., Montgomery, Ala., Gainesville, Fla., Madison, Fla., Savannah, Ga., Athens, Ga., Augusta, Ga., Columbus, Ga., Charleston, S. C., Greenwood, S. C., Columbia, S. C., Conway, S. C., Charlotte, N. C., Newbern, N. C., Weldon, 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 showing river heights at various points: New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville, Shreveport, Vicksburg.

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Table of Cotton Receipts from Plantations from Dec 1931 to Apr 1930, categorized by Week Ended.

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1931 are 9,911,138 bales; in 1930 were 8,806,214 bales, and in 1929 were 8,463,186 bales. (2) That, although the receipts at the outports the past week were 93,799 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 59,476 bales, stocks at interior towns having decreased 34,323 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were nil bales and for 1930 they were 450 bales.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.

Table comparing Cotton Takings and Visible Supply for 1931-30 and 1930-29, including weekly and seasonal data.

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 3,280,000 bales in 1931-32 and 2,980,000 bales in 1930-31—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 11,791,218 bales in 1931-32 and 10,606,422 bales in 1930-31, of which 8,032,218 bales and 6,474,522 bales American.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.—The receipts of India cotton at Bombay and the shipments from all India ports for the week and for the season from Aug. 1, as cabled, for three years, have been as follows:

Table of India Cotton Receipts and Shipments at Bombay from April 7, 1931-32 to 1929-30.

Table of Exports from Bombay for the Week and Since August 1, categorized by Great Britain, Continent, and Japan & China.

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 8,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 66,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show a decrease of 1,415,000 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

Table of Alexandria Receipts and Shipments for April 6, 1931-30, 1930-29, and 1929-28.

Table of Export (Bales) from Alexandria for the Week and Since Aug. 1, categorized by Liverpool, Manchester & Co., Continent and India, and America.

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending April 6 were 125,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 28,000 cantars.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in yarns is active and in cloths is quiet. Demand for both yarn and cloth is poor. We give prices to-day below and leave those of previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

Table of Manchester Market prices for 1931 and 1930, categorized by 32s Cop Twist, 8 1/2 Lb. Shirts, and Cotton Middling.

SHIPPING NEWS.—Shipments in detail:

Table of Shipping News including destinations like GALVESTON, SAN FRANCISCO, NEW ORLEANS, and various shipping companies and dates.

CORPUS CHRISTI—To Japan—March 31—Madras City, 225..	Bales. 225
To India—April 6—Silvercedar, 5,026.....	5,026
To China—March 31—Madras City, 3,277.....	3,277
SAVANNAH—To Japan—April 2—Rhexenor, 2,561.....	2,561
To China—April 4—Silvercedar, 300.....	300
NORFOLK—To Liverpool—April 4—Nitonian, 750.....	750
To Bremen—April 8—City of Baltimore, 1,749.....	1,749
To Manchester—April 4—Nitonian, 375.....	375
NEW YORK—To Manchester—April 1—Winona County, 200.....	200
HOUSTON—To Havre—April 1—Grete, 1,825..... April 4—Davenport, 2,021.....	3,846
To Dunkirk—April 1—Grete, 467.....	467
To Ghent—April 1—Grete, 325..... April 4—Davenport, 200.....	525
To Oslo—March 31—Svaneholm, 400.....	400
To Gothenburg—March 31—Svaneholm, 1,400.....	1,400
To Copenhagen—March 31—Svaneholm, 228.....	228
To Gydria—March 31—Svaneholm, 1,600.....	1,600
To Genoa—April 1—Liberty Bell, 2,587.....	2,587
To Naples—April 1—Liberty Bell, 74.....	74
To Piraeus—April 1—Liberty Bell, 100.....	100
To Patras—April 1—Liberty Bell, 50.....	50
To Salonica—April 1—Liberty Bell, 25.....	25
To Lisbon—April 2—Ogontz, 400.....	400
To Oporto—April 2—Ogontz, 2,247.....	2,247
To Corunna—April 2—Ogontz, 300.....	300
To Bilbao—April 2—Ogontz, 100.....	100
To Japan—April 2—Scottsburg, 2,758..... April 6—Plata Maru, 600..... April 7—Hofuka Maru, 500.....	3,858
To China—April 2—Scottsburg, 200..... April 6—Plata Maru, 757..... April 7—Hofuka Maru, 922.....	1,879
To Rotterdam—April 4—Davenport, 100.....	100
To Barcelona—April 4—Mar Cantabrico, 4,095.....	4,095
To Gijon—April 4—Mar Cantabrico, 100.....	100
To India—April 4—Silvercedar, 4,846; City of Athens, 523.....	5,369
To Bremen—April 4—Bockenheim, 2,254..... April 5—Ursula Siemens, 3,197.....	5,451
To Hamburg—April 4—Bockenheim, 195.....	195
To Venice—April 5—Giulia, 2,706.....	2,706
To Trieste—April 5—Giulia, 480.....	480
To Fiume—April 5—Giulia, 100.....	100
LOS ANGELES—To Liverpool—April 2—Lochgail, 150.....	150
To Japan—April 2—President McKinley, 1,069..... April 4—Silverpalm, 15.....	1,084
JACKSONVILLE—To Manchester—April 1—Atlantian, 7.....	7
MOBILE—To Bremen—March 30—Wacosta, 2,403..... March 31—Veerhaven, 7,914.....	10,317
To Rotterdam—March 30—Wacosta, 500.....	500
To Japan—March 29—Bradburn, 6,422..... March 30—Steel Engineer, 4,050.....	10,472
To China—March 29—Bradburn, 2,450..... March 30—Steel Engineer, 1,150.....	3,600
To India—March 31—City of Athens, 3,000.....	3,000
To Liverpool—March 31—West Madaket, 514..... April 1—Historian, 2,142.....	2,656
To Manchester—March 31—West Madaket, 330..... April 1—Historian, 1,617.....	1,947
To Gydria—March 31—Veerhaven, 200.....	200
To Hamburg—March 31—Veerhaven, 150.....	150
To Rotterdam—March 31—Veerhaven, 234.....	234
TEXAS CITY—To Liverpool—April 2—Ninian, 75.....	75
To Manchester—April 2—Ninian, 586.....	586
To Dunkirk—March 29—Trolleholm, 1,168.....	1,168
To Havre—April 6—Davenport, 1,656.....	1,656
To Ghent—April 6—Davenport, 50.....	50
To Rotterdam—April 6—Davenport, 50.....	50
To Barcelona—April 6—Mar Cantabrico, 474.....	474
To Oporto—March 31—Ogontz, 1,137.....	1,137
To India—March 30—Silvercedar, 1,816.....	1,816
LAKE CHARLES—To Bremen—March 31—Bockenheim, 100.....	100
April 1—Nemaha, 302.....	402
To Hamburg—April 1—Nemaha, 100.....	100
Total.....	180,934

WHEAT.—Prices have just collapsed under the weight of a declining stock market, a fear of Farm Board liquidation, and with export business practically absent. What effect a bullish Government report, published after the close to-day, will have, remains to be seen. And so with reports of a growing feeling of hostility to prohibition among financiers and manufacturers. It has been declared a basic principle that "governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed." It is claimed that prohibition is unenforced and unenforceable.

On the 2nd inst. prices advanced 2½ to 3c. on crop complaints from the Southwest, reported export sales of 1,000,000 bushels, mostly hard winter, covering of hedges against sales to Europe, and finally a strong technical position. Also the French mill quota of foreign wheat was increased further. Heavy damage was reported from the Western third of Kansas and Nebraska. What is more, the Southwest followed up these reports by heavy buying. Big shorts covered. Some leading professionals seemed to have gone "long." Wheat ignored a lower stock market and acted entirely on wheat news and its own initiative.

On the 4th inst. the open interest in wheat at Chicago at the close was given as 125,342,000 bushels against 125,243,000 last week. There are 60,020,000 bushels of May contracts open and 41,661,000 bushels of July. Meantime there is a crop scare in the Southwest, and unless rain comes within a short time the prospects of the wheat trade will be materially changed for the worse. Kansas, Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle, it is said, will have shorter crops than last year. The entire winter wheat country, particularly in the hard winter wheat sections, covering Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado and Texas, needs rain and has all the season. The Western half of Kansas is especially dry. On the 4th inst. prices advanced ¾ to 1½c. net on increasingly bad crop news from Kansas and Nebraska. Freezes following mild weather and drouth, to make things worse, were the telling points in the Southwestern crop news. July was especially firm. It went to a new high since March 15. For nearly a week dust storms have prevailed in Western Kansas. Wheat, under the circumstances, in the end ignored a decrease in stocks. Professionals bought either to take the "long" side or to cover. Spring wheat seeding, it is feared, will be late. Subsoil moisture is deficient. Export business was small. The technical position was weaker after a rise in a week of 6½c. on July from the low point of last week.

On the 5th inst. prices ended 1 to 1¼c. lower, with the stock market down, the cables weak, and the technical position impaired. No rain fell in the Southwest, but rains were apparently imminent in Nebraska. Drouth prevails over great tracts of the winter wheat belt, and unless rains come soon it is feared that serious and more widely spread damage to the plant will be inevitable. It also looks more than ever as though the spring wheat seeding will be delayed. On the 6th inst. prices were irregular, closing unchanged to ½c. higher, with the Southwest still dry. Rumor said that Germany and France had been good buyers on this side. Confirmation was lacking. Some export business was said to have been done by way of Vancouver. Bad crop reports continued to come from Western Kansas and Nebraska, and also from Oklahoma and Texas. High winds and dust storms were still reported. But a decline in stocks checked any rise in wheat. At one time prices were 1c. higher. Later came a reaction as stocks fell and reports circulated of showers in parts of Kansas. The French crop is said to have been overestimated. A fair export business in hard winter wheats was reported, largely with Greece, and Germany was said to have made arrangements to import 7,000,000 bushels of feed wheat for poultry feed. But it was essentially a weather market. Rains would have a depressing effect.

On the 7th inst. prices were irregular, but closed ½ to ¾c. lower, owing to dust storms in Western Kansas, said to be the worst so far, and persistent bad crop reports from Nebraska and Kansas. There was no rain in the Southwest, where it is most needed. There was no export business of consequence. To-day the "Modern Miller" said additional damage has been done to the winter wheat crop in parts of Kansas and Nebraska. Unless rain is received shortly further deterioration is certain. Weather conditions of the next two weeks will probably determine how much acreage to remain for harvest. Accurate estimates on abandoned acreage are regarded as impossible at the present time. Spring wheat seeding is getting started later than usual, due to wet soil and recent cold weather, but the delay is not regarded as serious as yet.

To-day prices closed 2¾ to 3c. lower, owing partly to reports that Southwestern interests often identified with the Farm Board were selling. Also a bill was introduced in the House proposing the transfer of the Farm Board to the Agricultural Department, with a possibility that the Farm Board holdings might be liquidated. Moreover, stocks were weak and export trade dull. Later on it was announced that the proposed transfer of the Farm Board's activity to the Agricultural Department had been defeated by a vote of 152 to 23. There was a report that Germany was negotiating for a large quantity of Farm Board wheat, that is, between 10,000,000 and 15,000,000 bushels. It had no effect. The decline in stocks was a distinctly depressing factor, though later on there was some recovery in stocks. Also there was a report that bankers and industrialists were

LIVERPOOL. By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	Mar. 18.	Mar. 25.	Apr. 1.	Apr. 8.
Sales of the week.....				
Of which American.....				
Sales for export.....				
Forwarded.....	61,000	43,000	43,000	60,000
Total stocks.....	633,000	656,000	662,000	615,000
Of which American.....	286,000	307,000	310,000	294,000
Total imports.....	52,000	68,000	58,000	39,000
Of which American.....	33,000	47,000	42,000	16,000
Amount afloat.....	178,000	158,000	145,000	148,000
Of which American.....	99,000	87,000	74,000	79,000

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.	A fair business doing.	A fair business doing.	Moderate demand.	A fair business doing.	A fair business doing.	Moderate demand.
Mid.Up'ds	4.86d.	4.88d.	4.91d.	4.79d.	4.70d.	4.73d.
Sales	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Futures. Market opened	Quiet but steady, 3 to 5 pts. adv.	Steady, unchanged to 1 pt. adv.	Steady, 7 to 10 pts. advance.	Quiet, 1 to 3 pts. advance.	Easy, 7 to 8 pts. advance.	Steady, 3 to 5 pts. advance.
Market, 4 P. M.	Steady, 6 pts. advance.	Quiet, 2 to 3 pts. decline.	Barely steady, 1 pt. dec.	Steady, 12 pts. decline.	Steady, 2 to 3 pts. decline.	Barely steady, 2 to 3 pts. decline.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Apr. 2 to Apr. 8.	Sat.		Mon.		Tues.		Wed.		Thurs.		Fri.	
	12.15	12.30	12.15	4.00	12.15	4.00	12.15	4.00	12.15	4.00	12.15	4.00
	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.
New Contract.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
April.....	4.57	4.58	4.54	4.61	4.55	4.49	4.43	4.40	4.41	4.43	4.38	
May.....	4.55	4.56	4.52	4.59	4.53	4.47	4.41	4.38	4.39	4.41	4.36	
June.....	4.54	4.55	4.51	4.58	4.52	4.46	4.40	4.36	4.38	4.40	4.32	
July.....	4.53	4.55	4.51	4.58	4.51	4.45	4.39	4.35	4.37	4.39	4.34	
August.....	4.54	4.56	4.52	4.58	4.52	4.46	4.40	4.35	4.36	4.39	4.34	
September.....	4.54	4.56	4.52	4.58	4.52	4.46	4.40	4.35	4.38	4.40	4.35	
October.....	4.55	4.57	4.53	4.59	4.53	4.47	4.41	4.36	4.39	4.41	4.36	
November.....	4.57	4.59	4.55	4.61	4.55	4.49	4.43	4.38	4.41	4.43	4.38	
December.....	4.60	4.62	4.58	4.64	4.57	4.51	4.45	4.40	4.43	4.45	4.40	
January (1933).....	4.61	4.63	4.59	4.65	4.59	4.52	4.47	4.41	4.45	4.47	4.42	
February.....	4.63	4.65	4.61	4.67	4.61	4.54	4.49	4.43	4.47	4.49	4.44	
March.....	4.65	4.67	4.63	4.70	4.64	4.57	4.52	4.46	4.49	4.51	4.47	
April.....	4.68	4.69	4.65	4.72	4.66	4.59	4.54	4.48	4.51	4.53	4.49	

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, April 8 1932.

FLOUR.—On the 4th inst. prices advanced 10 to 15c., with wheat up on bad crop news. Export demand was small. On the 7th inst. spring grades advanced about 5c. There is a scarcity, it appears, of better grades of spring wheat.

changing their views on prohibition, regarding it with less favor. A good many were disposed to await the Government report, which appeared after the close. It turned out to be distinctly bullish. It estimated the winter wheat crop at 458,000,000 bushels, or 42,000,000 bushels less than the private average estimate of 500,000,000 and 329,000,000 less than 787,000,000 harvested last year. And it is stated that since the Government report was compiled the crop has been subjected to eight more trying days of winds, dust storms and drouth, so that the yield is probably less than 458,000,000 bushels. Farm wheat stocks on April 1 were 159,942,000 bushels against 115,673,000 a year ago, and a five-year average from 1926-1930 of 97,129,000. Farm stocks decreased in March 47,381,000 bushels against a decrease in March last year of 45,769,000 bushels. The condition of winter wheat on April 1 was put at 75.8% against 88.8% on April 1 1931 and a 10-year average of 80.9%. Final prices, in spite of everything, show a rise for the week of 3/8 to 5/8c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF BONDED WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

Table with columns: Date, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. for May and July.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

Table with columns: No. 2 red, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with columns: Date, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. for May, July, and September.

Season's High and When Made— Season's Low and When Made— Table for wheat futures.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

Table with columns: Date, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. for May, July, and October.

INDIAN CORN.—Prices broke badly in sympathy with declines in wheat and stocks, especially as cash business has been poor and the crop movement to terminal markets has been increasing. On the 2nd inst. prices declined early 1/4 to 5/8c. on liquidation of March, which went to a new low for the season. But later it was another story. A rally of 1 to 1 1/2c. set in as wheat advanced. The close was at a net rise of 3/4 to 1c. The lowest price received by farmers is said to be in Indiana, averaging 22c. Shipping demand was small. On the 4th inst. prices declined 5/8c. early, but rallied later and ended 1/8c. net higher, helped by wheat, and local buying, due to the rise in wheat. No shipping sales to the East nor purchases to arrive were reported. The United States visible supply, not a little to everybody's surprise, fell off for the week 432,000 bushels to 21,479,000 bushels against 21,911,000 in the previous week and 20,447,000 last year. The receipts were 438,000 against 222,000 bushels a week before and 688,000 on the same day last year; shipments, 174,000 against 142,000 a week before and 638,000 last year.

On the 5th inst. prices closed 1/2 to 5/8c. lower, with wheat down. Country offerings were small and some increase was reported in the shipping demand, with sales of 21,000 bushels. But with wheat weak, the feeling about corn was bearish. The basis in the sample market was steady to 1/4c. higher. No. 2 grades were gradually getting closer in price to the May delivery. On the 6th inst. prices closed 1/4c. lower to 1/2c. higher in a small market. The country sold 45,000 bushels to arrive. Shipping sales were 33,000 bushels. On the 7th inst. prices ended unchanged to 1/8c. higher. Shipping sales were small. Country offerings were light, but the movement to terminals is increasing. To-day prices closed 2 3/4c. lower under the influence of the bad break in wheat and general liquidation. Stop orders were caught. New lows for the season were reached. Shorts and privilege holders were about the only buyers. Country offerings were larger. Shipping demand was poor. Final prices show a decline for the week of 2 to 2 1/2c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

Table with columns: Date, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. for No. 2 yellow.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with columns: Date, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. for May, July, and September.

Season's High and When Made— Season's Low and When Made— Table for corn futures.

OATS.—A decline has followed the downward turn in other grain, but oats did not weaken seriously. On the 2nd inst. prices advanced 1/4 to 1/2c., braced by the rise in other grain. On the 4th inst. prices closed 1/4 to 3/8c. higher, with a decrease in the United States visible supply of 1,430,000 bushels to 14,805,000 bushels against 16,966,000 bushels a year ago. On the 5th inst. prices closed 1/4c. lower to 1/2c. higher. September was unchanged. On the 6th inst. oats were dull and closed 1/8 to 1/4c. lower. Rapid progress is being made in seeding the new crop. Field work has begun even in parts of North Dakota. On the 7th inst. prices closed 1/8c. lower to 1/4c. higher. Foreign interests, it was said, bought July early. To-day prices closed 3/4c. lower under liquidation and selling by traders. Covering stopped the decline. Final prices show a drop for the week of 1/4 to 3/8c. Oats acted better than any other cereal.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

Table with columns: Date, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. for No. 2 white.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO. Table with columns: Date, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. for May, July, and September.

Season's High and When Made— Season's Low and When Made— Table for oat futures.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

Table with columns: Date, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. for May and July.

RYE.—Prices have dropped noticeably of late, with wheat weak and export business lacking. On the 2nd inst. prices advanced 7/8 to 1 1/8c., with reports of a good export business apparently in Canadian rye. It was said, however, that No. 2 Western was within 2c. of No. 2 Canadian, the smallest difference in a long time. Also some barley was said to have been taken for export. Commission houses were good buyers of rye. On the 4th inst. prices ended unchanged to 3/8c. lower. Some further export business was done. How much did not appear. The East bought early but later the Northwest sold, and this offset a rise in wheat. On the 4th inst. German advices said that Germany had bought 500,000 tons of rye, so far, from Russia, approximately 20,000,000 bushels. On the 5th inst. prices closed 1 to 1 1/8c. lower, with wheat off and apparently less export demand for rye. On the 6th inst. prices declined 3/8 to 1 1/8c. net on stop loss orders, with no export trade and wheat not acting any too well, though acting better than rye, in which tired longs sold out. On the 7th inst. prices closed 1/4c. lower to 1/2c. higher, with no confirmation of reports of export sales and little speculation.

To-day prices fell 1 1/2 to 1 3/4c. on liquidation and scattered selling, due largely to the break in wheat and the absence of export business. Final prices show a decline for the week of 1 1/2 to 3 1/4c., the latter on May. The Government report, after the close, estimated the crop at 46,400,000 bushels against 32,746,000 bushels last year; condition on April 1. 75% against 81.6% last year and a 10-year average of 85.2%.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with columns: Date, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. for May, July, and September.

Season's High and When Made— Season's Low and When Made— Table for rye futures.

Closing quotations were as follows:

GRAIN section listing prices for Wheat, Corn, and Barley in New York and Chicago.

FLOUR section listing prices for various flour types including Spring pat high protein, Spring patents, Clear, first spring, etc.

For other tables usually given here, see page 2664. WEATHER REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDED APRIL 6.—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended April 6, follows:

The week was warmer than normal over much the greater portion of the country, with high temperatures for the season in the central valleys and Great Plains. The table on page 3 shows that about normal warmth obtained in the Atlantic and Gulf States, but the Lake region had mostly below-normal temperatures, especially in the Northwestern portions where the weekly means were 4 deg. to 7 deg. subnormal. In the Ohio and central Mississippi Valleys and from northern Texas northward the weather was decidedly warm, with the temperatures averaging mostly from 5 deg to 10 deg. above normal. From the Rocky Mountains westward it was a moderately warm week everywhere. Freezing temperatures did not extend farther south than southwestern Virginia, central Indiana, and southern Missouri, and no zero readings were reported from any first order station. The table shows also that rainfall was heavy from Tennessee southward, in parts of Arkansas, and most of Louisiana, with the weekly totals ranging from 1 to more than 4 inches. There were also some rather heavy rains in the extreme Northwest, but elsewhere they were light to moderate, with much sunshine. In the Southwest a large area had practically a rainless week. In general, the weather was pleasant and springlike in nearly all sections of the country.

The mostly mild and sunny weather of the week dried out the top soil apdily in many places where it had been too wet to work and outside operations on farms made good progress, especially during the last half of the week. In much of the central valleys farm activities are behind an average year because of frequent rains, and there has been considerable delay in parts of the South, especially in the lower Mississippi Valley. The seeding of spring grains was more active during the week, and some local sowing of oats has been accomplished as far north as Iowa and to the north-central Great Plains.

Plowing for corn progressed in the Central States and is especially active in the lower Missouri Valley, with some planted as far north as southeastern Kansas; in the more southern sections planting progressed steadily and the corn set back by the early March freeze is recovering rapidly. Heavy rains caused further delay in the preparation for cotton planting in eastern Arkansas and from Tennessee southward, but in other parts of the belt good progress was reported. Planting advanced favorably in Texas and was active in the more southeastern portions of the belt, especially in southern Georgia.

Noticeable improvement is reported in the livestock situation in the western and northwestern portions of the country. Grass is beginning to green to the Northern States and there is more extensive grazing of livestock, but the range is limited and considerable supplemental feeding is still necessary. The weather continued favorable in the Pacific States, except that rain is needed in some southern districts.

Small Grains.—In the Ohio Valley condition of winter wheat is generally fair to good, with growth starting again and permanent injury by the March freeze apparently not serious. In Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, and the eastern portions of Kansas and Oklahoma progress and condition of winter wheat are generally fair to good, with no serious injury now apparent, except on wet and low fields of Missouri. In western Kansas fields are bare or only showing in drill rows, with much damage in the extreme western part by soil blowing; the detrimental effects of the March

freeze are in evidence. In western Oklahoma wheat needs rain, while further reports of damage by freeze were noted in Nebraska. Winter wheat appears to have done well in most of the Northwest, but in southern California rain would be helpful; winter cereals show considerable recovery in the Southeast, while in most of the East no great harm occurred. Some plowing, disking and seeding were done in South Dakota, but elsewhere in the spring wheat region work was largely at a standstill, due to wet fields. Oat seeding has begun northward to Nebraska and Iowa, with the favorable weather permitting this work on drier uplands of the latter State; some of the early crop is up in southern Illinois, while oats are nearly all sown in the eastern half of Kansas. Rice is being planted in Louisiana, but more rain is needed for germination.

The Weather Bureau furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

Virginia.—Richmond: Normal temperatures and one moderate rain favored most farm work. Planting gardens and truck in southeastern counties progressing rapidly. Some oats being sown and wheat advancing toward stalling stage. Pastures and alfalfa excellent. Apple buds swelling normally in southwestern counties. Revival of small fruits doubtful and condition of peach buds unsatisfactory.

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Moderate temperatures and rainfall light. Mostly favorable for farm work and preparations for planting. Beginning to plant corn in east. Truck improving, but late. Peaches in full bloom in commercial orchards. Small grains good progress.

South Carolina.—Columbia: Wheat, oats, rye, hardy truck, and tobacco beds improved, with practically normal temperatures and one series of showers. Much spring plowing, but such work retarded in north by wet soil. Some corn planting in low country. Tree fruits blooming. Much garden and truck planting. Woods greening rapidly.

Georgia.—Atlanta: Moderately above-normal temperatures, with rain first half. Favorable for farm work, which is gradually becoming general. Planting cotton, corn, peanuts, and cane active over southern half, with considerable cotton and corn up nicely. Winter cereals show considerable recovery from effects of freeze. Sweet potatoes sprouting again in beds. Full bloom of peach trees in Fort Valley district expected about the 11th.

Florida.—Jacksonville: Ample sunshine and farm work well advanced. Beneficial rains west of Suwanee River, but light and insufficient in north and central. Cool nights retarded late corn, melons, and tender truck, but beneficial to cabbage, celery, and lettuce. Strawberries improved in north, but seasonal decrease in central. Planting corn continued and replanting cane in Okechobee district. Groves doing well, but bloom backward. Some cotton up.

Alabama.—Montgomery: Temperatures averaged somewhat below normal; rainfall general. Farm work delayed. Some cotton planted locally in south; corn planting progressing in south and a few localities of central. Oats surviving early March freeze mostly doing fairly well. Planting potatoes continues; some coming up. Bedding sweet potatoes continues. Truck crops and vegetables being replanted where necessary. Pastures and ranges backward, but improving.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: Heavy precipitation early part; light frost Friday in many northern and central localities, but rising temperatures thereafter. Mostly fair to good progress of truck and seasonal farm activities. Vegetation making rapid advance.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: Temperatures near normal. Heavy rains Wednesday, except only moderate in south-central and southeast; some interruption to farm work, but week mostly favorable and cotton and corn planting advancing rapidly. Considerable corn up. Rice being planted, but more rain needed for germination. Cane and oats making good progress, but strawberries about at standstill, awaiting second crop; only few cars moving. Replanted truck crops making good progress. Moderate shipments of hardy vegetables continue.

Texas.—Houston: Cool along coast and mostly warm elsewhere, but nights too cool for plant growth fore part. Light rains in extreme west and over eastern half, being heavy in northeast. Corn planting nearing completion and preparation of cotton lands made good advance. Condition of winter wheat averaged fair to good and oats and barley generally fair. Truck growth good in irrigated sections. Pastures and livestock fair to excellent. Soil drying rapidly and good, general rain needed.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: Warm and mostly clear; light to moderate rain in east at beginning of week, but none in west where top soil getting dry. Favorable for farm work. Planting corn, potatoes, and gardens general and advancing rapidly in south and beginning in north-central and north-west. Progress and condition of wheat and oats fair to good, but need rain in central and west. Pastures short and late.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: Weather very favorable for farm work, except in east and south where soil wet. Much ground prepared for cotton; small amount planted in extreme southeast. Corn planting progressed rapidly latter portion of week, except where too wet. Wheat, oats, meadows, pastures, truck, apples, and berries made excellent progress.

Tennessee.—Nashville: Temperatures averaged much above normal, with generous rains first part of week. Wheat, oats, rye, and barley made good progress and indicate less damage than expected from past freeze. Stock fairly good. Fruit trees generally vigorous and spraying progressing.

Kentucky.—Louisville: Temperatures variable, but mostly above normal; precipitation moderate. Soil workable toward end and some plowing. Considerable gardening, potato planting, and oat sowing. Tobacco plant beds all sown. Some peach, plum, and pear trees show scattered blossoms; buds mostly dead. Apples apparently safe; other fruit damaged to uncertain extent. Wheat, rye, and barley starting again and generally good. Pastures greening.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, April 8 1932.

Retail activity in many quarters had made some response to seasonable weather, and while there is no conclusive evidence yet in hand to show that real constructive change is ahead for textiles as a whole, hope is nevertheless strong that such a development is pending. A slight but moderate improvement in demand for fine goods is noted; wholesalers in general have been showing an improved disposition to place orders in recent days; retail ordering has taken a decided, though moderate, turn for the better. While buying by the latter remains mostly for small lots for fill-in purposes, there are considerably more instances of orders for more substantial quantities being received than in recent weeks, and it is thought that total volume in textiles for the present week should compare favorably with its recent predecessors. While spring weather has not been long enough in evidence to warrant any definite conclusions, wholesalers are reported to be strongly inclined to the opinion that the retail trade is about to register a substantial though belated recovery in activity in spring goods which will entail extensive reordering of spring fabrics. Stocks in wholesalers' hands are not heavy, and producers should also share in such an expansion. Meanwhile the conclusions which appear to have been accepted in Wall Street, that such late spring business revival as may occur will not be very great; that the trend of events in the political situation, particularly as regards tax problems, bodes little good for business in the immediate future, and that the hopefulness current earlier this year was probably somewhat premature, have naturally had some weight in textile markets. The nation's deflated purchasing power and the apparent inability of industry, in its present greatly weakened state, to immediately surmount such difficulties are being faced courageously, and efforts to strengthen the internal position of the textile trade have not slackened. Curtailment of cotton

goods continues, and agitation for more drastic regulation in certain divisions is noted. In silk goods progress toward that degree of curtailment which could be relied upon to have some visible effect in strengthening prices has been slow, but there is a far more general recognition of the necessity of a certain amount of restriction than prevailed a few months ago, and practical adherents of the policy are becoming progressively more numerous. A similar tendency is marked in the rayon trade where stocks in producers' hands are also being subjected to more stringent control. Rayon producers have given notice that they will guarantee prices, except for the major producer, which will hold to its previous policy of assuring customers of protection in the event of price changes. Regulation of production should greatly contribute to stability of prices in this respect.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—A moderate improvement in the volume of fine goods being taken out of primary channels is the most evident response to warmer weather witnessed in cotton goods. Other lines have not as yet shown any marked change, except at retail, where demand, intermittently, is manifesting a general if usually slight change for the better. The remarkably protracted delay which has attended buying of spring goods has raised the fear that print cloths, notwithstanding the considerable regulation of production current, may become congested in the course of the next few weeks if measures are not taken to further restrict accumulations. It is contended that it would be much better for producers to curtail immediately than to accumulate and move only a portion of their goods at what would probably turn out to be severe losses. One constructive aspect of the agitation for such control is that buyers not only do not frown on it, but appear generally disposed to back such action. Everyone in the trade seems to have had their complete fill of demoralized prices. The wash goods trade has manifested a measurable betterment in sentiment since warm weather has been in evidence. While prices, undermined by the necessity under which a number of producers labor of keeping stocks moving, are tending easier, the hope is voiced that sustained spring weather will soon usher in a buying movement which will remove the problem of accumulations for some time. On the other hand, the fact that there has as yet been no actual change in demand, which is apparently as sluggish as ever in most quarters, is a source of apprehension to many producers. Print cloths and sheetings continue to change hands in small quantities, and concessions offered by second hands are reported to elicit little response from buyers. It is remarked, however, that prices have held relatively steady in recent weeks, notwithstanding tantalizingly small business, and it would seem that sellers' attitude reflects the realization that concessions rarely prove a satisfactory stimulant to activity. Print cloths 27-inch 64x60's constructions are quoted at 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ c., and 28-inch 64x60's at 3c. Gray goods 39-inch 68x72's constructions are quoted at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., and 39-inch 80x80's at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

WOOLEN GOODS.—Although no material increase in activity has occurred in markets for woolens and worsteds, sentiment is apparently better. Current interest in fall lines, it is true, is largely confined to sampling, but more than one observer believes that fall business will show a good total, and the opinion is expressed that buyers have a better idea of what they want this year, and a clearer conception of trends in the coming season. That buyers approve the new offerings for fall is indicated by their comments, which freely characterize them as remarkable values. Women's wear markets are very quiet, with orders limited to fill-in lots usually comprising very small quantities. Inquiries for spot spring goods in the men's wear division are scarce, it is reported, but with retailers moving suits and topcoats in better volume, more reordering is anticipated, and much business remains to be done in flannels and tropicals, according to some observers. It was recently contended that the bulk of business on fall goods would be placed on fabrics priced between \$1.20 and \$1.60 per yard, but it is pointed out this has not been substantiated by business to date, since a number of worsted mills have not made sharp reductions on many offerings this year and are reported to have placed some business already on goods priced substantially above \$1.60. The trend, it is explained in one source, is not so much toward cheaper fabrics as toward higher qualities which can now be obtained at prices which were quoted on lower quality goods last year, for instance. The criticism has recently been widely heard that there has been too general a tendency on the part of producers to concentrate on low-priced goods. As in other textile divisions, the realization that price-cutting to obtain business is a futile practice is being increasingly recognized in wool goods. The hope is expressed that sellers will not press too strongly for business at this time, on the theory that more spring business remains to go forward and that nearby prospects are for lagging business in fall lines, meanwhile.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—Linsens continue rather quiet, but a relatively good statistical position and a steady undertone in prices are factors helping importers to wait patiently for a renewed spurt of buying. Burlaps are easier and quiet, awaiting increased consumption by the automotive trade. Light weights are quoted at 3.20c., and heavies at 4.45c.

Statement of the Ownership, Management, &c., required by the Act of Congress of Aug. 24 1912, of Commercial & Financial Chronicle, published weekly at New York, N. Y., for April 1 1932.

State of New York, County of New York, ss: Before me, a notary public, in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Jacob Selbert, who having been duly sworn according to law, deposed and says that he is the editor of the Commercial & Financial Chronicle and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, &c., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of Aug. 24 1912, embodied in Section 411, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse side of this form, to wit:

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(Signed) Jacob Selbert, Editor. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 31st day of March 1932. Thomas A. Creegan, Notary Public, Kings County, New York. County Clerk's No. 55. New York County Register No. 3C24. (My commission expires March 30 1933.)

State and City Department

MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN MARCH AND FOR THE FIRST QUARTER.

The action of the House of Representatives in Washington on the pending tax bill in greatly increasing Federal taxes on large incomes stimulated the demand for municipal bonds during March, such bonds being exempt from Federal taxation. At the same time the assurances of municipal officials of a strict policy of economy and retrenchment in municipal affairs induced bankers to aid in financing their needs. These favoring factors are reflected in the total of State and municipal bonds sold during the month, which at \$107,270,155, compares with \$35,045,127 in the preceding month. In March last year the sales reached \$279,508,181, but the total then was of exceptional magnitude by reason of the sale of \$100,000,000 New York City bonds and of \$66,000,000 Port of New York Authority bonds.

The largest individual sale effected during March consisted of \$15,000,000 State of Louisiana 5% highway bonds and was made at a price of par to the Pyramid Securities Co., of New Orleans, the only bidder. The State had asked for bids for the purchase of \$35,000,000 bonds, but the one bid submitted was for only that portion of the issue awarded. In our total of sales for the month we include also \$14,278,000 New York City 5¾% certificates of indebtedness, due in from 1 to 3 years, issued at par to various banks in the city in payment of their claims, as a result of the decision of the United States Supreme Court holding invalid certain taxes collected from the banks between 1923 and 1926. Information regarding the decision and the subsequent action on the part of the city will be found on page 2269 of the "Chronicle" of March 26 1932 and on page 1124 in our issue of Feb. 13 1932.

The aggregate of permanent bond issues disposed of by the various States and their political subdivisions during the first quarter of 1932 reached \$280,168,646, as compared with \$449,603,589 during the same period in 1931; \$316,829,935 in 1930; \$251,388,122 in 1929; \$364,000,414 in 1928; \$372,613,765 in 1927; \$359,623,729 in 1926, and \$326,927,507 in 1925. However, in considering the volume of financing during the three months of 1932, it must be borne in mind that the New York City corporate stock flotation in January, amounting to \$100,000,000, accounts for almost one-third of the aggregate of sales for that period.

The municipal bond awards of \$1,000,000 or more that occurred during March appear herewith:

\$15,000,000 Louisiana (State of) 5% highway bonds sold at a price of par to the Pyramid Securities Co., of New Orleans. The State asked for bids on March 15 for \$35,000,000 bonds, to mature serially from 1936 to 1957, incl. The accepted bid, which was for only a portion of the issue, was the only one received.

14,278,000 New York, N. Y., 5¾% certificates of indebtedness, due \$4,737,000 on March 1 in 1933 and 1934, and \$4,804,000 on March 1 1935, were issued by the city in payment of the claims of various banking institutions, growing out of the decision handed down on Dec. 7 by the United States Supreme Court holding invalid the National bank tax levy collected by the city between 1923 and 1926. Legislation authorizing the issuance of the certificates was enacted at the recent session of the State Legislature.—V. 134, p. 1614.

6,160,000 Rochester, N. Y., bonds, comprising \$2,655,000 6s, \$2,285,000 4½s and \$1,220,000 5s, due serially from 1934 to 1962, incl., awarded to a syndicate headed by the Guaranty Co. of New York, at a price of 100.11, the net interest cost of the financing being about 4.756%.

5,500,000 Jersey City, N. J., tax revenue bonds purchased at private sale on March 23 as 6s, at a price of par, by a syndicate headed by the National City Co., of New York. The bonds mature Aug. 1 1935 and had previously been unsuccessfully offered on Feb. 3.

4,468,000 Elizabeth, N. J., 6% water bonds awarded to a syndicate headed by the National City Co., of New York, at a price of 100.056, a basis of about 5.95%. Due serially on Jan. 1 from 1934 to 1972, incl.

4,500,000 Allegheny Co., Pa., 4¾% road and bridge bonds, comprising five issues, due serially from 1933 to 1962, incl., successfully bid for by a group headed by the Union Trust Co., of Pittsburgh, at a price of 101.32, a basis of about 4.62%.

3,550,000 Nassau Co., N. Y., 5½% bonds, due on March 15 1937, purchased at private sale at par by a syndicate headed by the Guaranty Company of New York. Public re-offering was made at a price to yield 5.20%, and the bankers announced the closing of subscription books on March 22.

3,401,722 Minneapolis, Minn., 4¾% bonds were awarded during March as follows: A \$1,919,722 special street improvement issue, due from 1933 to 1942, incl., was sold on March 28 to a group headed by the Continental Illinois Co., of Chicago, at a price of 100.203, a basis of about 4.71%. On March 9 three issues of bonds aggregating \$1,482,000 and due serially from 1933 to 1952 incl., were sold to a syndicate headed by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., of New York, at a price of 100.105, a basis of about 4.73%.

3,787,000 Union Co., N. J., 6% bonds, due \$500,000 Sept. 15 1937 and \$2,287,000 March 15 1938, sold privately at a price of par to the Guaranty Co. of New York and J. S. Rippel & Co. of Newark, jointly. Prior to the sale, the county rescinded a notice calling for sealed bids until March 15 for \$2,787,000 bonds to mature serially in from 1 to 34 years.

2,765,500 Massachusetts (State of) bonds, comprising six issues, of which there are \$1,565,000 4s, due from 1943 to 1961, incl.; \$1,035,500 4½s, due from 1932 to 1942, and \$165,000 3½s, due from 1962 to 1981. Award was made at a price of par to a syndicate headed by R. L. Day & Co., of Boston.

2,530,000 Yonkers, N. Y., bonds, comprising six issues, due serially from 1933 to 1952, incl., awarded to a group headed by the Chase Harris Forbes Corp., of New York, which bid for \$1,990,000 6s and \$540,000 5s. Award was made at a price of 100.029, a basis of about 5.74%.

2,500,000 Missouri (State of) 4¾% road bonds, due \$1,000,000 in 1948 and 1949, and \$500,000 in 1950, sold at a price of 102.937, a basis of about 4.50%, to a group managed by Dillon, Read & Co., of New York. Award was made on March 8 and the subscription books were closed on March 10. Re-offering was made at prices to yield 4.40% on all maturities.

2,225,000 California (State of) bonds awarded during March as follows: A \$1,225,000 4½% veterans' welfare issue, due from 1939 to 1944 incl., was sold at auction to a group headed by R. H. Moulton & Co., of San Francisco at a price of 100.657, a basis of about 4.41%. A further issue of \$1,000,000 4% harbor improvement bonds, due in 1989, and subject to call after 1954, was also sold to a group headed by Moulton & Co., the price paid being 94.58, or a basis of about 4.38%.

2,000,000 Louisville, Ky., 4½% sewer bonds, due in 1959, purchased by N. W. Harris & Co., of New York, and Almstedt Bros., of Louisville, jointly. Price paid has not been made public.

2,000,000 Philadelphia, Pa., 4¾% bonds, due in 1981, callable after 1951, were purchased during the month by the sinking fund commission. These bonds are part of the issue of \$15,000,000 offered "over-the-counter" at a price of par. With this purchase by the commission, which augmented its total holdings of the total issue to \$6,500,000, there remained but \$600,000 bonds of the original amount unsold.

2,000,000 South Dakota (State of) 6½% rural credit refunding bonds, due in 1937, purchased at a price of par by the Bancnorthwest Co. and the First Securities Corp., both of Minneapolis, jointly.

2,000,000 West Virginia (State of) road bonds, comprising \$1,900,000 4½s, due from 1933 to 1956, incl., and \$100,000 4½s, due in 1956 and 1957, awarded to a syndicate headed by the First National Bank, of New York, at a price of 100.005, a basis of about 4.475%.

1,401,000 Essex Co., N. J., 6% improvement bonds, due in 1937, purchased at private sale at a price of par by a syndicate managed by the Guaranty Co. of New York.

1,400,000 Denver (City and County), Colo., sold "over-the-counter" during March, of which a block of \$750,000, due from 1941 to 1945, incl., was taken by Sidlo, Simons, Day & Co., of Denver, and Phelps, Fenn & Co., of New York, jointly, at a price of 94.60. Bonds bear interest at 4%.

1,375,000 Westchester Co., N. Y., 6% certificates of indebtedness, due from 1932 to 1935, incl., purchased privately by R. W. Pressprich & Co., of New York.

1,137,000 Mount Vernon, N. Y., 4¾% school bonds purchased jointly by the Guaranty Co. of New York and Estabrook & Co., of New York, at a price of 100.77, a basis of about 4.66%. Bonds mature serially from 1933 to 1952, inclusive.

1,000,000 Los Angeles, Calif., 5% water works bonds, due from 1933 to 1972, awarded to a syndicate headed by R. H. Moulton & Co., of Los Angeles, at a price of 100.11, a basis of about 4.99%.

1,000,000 New Mexico (State of) 6% highway bonds, due in 1940 and 1941, awarded at a price of par to a syndicate headed by John Nuveen & Co., of Chicago.

Although the market absorbed virtually all of the large issues offered during March, as is evidenced by the fact that there were 22 awards of \$1,000,000 or more completed, there was still a considerable number of issues that failed of sale. Our records show that such failures numbered 47 issues with a par value of \$28,100,637. This figure, includes \$20,000,000 State of Louisiana bonds, representing the unsold portion of a total of \$35,000,000 offered. In February the number of issues was 59 and the amount stood at \$24,247,291, while in January there were 56 of such issues, aggregating \$13,439,293.

In the table which follows we furnish a list of these unsuccessful offerings, showing the name of the municipality, the amount and rate of interest named in the issue, together with the reason, if any, assigned for the non-sale of the bonds:

RECORD OF ISSUES THAT FAILED OF SALE DURING MARCH.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Int. Rate, Amount, Report. Lists various municipal bonds that failed to sell in March 1932, including American River Flood, Atlantic Highlands, N. J., Bedford, Pa., Belleville, N. J., Bergenfield S. D., N. J., Broadalbin, Perth, Mayfield and Providence S. D., N. Y., Brunswick, N. Y., Campbell, Ohio, Campbell City S. D., Ohio, Clark Co., Ind., Columbia, Pa., Dallas Co., Texas, Denville Twp., N. J., East Columbus, Ohio, Elk City, Okla., Fallsburgh S. D. No. 6, N. Y., Flint, Mich., Fulton, Ky., Grosse Pointe Pk., Mich., Hammond School City, Ind., Indiana Co., Pa., Latham, Kan., Liverpool, N. Y., Louisiana (State of), Matawan, N. J., Merrill S. D., Ore., Mobile Co., Ala., Neptune Twp., N. J., North Tonawanda, N. Y., Oakland, N. J., Oregon (State of), Paducah, Ky., Paterson, N. J., Penbrook S. D., Pa., Penn Twp. S. D., Pa., Piscataway Twp., N. J., Porter Co., Ind. (temporary loan), Pottsville, Pa., Pryor Creek, Okla., Rochester Twp. S. D., Pa., San Clemente S. D., Calif., Shawnee, Okla., Thineum Twp., Pa., Union Co. S. D. No. 1, Ore., Union City, N. J., and Weston, Ore.

x Rate of interest was optional with the bidder. a The one bid submitted was returned unopened. No reason for this action was received by us. b Stranahan, Harris & Co., of New York, received an option for thirty days to purchase all or any part of the issue, following an unsuccessful public offering on March 9. c The Pyramid Securities Co. of New Orleans, the only bidder, submitted an offer of par for \$15,000,000 bonds of a \$35,000,000 5% highway issue offered on March 15, which was accepted. d Rejected offer was a price of 90, tendered by the National Construction Co., Omaha. e The State awarded \$328,000 bonds of the total issue, which was the amount bid for. f Issue is being re-offered for award on April 5.

The placing of short-term municipal issues also was of increased extent during March. Loans of such nature sold during the month aggregated \$158,427,500, of which \$64,450,000 was contributed by the City of New York and \$50,000,000 by the State of New York, the latter having sold that amount of 3 3/4% notes on March 30 at a price of par, which were subscribed for by various banks and investment houses in this city. On Jan. 26 1932 the State sold \$25,000,000 4 1/2% notes at par, due on May 1 1932. The total of \$64,450,000 for New York City does not include the issuance of \$14,278,000 5 3/4% certificates of indebtedness, due from 1933 to 1935, which we include in our aggregate of long-term financing in March.

Canadian municipal financing completed in March totaled \$28,087,547, all of which was placed in the Dominion. Virtually all of the borrowing was done by the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan and the City of Toronto, Ont. Alberta sold \$5,000,000 6% bonds, due in 1947, to a syndicate headed by the Imperial Bank of Canada, which made public re-offering at a price of 95.25, to yield 6.50%. Saskatchewan's contribution to the total for the month consisted of an issue of \$4,000,000 6% bonds, due in 1952, which was offered for public investment at a price of 94.45, to yield 6.50%, by a syndicate managed by the Royal Bank of Canada. The Canadian Bank of Canada headed a syndicate that disposed of \$15,299,000 5 1/2% City of Toronto, Ont., bonds, due serially from 1933 to 1962, incl. The bonds were offered to investors at prices to yield 5.70 and 5.75%. One of the striking features of these offerings was the rapidity with which the bankers announced the oversubscription of the issues. In the case of the Toronto loan it was reported that all of the bonds had been sold within two hours following the formal offering.

United States possession financing during March consisted of the sale of \$405,000 4 1/4% Territory of Hawaii bonds at par to the American Securities Co., of San Francisco, and the Bank of Hawaii, of Honolulu, jointly. The issue matures serially from 1936 to 1960, incl.

A comparison is given in the table below of all the various securities placed in March in the last five years:

Table comparing securities placed in March from 1932 to 1928. Columns: 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows: Perm't loans (U.S.), Temp'y loans (U.S.), Bds. U.S. possessions, Can. loans (perm't), Placed in Canada, Placed in U.S., General fund bonds (N. Y. C.), Total.

* Includes temporary securities by New York City in March: \$64,450,000 in 1932; \$17,850,000 in 1931; \$40,970,000 in 1930; \$34,204,000 in 1929 and \$46,456,000 in 1928.

The number of places in the United States selling permanent bonds and the number of separate issues made during March 1932 were 169 and 238, respectively. This contrasts with 142 and 174 for February 1932, and with 313 and 419 for March 1931.

For comparative purposes we add the following table showing the aggregates for March and the three months for a series of years. In these figures temporary loans, New York City's "general fund" bonds and also issues by Canadian municipalities are excluded:

Table showing aggregates for March and Three Months for years 1932 through 1912. Columns: Year, Month of March, For the Three Mos., Year, Month of March, For the Three Mos.

a Includes \$100,000,000 bonds of New York State. b Includes \$22,500,000 bonds of New York State. c Includes \$27,000,000 bonds of New York State. d Includes \$50,000,000 bonds of New York State.

NEWS ITEMS

Cook County, Ill.—Taxing Units of County Face Deficit of \$200,000,000.—The newly formed Committee on Public Expenditures recently stated that Chicago and the major taxing units of Cook County are facing a deficit of \$200,000,000 at the present time in estimated revenues for 1932 as compared with necessary expenditures for that period. The report of the above Committee was commented on as follows in the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of April 4:

Ten major tax-spending governmental agencies in Cook County, including the city of Chicago, owe more than \$200,000,000 in excess of their estimated 1932 revenues, according to the newly formed committee on public expenditures of which Fred W. Sargent, President of the Chicago and North Western R.R., is Chairman.

The committee in appealing to the public to join with it in demanding that every possible avoidable expense be cut from the budgets, declared that the total indebtedness, exclusive of funded obligations, of the 10 governments amounted to \$322,111,654.

The committee presents this indebtedness and the maturities for 1932, as follows:

Table showing Liabilities (exclusive of Fund. Debt) and 1932 Maturities of Bonds & Interest for Cook County and various departments like Forest preserves, Sanitary district, City, Library, Tuberculosis sanitarium, Schools, South parks, West parks, and Lincoln park.

Totals.....\$322,111,654 \$56,874,056

What those unfunded debts represented were explained by the committee as follows:

Table showing Purpose, Amount, and Unpaid bills, payrolls, &c. Balance due to pension funds. Tax anticipation warrants for years 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Interest accrued on warrants. Defaulted bonds and interest coupons. Contractual obligations, other than those pay. from bond funds.

Total.....\$322,111,654

Maine.—Special Legislative Session Convenes.—On April 1 the Legislature convened in special session at the call of Governor Gardiner specifically to amend the gasoline tax law so as to provide that a 4-cent tax may be imposed and collected on gasoline used as well as sold, according to news dispatches from Augusta on April 1. It is reported that the State had been collecting the tax on gasoline used by distributors while delivering gasoline until one company refused to pay and was upheld by court order, after which other distributors also refused to pay.

New Jersey.—Governor Moore Signs Road Bond Bill.—On April 5 Governor Moore signed a bill authorizing the State Highway Commission to proceed at once to make contracts for road projects in anticipation of the receipts from bond issues sanctioned by the State House Commission, according to news dispatches from Trenton on that date. It is said that the State House Commission, acting under authority of this measure, immediately gave an unanimous vote for the issuance of \$7,500,000 of road bonds to complete a part of the proposed highway construction program for the present year.

New York City.—Corporation Counsel Holds New Bank Tax Certificates Legal.—In response to requests made by local banking institutions for a ruling on the validity of the \$14,600,000 5 3/4% certificates of indebtedness issued on March 23 in payment of bank tax refunds—V. 134, p. 2382—Arthur J. W. Hilly, corporation counsel of the city, gave an opinion on April 2 in which he held that these certificates have equal validity with all other general obligations of the city. The New York "Herald Tribune" of April 4 had the following to say:

"Dealers in municipal bonds have so far been offered extremely few of the new certificates of indebtedness, issued late last month by the City of New York to 66 banks, in final adjustment of claims against the community arising from the illegal collection of taxes in the years from 1923 to 1926. These instruments, carrying 5 3/4% coupons and due in one, two and three years, are apparently considered excellent investments by the banks, which received \$14,600,000 of the notes.

"Since the certificates constitute an entirely new form of New York City indebtedness, a request was made by some of the banks concerned for a ruling by Arthur J. W. Hilly, Corporation Counsel of the city, regarding their validity. A certificate of the "validity and regularity of the issuance of such certificates of indebtedness" accordingly has been issued by Mr. Hilly and copies supplied to the banks.

"The certificates of indebtedness issued by the City of New York," Mr. Hilly states, "have equal validity with all notes, revenue bills and long or short-term bonds issued by the City of New York as a general obligation of the city. The payment of the principal and interest thereon will be provided for out of taxes unlimited in amount upon real and personal property subject to taxation within the City of New York."

New York State.—\$30,000,000 *Unemployment Bond Issue Bill Signed by Governor.*—On April 1 Governor Roosevelt signed the bill calling for a referendum on a \$30,000,000 bond issue, the funds to be used for the relief of unemployment in the State for the remainder of this year and all of 1933 (see V. 134, p. 2001). The proposed bond issue will be submitted to the voters at the general election next November. If the proposition is approved the funds will be available on Nov. 15. Should the referendum be unfavorable, the distress relief campaign would end next fall unless a special session of the Legislature were called to find another source of revenue.

Governor Vetoes Bill to Permit Private Bond Sales.—Among the bills vetoed by Governor Roosevelt on April 4 was the measure introduced last February by Senator Westall of Westchester County, to provide that, if no legally acceptable bid is received for bonds offered at public sale, such bonds may be sold at private sale, within a period of 30 days after such unsuccessful offering. The Governor did not file any memorandum of reasons with his veto. This bill was designed to facilitate the marketing of municipal obligations, and would be in operation only until April 1 1933—V. 134, p. 1405. It had been approved by the Comptroller and the Lieutenant-Governor.

Ohio.—*State Supreme Court Ruling Limits Bond Issues to 5% of Realty Valuations.*—A decision was handed down by the State Supreme Court on March 30 holding that cities and other taxing units in the State can issue only up to 5% of the aggregate real estate and utility tax valuations. The ruling was given in a case involving the issuance of \$46,000 in bonds by the Village of Oak Hill in Jackson County. The Village Clerk had refused to sign the bonds because the real estate tax duplicate under the 1931 reappraisal had been greatly reduced from the 1930 figures throughout the State and he maintained that the proposed issue would raise the village debt over the 5% limit on the new duplicate. It is thought that this ruling will affect many Ohio municipalities which have reached or exceeded the debt limitation imposed. The "Ohio State Journal" of March 31 carried the following report on the decision:

Authority of Ohio cities and other taxing units to issue bonds will be greatly curtailed as a result of the new real estate appraisal and a decision of the State Supreme Court Wednesday holding that bonds can only be issued to the extent of 5% of the aggregate real estate and utility tax valuations.

Inasmuch as the real estate tax duplicate under the 1931 appraisal was reduced approximately \$1,000,000,000, the total bond limit for the taxing districts has been reduced to approximately \$50,000,000. As many taxing districts were already at the limit of their bonding authority before the new appraisal was made, they now will find themselves in excess of their limits and unable to issue additional bonds.

The decision was rendered by the Court in a case involving the issuance of \$46,000 in bonds by the Village of Oak Hill, Jackson County. The bonds were approved by the voters in November 1929 for a sewage system. At that time the total bonded indebtedness did not exceed 5% of the total tax duplicate of \$1,533,910. The bonds were not issued, however, until November 1931, after the new duplicate under the reappraisal had been made.

Village Clerk David S. Brown refused to sign the bonds on the ground that the proposed issue would raise the village's total indebtedness in excess of the 5% limitation on the new duplicate. The village brought suit in mandamus to compel him to sign the bonds on the ground that they had been authorized under the old duplicate. The Court, however, upheld Brown.

Special Legislative Session Adjourns After Passing Unemployment Relief Bills.—The special session of the Legislature, which convened on March 29, adjourned sine die at 3:55 p. m. on April 1, after having passed the measures embodying the relief program outlined by Governor White in his message—V. 134, p. 2574. It is estimated that the legislative approval of this program will make available for relief purposes in Ohio approximately \$23,500,000, provided local subdivisions avail themselves of the special bond issuing powers afforded by the Acts. Associated Press dispatches from Columbus on April 1 reported on the results of the session as follows:

Enacted into law by the combined forces of the Republican majority and the Democratic minority of the Ohio Legislature, Governor White's \$23,500,000 program for relief of the unemployed to-day needed only his signature to become effective. The special session of the Legislature concluded early to-day. The program provides for:

Division of several million dollars for county and city relief work from gasoline and motor vehicle taxes.

Establishment of a five-member State relief committee appointed by the Governor.

Liberalizing of the authority of school boards in extending relief to needy school children.

Increase of the excise taxes on public utilities except railroads and pipe lines by 1% for a five-year period for relief purposes.

Governor Signs Relief Measures.—Dispatches from Columbus on April 5 reported that Governor White had signed the above bills on that day.

Pennsylvania.—*State Supreme Court Upholds Constitutionality of \$10,000,000 Unemployment Relief Law.*—In a decision handed down on April 7 the State Supreme Court by a vote of 4 to 3, upheld the constitutionality of the Talbot law appropriating \$10,000,000 for unemployment

relief, according to Associated Press dispatches from Philadelphia on that date. The decision was rendered in the case of the Central Poor District of Luzerne County, which had applied for its proportion of the relief appropriation. The test case had been taken to the high court on appeal from the decision of the Dauphin County Court at Harrisburg, upholding the law and rejecting the petition of Attorney-General W. A. Schnader to declare it unconstitutional. This Talbot bill was passed at the special legislative session which adjourned sine die on Dec. 30 and Governor Pinchot allowed it to become a law without his signature—V. 134, p. 355. The law provides for the distribution of \$10,000,000 in relief funds through the county poor districts.

Sebring, Fla.—*City Charter Reinstated by State Supreme Court.*—In response to our inquiry regarding the present status of the city's financial situation, we are advised by A. M. Wolfe, City Clerk, under date of April 2, that the State Supreme Court recently reversed the decision of the Circuit Court which had voided the city charter last September—V. 133, p. 2130—and reinstated the charter by upholding its validity. Mr. Wolfe states that since then the City Council has been at work arranging for an appraisal of the city's true worth and ability to pay, with the object of preparing a statement to be submitted to the bondholders. The bondholders are now being advised of this action but the appraisal is expected to require at least two months. The total city bond debt is listed at \$3,245,000. The outstanding bonds total \$2,934,000, of which \$322,000 are in default, together with \$311,800 of past due interest.

South Carolina.—*Supreme Court Upholds Constitutionality of \$5,000,000 Funding Notes.*—In an opinion handed down on March 28 the State Supreme Court held that the bill recently passed by the Legislature, authorizing the sale of a refunding issue for the payment of the State deficit of \$5,000,000, and allowing the Finance Committee to issue notes for the payment thereof—V. 134, p. 2580—was constitutional. The Court dismissed a petition for an injunction restraining the issuance of such notes. The Columbia "State" of March 29 reported on the decision as follows:

Yesterday the Supreme Court, sitting in special session, heard arguments on the rule to show cause why the Act, recently passed by the General Assembly providing for issuance of notes to care for the \$5,000,000 deficit, should not be declared invalid and an injunction issued restraining the Finance Committee from issuing the notes.

George D. Lott, a taxpayer of Columbia, brought the action to test the validity of the Act and was represented at the hearing yesterday by R. E. Whiting. The State Finance Committee, consisting of the Governor, John M. Daniel, Attorney-General,

After arguments had been heard, the Court went into conference and later issued an opinion upholding the validity of the Act and dismissing the petition for a restraining order.

Eugene S. Blease, Chief Justice, wrote the opinion, which was concurred in by Associate Justices John G. Stabler, M. L. Boham and Jesse F. Carter. Mr. Carter was ill and unable to attend Court but gave his approval by telephone.

The test case was welcomed by the Finance Committee, which was of opinion that the Court's approval would improve the market for the bonds.

Under the Act the bonds would retire the State deficit in about eight years, and a property tax levy of 2 1/2 mills is to be devoted to this purpose.

The Act in question was rushed through the Legislature after New York bankers holding notes on the deficit refused to renew them, insisting that the State adopt some definite program for their retirement.

The concluding paragraph of the opinion of the Court reads: "The indebtedness of the State represented by the notes issued on March 31 1931 is valid, and the Act authorizing the funding notes to be issued for the purpose of funding or paying said debt must likewise be adjudged valid. No reason appears, therefore, for this Court to interfere with the issuance and sale of the notes proposed under the Act of March 18 1932 and, accordingly the petition is dismissed."

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS.

ABSECON, Atlantic County, N. J.—*BONDS AUTHORIZED.*—A resolution authorizing refinancing of the \$35,000 indebtedness of the city was adopted on March 24. The bonds will be payable at the Absecon National Bank and will mature as follows: \$18,000 on June 15 1933, and \$17,000 on Dec. 15 1933.

ALBION UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Albion), Orleans County, N. Y.—*BOND OFFERING.*—Julia L. McGuire, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 4 p. m. on April 19 for the purchase of \$390,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered school bonds. Dated April 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1936 to 1942 incl.; \$10,000, 1943 to 1950 incl.; \$15,000 from 1951 to 1961 incl., and \$10,000 from 1962 to 1972 incl. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of 1/4 or 1-10th of 1% and must be the same for all of the bonds. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) are payable at the Orleans County Trust Co., Albany, or at the Marine Midland Trust Co., New York. A certified check for \$8,000, payable to P. W. Collins, Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

ALLEGHANY COUNTY (P. O. Cumberland), Md.—*BOND OFFERING.*—Thomas P. Richards, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on May 10, for the purchase of \$800,000 4 3/4% road bonds. Dated May 1 1932. Coupon bonds, in \$1,000 denoms. Due \$100,000 on May 1 from 1933 to 1940, incl. Interest is payable in May and November. Principal and interest will be payable at the County Treasurer's office. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, which are said to be exempt from all taxes in Maryland, payable to the order of the County Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. Bids may be submitted for all or part of the issue.

ANDERSON SCHOOL TOWNSHIP, Madison County, Ind.—*BOND SALE.*—The \$11,000 5% judgment funding bonds offered on March 31—V. 134, p. 1614—were awarded at a price of par to the Anderson Banking Co., the only bidder. Denom. \$50. Due one bond each six months on June and Dec. 15 from 1933 to 1942 incl.

BALTIMORE, Md.—*BOND ELECTION.*—Mayor Jackson plans to submit for consideration of the voters at the general election in Nov. 1932, proposed bond issues aggregating \$22,000,000, divided as follows: \$10,000,000 school.

5,000,000 paving and bridges.
5,000,000 sewer.
1,500,000 electrical conduits.
500,000 People's and Juvenile Court building.

No part of the loans would be expended until 1933, and should they be approved by the voters they would be used only as needed for improvement. Their approval also would give the city ample time to work out its program before preparation of the 1933 budget, it was said.

NOTES AUTHORIZED.—Eugene H. Beer, City Register, has been authorized to issue \$10,000,000 notes.

BANNOCK COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 35 (P. O. Grace), Ida.—**BOND DETAILS.**—The \$39,000 issue of school bonds that was purchased by the Department of Public Investments—V. 134, p. 2002—was awarded as 6s, at par. Due in from 10 to 20 years.

BARBERTON, Summit County, Ohio.—**BOND SALE.**—The following issues of special assessment bonds aggregating \$47,255.51 offered on April 4—V. 134, p. 2198—were awarded as is provided President Savings Bank & Trust Co., of Cincinnati, at par plus a premium of \$61.43, equal to a price of 100.12, a basis of about 5.97%:

\$2,462.19 impt. bonds. Dated March 1 1932. Due Oct. 1 as follows:
 \$2,462.19 in 1933 and \$3,750 from 1934 to 1941 incl.
 14,796.32 impt. bonds. Dated April 1 1932. Due Oct. 1 as follows:
 \$1,196.32 in 1932, and \$1,700 from 1934 to 1941 incl.

BEAUMONT, Jefferson County, Tex.—**WARRANTS AUTHORIZED.**—It is reported that the City Commission has recently authorized the issuance of \$30,000 in warrants to finance general municipal operations until June 1. The total of warrants authorized thus far for the year is reported to be \$160,000.

BEDFORD, Bedford County, Pa.—**BONDS NOT SOLD.**—Charles C. Lee, Borough Secretary, reports that no bids were received at a recent offering of \$100,000 4½% reservoir bonds, authorized at the general election in November 1931. Reoffering of the bonds is anticipated to be made later.

BEDFORD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—**BONDS NOT SOLD—NOTICE ISSUED TO BONDHOLDERS.**—R. P. Orchard, Clerk of the Board of Education, reports that no bids were received at the offering on April 1 of \$13,250 6% refunding bonds—V. 134, p. 2199. Mr. Orchard states that inasmuch as the issue was authorized to refund a similar amount of bonds that matured on April 1, the district has now issued a notice asking the holders of these outstanding bonds to surrender them for a corresponding amount of the refunding issue. The bonds will be dated April 1 1932 and mature Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,250 in 1933 and \$2,000 from 1934 to 1939 inclusive.

BELDEN TOWNSHIP (P. O. Belden), Mountrail County, N. Dak.—**CERTIFICATE OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received at the office of the County Auditor in Fort Yates, until 2 p. m. on April 18, by Michael Karlinski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, for the purchase of an issue of \$1,482 certificates of indebtedness. Dated May 1 1932. Due on May 1 as follows: \$500 in 1933 and 1934, and \$482 on Nov. 1 1934. Prin. and int. payable at a place designated by the purchaser. A certified check for 2% of the bid, payable to the Township Treasurer, is required.

BIG HORN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16 (P. O. Hardin), Mont.—**BOND SALE.**—The \$3,500 issue of school bonds offered for sale on March 14—V. 134, p. 1615—was purchased by the State of Montana as 6s at par. Due in 1942.

BIRMINGHAM, Oakland County, Mich.—**BOND SALE.**—The following issues of bonds aggregating \$44,000 offered on March 28—V. 134, p. 2378—were awarded at a price of par to the First Detroit Co., of Detroit, the only bidder:

\$36,000 4½% various impt. district refunding bonds. Dated April 1 1932. Due April 1 as follows: \$7,000 from 1933 to 1936 incl., and \$8,000 in 1937.
 8,000 5% paving district refunding bonds. Dated May 1 1932. Due May 1 as follows: \$1,700 from 1933 to 1936 incl., and \$1,200 in 1937.

BOSTON, Suffolk County, Mass.—**TAX RATE.**—Governor Ely recently signed a bill limiting the city tax rate for the current year to \$18 per \$1,000 of valuation, as compared with \$16 in the preceding period. The measure carries a provision which would permit the city to add an additional dollar on each \$1,000 of valuation if demands for public welfare relief make the increase necessary.

BOSTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Boston), Wayne County, Ind.—**BONDS RE-OFFERED.**—The issue of \$20,000 school bonds unsuccessfully offered as 4½s on Feb. 19—V. 134, p. 2002—being re-advertised for award at 2 p. m. on April 22. Interest rate has been increased to 5½%. Sealed bids should be addressed to Thomas A. Daugherty, Trustee. Bonds will be dated April 1 1932. Denom. \$500. Due semi-annually as follows: \$500, July 1 1933; \$500, Jan. and July 1 from 1934 to 1937 incl.; \$500, Jan. 1, and \$1,000, July 1 1938, and \$1,000, Jan. and July 1 from 1939 to 1945 incl. Prin. and int. are payable at the Farmers State Bank, Boston. A certified check for \$250,000, payable to the order of the above-mentioned official, must accompany each proposal.

BRISTOL, Sullivan County, Tenn.—**BONDS NOT SOLD.**—The \$20,000 issue of 6% coupon semi-annual water works refunding bonds offered on April 5—V. 134, p. 2575—was not sold, as all the bids received were rejected. Dated May 1 1932. Due \$5,000 from May 1 1938 to 1941 inclusive.

It is stated that these bonds will be sold privately.

BRISTOL COUNTY (P. O. Taunton), Mass.—**TEMPORARY LOAN.**—Esther Kingman, County Treasurer, reports that the \$110,000 note issues offered on April 5 were awarded to W. O. Gay & Co., of Boston, at 5.06% discount basis. Included in the sale was a \$100,000 tuberculosis maintenance note issue and a \$10,000 industrial farm issue. The notes are dated April 7 1932 and mature on April 7 1933. The Merchants' National Bank of New Bedford and Faxon, Gade & Co. of Boston, bidding for the issues combined, named discount basis rates of 5.48 and 5.53%, respectively. The Shawmut Corp. of Boston bid 5.50% for the issue of \$100,000 and 6% for the \$10,000, while the Fall River National Bank bid only for the issue of \$10,000 at 5.125%.

BRONXVILLE, Westchester County, N. Y.—**BORROWING AUTHORIZED.**—Frank N. Dinsmore, Village Treasurer, has been authorized to sell \$50,000 certificates of indebtedness to local banks, to provide funds for operating expenses of the village between April 1 and July 1, in anticipation of tax collections. It is expected that 90% of the current year's taxes will be paid by July 15.

BUHL, St. Louis County, Minn.—**BOND SALE.**—The \$22,000 issue of coupon refunding bonds offered for sale on March 21—V. 134, p. 2003—was purchased by the First National Bank of Buhl as 6s at par. Dated March 15 1932. Due from March 15 1935 to 1938. There were no other bids received.

CALIFORNIA, State of (P. O. Sacramento).—**BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed and auction bids will be received until May 10, according to report, by Charles G. Johnson, State Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$3,000,000 issue of 4½% Veterans' Welfare bonds. This issue will complete the entire authorization of Veterans' Welfare bonds, the last issue being sold at auction on March 10—V. 134, p. 2199.

CARBONDALE, Lackawanna County, Pa.—**BOND SALE.**—The Liberty Discount & Savings Bank, of Carbondale, purchased on March 1 an issue of \$50,000 4½% coupon funding bonds at par and accrued interest. Dated July 1 1931. Due serially. Denom. \$1,000. Interest is payable in January and July. The issue was authorized at the general election in November 1931—V. 103, p. 3656. Sale was reported to us by J. E. Brennan, City Solicitor.

CARROLL, Carroll County, Iowa.—**BOND SALE.**—A \$3,600 issue of funding bonds is reported to have been purchased by Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport.

CENTERBURG, Knox County, Ohio.—**BOND OFFERING.**—E. T. Hoover, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on April 22, for the purchase of \$7,250 6% refunding bonds. Dated April 1 1932. Due as follows: \$1,000 Oct. 1 1933; \$500 April 1 and \$1,000 Oct. 1 from 1934 to 1937, incl., and \$250 April 1 1938. Interest is payable in April and October. Principal and interest will be payable at the Village banking depository. The ordinance providing for this issue was recently adopted by the village council.

CHATTANOOGA, Hamilton County, Tenn.—**BOND SALE REPORT.**—An announcement was made on April 2 by Mayor Bass to the effect that arrangements had been made for the sale of \$200,000 in bonded sewer bonds. It is stated that the bonds will be disposed of at public auction, but their sale has been underwritten by a local bank. It was said by Mayor Bass that he thought two or three weeks would be required to authorize the sale by resolution of the City Commission and complete the other details of the sale.

CHICAGO, Cook County, Ill.—**WARRANTS CALLED.**—Lewis E. Myers, President of the Board of Education, announced on April 4 that the following tax anticipation warrants will be paid on presentation, through any bank, to the office of the City Treasurer, Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.,

of Chicago, and the Guaranty Trust Co., New York, on or before April 5, after which date int. accrual will cease:

Educational fund, 1930, No. E-3, 5¼%, for \$250,000. Dated March 3 1930. Building fund, 1930, Nos. B-285 to B-302, 5¼%, for \$5,000 each. Dated Sept. 1 1930.
 Playground fund, 1930, Nos. P-229 to P-231, 4%, for \$1,000 each.
 Educational fund, 1930, Nos. E-4 and E-5, 5¼%, for \$250,000 each. Dated March 3 1930.
 Building fund, 1930, Nos. B-303 to B-339, 5¼%, for \$5,000 each. Dated Sept. 1 1930.
 Playground fund, 1930, Nos. P-232 to P-238, 4%, for \$1,000 each.

M. S. Syncauk, City Comptroller, announced on April 2 that the following tax anticipation warrants, issued account of 1930 taxes, will be paid on presentation, through any bank, to the office of the City Treasurer or at the Guaranty Trust Co., New York, on or before April 8, after which date int. accrual will cease:

Sinking fund for bonds and int. on bonds, Nos. F-104 to F-127 for \$10,000 each, dated Nov. 1 1930.
 Public library, No. 245, for \$25,000, dated July 31 1930.
 Public library building No. 10, for \$125,000, dated Dec. 1 1930.
 Municipal tuberculosis sanatorium, No. 6, for \$25,000, dated July 31 1930.

ADDITIONAL WARRANTS CALLED.—Further Board of Education and city warrants called for redemption on or before April 15 are described as follows: Sinking fund for bonds and interest on bonds, Nos. F-128 to F-158, for \$10,000 each, dated Nov. 1 1930; public library, Nos. 246 and 247, for \$25,000 each, dated July 31 1930; municipal tuberculosis sanatorium, Nos. 7 and 8, for \$25,000 each, dated July 31 1930, and firemen's pension fund, No. 294, for \$25,000, dated July 31 1930. The Board of Education warrants are: Building fund, 1930, Nos. B-340 to B-380, 5¼%, for \$5,000 each, dated Sept. 1 1930, and playground fund, Nos. P-239 to P-251, 4%, for \$1,000 each, dated Dec. 1 1931.

CHICAGO, Lincoln Park District, Cook County, Ill.—**BOND MATURITIES TO BE PAID.**—Sheldon Clark, Acting President of the Board of Park Commissioners, recently stated that May 1 maturities of \$350,000 bonds and interest requirements of \$220,000 will be paid when due, according to report. Despite serious curtailment of revenues, the district has met all bond maturities and interest payments to date, it was further said.

CHILDRESS, Childress County, Tex.—**CONTEMPLATED WARRANT SALE.**—It is reported that the city has \$156,630.26 in 5¼% refunding warrants for sale.

CINCINNATI, Hamilton County, Ohio.—**NOTE SALE.**—The Treasury Investment Board, composed of City Manager C. A. Dykstra, John D. Ellis, City Solicitor, and Henry Urner, City Auditor, purchased on April 5 an issue of \$72,700 street improvement notes, dated April 1 1932.

CLINTON COUNTY (P. O. Clinton), Iowa.—**BOND SALE.**—The \$65,000 issue of coupon funding bonds, offered for sale on March 31—V. 134, p. 2575—was purchased by Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport as 4¾s, paying a premium of \$220, equal to 100.33, a basis of about 4.71%. Dated April 1 1932. Due from Nov. 1 1936 to 1946.

COLUMBUS, Lowndes County, Miss.—**BOND SALE.**—Two issues of 5¼% bonds aggregating \$29,000 are reported by the City Clerk to have been purchased by local investors. The bonds are as follows: \$20,000 refunding street impt. and \$9,000 refunding street impt. bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1932. Legality approved by Benj. H. Charles of St. Louis.

COLUMBUS, Muscogee County, Ga.—**BOND DESCRIPTION.**—The \$24,000 5½% semi-annual street impt. bonds that were jointly purchased by J. H. Hilsman & Co. and the Citizens & Southern Co., both of Atlanta—V. 134, p. 2575—were awarded for a premium of \$422.43, equal to 101.76, a basis of about 4.60% on the bonds, divided as follows: \$9,000 Series D bonds. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1933 to 1940, and \$500 in 1941 and 1942.
 6,000 Series E bonds. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1933 and 1934, and \$500, 1935 to 1942.
 4,500 Series F bonds. Due \$500 from Jan. 1 1933 to 1941 incl.
 4,500 Series G bonds. Due \$500 from Jan. 1 1933 to 1941 incl. Denom. \$500. Dated Jan. 1 1932.

COLUMBUS, Franklin County, Ohio.—**BONDS NOT SOLD.**—**NOTES OFFERED FOR SALE.**—Walter E. Otto, Secretary-Treasurer of the Investment Board, reports that no bids were received at the offering on April 1 of various issues of bonds totaling \$776,551. The offering consisted of various bonds held in the investment account of the city.

NOTE OFFERING.—Samuel J. Willis, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. on April 11 for the purchase of \$57,396 4½% promissory notes, of which \$80,000 in \$5,000 denoms., will be dated Feb. 15 1932 and mature Aug. 15 1933, and \$7,396, will be dated May 1 1932 and mature Nov. 1 1933. Int. will be payable on Aug. 15 1932, and Feb. and Aug. 15 1933, and on Nov. 1 1932, and May and Nov. 1 1933. Bids for the notes to bear int. at a rate other than 4¾%, expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for 1% of the notes bid for, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, is required. Transcripts of proceedings will be furnished successful bidders and sufficient time allowed within 10 days from the time of the said award for the examination of such transcripts by bidder's attorney, and bids may be made subject to approval of same.

COLUMBUS, Franklin County, Ohio.—**BELATED BOND SALE REPORT.**—In addition to having awarded at public sale numerous issues of bonds, the city during the year 1931 also sold various issues to the treasury investment board and the sinking fund commission. A record of these transactions appears herewith:

Amount of Issue.	Purpose.	Int. Rate.	Date of Bonds.	Maturity.
\$100,000	Sewage disposal	4½%	Feb. 15 1931	1933-1957
140,000	Poor relief	4½%	April 15 1931	1933-1937
6,250	Final judgment	4½%	April 15 1931	1933-1935
145,000	Poor relief	4½%	July 1 1931	1933-1937
11,500	Final judgment	4½%	Sept. 10 1931	1934-1938
6,000	Refuse collection	4½%	Nov. 1 1931	1934-1936
6,100	City hall	4½%	Nov. 1 1931	1934-1936
20,000	Sewer	4½%	Nov. 15 1931	1934-1938
10,500	Water works	4½%	Dec. 15 1931	1934-1938
5,000	Grade crossing	4½%		
10,700	Alley Impt.	4½%	Jan. 1 1931	1933-1942
26,900	Sewer	4½%	Jan. 1 1931	1933-1937
250,000	Street cleaning	4½%	Jan. 1 1931	Sept. 1 1932
6,500	Street	4½%	March 15 1931	1933-1937
14,900	Street lighting	4½%	May 1 1931	1933-1937
60,805	Water main	4½%	May 15 1931	1933-1937
2,550	Sewer	4½%	May 15 1931	1933-1937
128,896	Street impt.	4½%	March 15 1931	1933-1942
23,400	Street impt.	4½%	Oct. 1 1931	1934-1943

COMAL COUNTY (P. O. New Braunfels) Tex.—**WARRANT OFFERING.**—It is reported that the Commissioners' Court will issue \$40,000 in 5% coupon road and bridge warrants on May 9.

CORNING, Steuben County, N. Y.—**CERTIFICATE SALE.**—N. H. Palmer, City Chamberlain, reports that local investors purchased on March 31 an issue of \$45,000 6% certificates of indebtedness at a price of par. Denom. \$5,000. Due \$15,000 on July 31 1932, 1933 and 1934. Interest is payable semi-annually. Legality approved by Clay, Cillon & Vandewater of New York.

CUMBERLAND, R. I.—**BOND ELECTION.**—A bond election has been called for April 13 to permit the voters to pass upon a proposed \$350,000 bond issue, part of the proceeds to be used in the payment of \$345,000 town notes held by the Industrial Trust Co. of Providence. If the measure is favorably voted at the election, a bill authorizing the issue will be introduced for passage by the State Legislature.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY (P. O. Fayetteville) N. C.—**NOTE SALE.**—A \$14,000 issue of notes is reported to have been purchased by the Branch Banking & Trust Co. of Fayetteville.

DAVENPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Davenport) Ia.—**OFFERING DETAILS.**—We are informed in connection with the offering scheduled for April 11 of the \$50,000 issue of refunding bonds—V. 134, p. 2575—that the bids will be received up to 1 p. m. on that date.

DEAL, Monmouth, County, N. J.—**BON OFFERING.**—C. Conover, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 1:30 p. m. on April 21, for the purchase of \$240,000 not to exceed 6½% interest coupon or registered

improvement bonds. Dated April 1 1932. Due \$15,000 April 1 from 1933 to 1948, incl. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1%. Principal and interest (April and October) are payable at the office of the borough collector. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$240,000. Price bid for the bonds to be not less than 99, in accordance with the bill recently signed by Governor Moore, permitting municipalities in the State to sell their bonds at a discount of not more than 1%. The law becomes operative after Dec. 31 1932—V. 134, p. 2574. A certified check for 2% of the amount of the issue bid for, payable to Charles D. Layton, Borough Collector and Treasurer must accompany each proposal. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the Continental Bank & Trust Co., of New York, and will be approved as to legality by Caldwell & Raymond, of New York.

DENVER (City and County), Colo.—BONDS CALLED.—The "Denver and Rocky Mountain News" of April 1 reports that Wm. F. McGlone, Manager of Revenue, is calling for payment on April 30, on which date interest shall cease, various storm sewer, sanitary sewer, improvement, surfacing, alley paving, street paving, and sidewalk bonds. Arrangements can be made for payment of the above bonds at the Bankers Trust Co. in New York.

DES MOINES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Des Moines) Polk County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$107,500 4½% school bonds is reported to have been purchased by Stifel, Nicolaus & Co. of Chicago. Denom. \$1,000, one for \$500. Dated May 1 1932. Due on May 1 as follows: \$14,000, 1933; \$22,500, 1939; \$25,000, 1940; \$26,000, 1941, and \$20,000 in 1942. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the office of the District Treasurer. Legality to be approved by Chapman & Cutler of Chicago.

DETROIT, Wayne County, Mich.—BANKERS REFUSE FURTHER LOANS TO CITY.—The City Council has been advised of the united refusal of New York, Chicago and Detroit banks to furnish additional credits or renew existing loans to the city, according to the following April 7 dispatch from Detroit to the New York "Times" of the following day: "Detroit's City Council was notified in writing to-day of the united refusal of New York, Chicago and Detroit banks to lend the city more money or to renew the present loans unless the promise is kept to balance the city's budget.

"The answer, transmitted to the Council by Ralph Stone, Chairman of the board of directors of the Detroit Trust Co., who has served as an intermediary between the city and the out-of-town banks, follows:

"We have advanced \$19,600,000 to the city of Detroit on its expressed agreement that the city officials and council would co-operate in meeting the city's financial problems and in maintaining its credit. We further had definite agreements from the officials and from the council regarding the balancing of the city's budgets. This promise of co-operation and these agreements have not been fulfilled. Under those conditions there is no basis for any discussion of either renewals or further advances."

DICKINSON COUNTY (P. O. Iron Mountain), Mich.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$174,000 6% Sewer Creek Drainage District bonds offered on March 8—V. 134, p. 1810—was not sold, as no bids were received. Dated March 1 1932. Due \$11,600 on March 1 from 1933 to 1947 incl.

DOWNINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Chester County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—N. L. Wilson, Secretary of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on April 27 for the purchase of \$160,000 4½, 4¼ or 4⅓% coupon school bonds. Dated April 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and interest (April and October) will be payable in Downington. A certified check for \$3,200 must accompany each proposal. Bonds are being issued subject to the favorable legal opinion of Townsend, Elliott & Munson, of Philadelphia.

EAST GARY SCHOOL TOWN, Lake County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—The Board of Trustees will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on April 20 for the purchase of \$9,000 5% school construction bonds. Dated July 10 1931. Denom. \$500. Due \$1,000 annually on July 10 from 1935 to 1943 incl. Principal and interest are payable at the Gary State Bank, Gary, or at any bank in the city of Chicago or Indianapolis that the successful bidder may designate in his proposal. The municipality will pay the cost of printing the bonds. A certified check for 2% of the amount of the bid must accompany each proposal.

EASTHAMPTON, Hampshire County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The \$100,000 6% temporary loan purchased by the First National Bank of Boston, matures Nov. 10 1932, while the \$25,000 6% loan purchased by the United Elastic Co. of Easthampton, is due on Nov. 1 1932.—V. 134, p. 2575.

EASTON, Talbot County, Md.—BOND OFFERING.—Ralph A. Townsend, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until April 15 for the purchase of \$45,000 5% Easton Water Co. redemption bonds. This issue was originally scheduled for sale on July 15. Full particulars regarding the purpose of the issue were given in—V. 133, p. 327.

EAST RUTHERFORD, Bergen County, N. J.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$106,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered public improvement bonds offered on April 4—V. 134, p. 2379—was not sold, as no bids were received. The bonds are dated April 1 1932 and mature on April 1 from 1934 to 1947 incl.

EL CENTRO, Imperial County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.—At the city election on April 11 the voters will pass on a proposal to issue \$185,000 in bonds to provide sewage disposal facilities.

ELMIRA, Chemung County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$147,000 coupon or registered bonds offered on April 4—V. 134, p. 2576—were awarded as 4.70s, to Graham, Parsons & Co. of New York, at par plus a premium of \$204, equal to a price of 100.13, a basis of about 4.67%. Included in the award were: \$87,000 deficiency bonds. Due April 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1933; \$10,000, 1934; \$20,000, 1935; \$25,000 in 1936, and \$30,000 in 1937. 60,000 series A street impt. bonds. Due \$10,000 April 1 from 1936 to 1941 incl. Each issue is dated April 1 1932.

ELMORE, Lamoille County, Vt.—BOND OFFERING.—The Board of Selectmen will receive sealed bids until April 18 for the purchase of \$21,000 5% coupon refunding bonds, to mature Dec. 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1932 to 1950 incl., and \$2,000 in 1951. Principal and interest (June and December) are payable at the First National Bank, of Boston.

ENGLEWOOD, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Thomas J. Ahrens, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on April 19 for the purchase of \$850,000 5% coupon or registered school bonds. Dated July 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$20,000 from 1933 to 1957 incl., and \$25,000 from 1958 to 1971 incl. Principal and interest (Jan. and July) are payable at the Chemical Bank & Trust Co., New York. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$850,000. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the city, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

ERIE, Erie County, Pa.—PROPOSED BOND ISSUE—BONDS FURTHER DESCRIBED.—The city is considering offering for sale in May an issue of \$50,000 4¼% Bureau of Charity bonds, dated May 16 1932 and to mature May 16 as follows: \$5,000 from 1933 to 1938 incl., and \$10,000 in 1939 and 1940.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The two issues of 4¼% bonds aggregating \$185,000, scheduled for award on April 12, previous mention of which was made in V. 134, p. 2200, are further described as follows: \$165,000 sewer system bonds. Due April 15 as follows: \$5,000 from 1933 to 1939 incl., and \$10,000 from 1940 to 1952 incl. A certified check for \$1,650, payable to the City Treasurer, must accompany bids for this issue.

20,000 resurfacing road bonds. Due April 15 as follows: \$1,000 from 1933 to 1942 incl., and \$2,000 from 1943 to 1947 incl. A certified check for \$200, payable to the City Treasurer, must accompany bids for this issue.

All of the bonds are dated April 15 1931. Prin. and int. (A. & O. 15) are payable at the City Treasurer's office. The bonds shall be free from all taxes (except succession and inheritance taxes) that may be imposed thereon or with respect thereto by the State of Pennsylvania, which taxes the city covenants and agrees to pay. The notice of sale states that an annual tax has been levied and assessed on all taxable property in the city sufficient in amount to pay the interest and State taxes on the bonds and to liquidate the principal thereof at maturity.

EVANSTON, Cook County, Ill.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—Lawrence J. Knapp, City Comptroller, reports that no bids were received at an offering on March 24 of \$25,000 4½% park improvement bonds. Dated June 1 1928. Due \$5,000 on June 1 from 1944 to 1948, incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the office of the City Treasurer. The bonds are part of an authorized issue of \$100,000.

FALL RIVER, Bristol County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—James Jackson, Chairman of the Board of Finance, states that a further amount of \$500,000 tax anticipation notes dated April 5 1932 and due Nov. 5 1932 has been sold at 6% discount basis to a group of Boston banks. Last week the banks bought a block of \$300,000 notes, also at 6%.—V. 134, p. 2576.

FAR HILLS, Somerset County, N. J.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—W. Irving Frost, Borough Clerk, reports that no bids were received at the offering on April 4 of \$56,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered bonds, comprising a \$36,000 public improvement issue, due from 1933 to 1947, incl., and a \$20,000 sewer assessment issue due from 1933 to 1942, incl.—V. 134, p. 2379.

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Pine Grove Mills), Centre County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 5% coupon school bonds offered on April 1—V. 134, p. 2200—were awarded to the First National Bank, of State College, at a price of 101.50, a basis of about 4.91%, to maturity date, and a basis of 4.46% to optional date. Bonds are dated April 1 1932. Due April 1 1962; optional after April 1 1935.

FLORHAM PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT, Morris County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Rosemary Buck, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8:15 p. m. on April 25 for the purchase of \$189,200 not to exceed 5% interest coupon or registered school bonds. Dated April 1 1932. One bond for \$200, others for \$1,000. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$4,000 from 1933 to 1937 incl.; \$5,000, 1938 to 1942 incl.; \$6,000 from 1943 to 1966 incl., and \$200 in 1967. Principal and interest (February and August) will be payable at the First National Bank, Madison, or at some bank or trust company in New York City. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$189,200. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Board of Education, must accompany each proposal. The successful bidder will be furnished with the opinion of a reputable firm of legal attorneys that the bonds are binding and legal obligations of the Board of Education.

FORT SMITH, Sebastian County, Ark.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—We are informed by Fagan Bourland, Mayor, that the \$47,500 issue of 5% semi-annual improvement paying District No. 47 bonds offered on April 2—V. 134, p. 2576—was not sold as there were no satisfactory bids received. Dated May 1 1932. Due from May 1 1933 to 1942.

FREDERICKSBURG, Spotsylvania County, Va.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The Legislature is reported to have passed a bill authorizing the City to issue \$50,000 in school building and equipment bonds.

FULLERTON, Nance County, Neb.—BONDS CALLED.—It is reported that the 6% paving bonds of Districts Nos. 7 to 12, and 15, aggregating \$43,000, were called for payment at the office of Wachob, Bender & Co. of Omaha on April 1, on which date interest ceased. Dated April 1 1922.

FULTON, Fulton County, Ky.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—We are informed by the City Clerk that the \$25,000 issue of not to exceed 6% semi-ann. water works refunding bonds offered on March 28—V. 134, p. 2200—was not sold. Denom. \$500. Dated April 1 1932. Due as follows: \$1,000 from 1933 to 1941, and \$6,000 in 1942. Prin. and int. payable at the City National Bank of Fulton.

GARDNER, Worcester County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—Frank B. Edgell, City Treasurer, reports that the temporary loan unsuccessfully offered on Jan. 13—V. 134, p. 1616—was purchased subsequently at 6% discount basis by the National Shawmut Bank, of Boston. Loan matures on Nov. 3 1932.

GENOA, Ottawa County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$8,000 6% coupon water works system extension bonds offered on April 2—V. 134, p. 2200—were awarded to the Board of Trustees of Public Affairs, the only bidder, at a price of par and accrued interest. The Board also agreed to pay for the printing of the bonds. Dated April 1 1932. Due \$800 on April 1 from 1933 to 1942 inclusive.

GRAND JUNCTION, Mesa County, Colo.—BONDS CALLED.—It is stated that the City Treasurer is calling for payment on April 26, on which date interest shall cease, various paving district, sidewalk district and combined sewer district bonds.

GRANT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 18 (P. O. Silver City), N. Mex.—BOND ELECTION.—It is reported that an election will be held on April 19 to vote on the proposed issuance of \$16,000 in school building bonds.

GRAY COUNTY (P. O. Pampa), Texas.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on April 18 by Ray Wilson, County Auditor, for the purchase of two issues of 5% special road bonds aggregating \$300,000, divided as follows: \$120,000 Series E bonds. Dated Feb. 10 1932. Due on Feb. 10 as follows: \$10,000, 1943 to 1950, and \$20,000 in 1951 and 1952. Interest payable F. & A.

180,000 Series B bonds. Dated May 1 1932. Due \$18,000 from May 1 1933 to 1942, incl. Interest payable M. & N. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. payable at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. in New York. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York will be furnished. All bids must be made upon a form which will be supplied by the county. The bonds must be paid for by the purchaser either at the Pampa National Bank (the county depository bank) or at some other bank in Texas, which must be a satisfactory bank to the county officials. A certified check for \$9,000, payable to S. D. Stennis, County Judge, must accompany the bid.

HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Cincinnati), Ohio.—BOND APPROVAL SOUGHT.—The county has filed application with the State Tax Commission for authority to issue \$1,000,000 in bonds to provide funds for poor relief expenses.

HAMPTON, Elizabeth City County, Va.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of bonds aggregating \$129,500, offered for sale on April 6 (V. 134, p. 2380) were sold to local banks at 5½% at par. The issues are as follows: \$85,000 school bonds. Due from April 1 1933 to 1959. 44,500 refunding school bonds. Due from April 1 1933 to 1954. There were no other bids received.

HAMTRAMCK, Wayne County, Mich.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$225,000 4¼% grade separation bonds offered on April 5—V. 134, p. 2380—was not sold, as no bids were received. Bonds were to mature annually on April 15 from 1933 to 1962 incl.

HARRISON (P. O. Harrison), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$211,000 offered on April 1—V. 134, p. 2380—were awarded as 5.90s to Batchelder & Co., of New York, at a price of 100.401, a basis of about 5.84%: \$70,000 series A sewer district No. 1 bonds. Due April 1 as follows: \$4,000 from 1934 to 1950 incl., and \$2,000 in 1951. 59,000 highway bonds. Due April 1 as follows: \$4,000 from 1934 to 1947 incl. and \$3,000 in 1948. 31,000 series B sewer bonds. Due April 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1934 to 1948 incl., and \$1,000 in 1949. 20,000 sewer district No. 3 bonds. Due \$2,000 April 1 from 1934 to 1950 incl. 17,000 series A sewer bonds. Due \$1,000 April 1 from 1934 to 1950 incl. 14,000 series B sewer district No. 1 bonds. Due \$1,000 April 1 from 1934 to 1947 incl. Each issue is dated April 1 1932.

HASKINS, Wood County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$350 6% coupon special assessment impt. bonds offered on March 26—V. 134, p. 2201—has been purchased at a price of par by a local investor. Dated April 1 1932. Due \$70 on Oct. 1 from 1933 to 1937 incl.

HIGHLAND PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT, Wayne County, Mich.—NOTES NOT SOLD.—Mabel G. Herald, Secretary of the Board of Education, reports that no bids were received at the offering on March 29 of \$300,000 delinquent tax notes—V. 134, p. 2380. Notes were to mature on Aug. 10 1932.

INDIANA COUNTY (P. O. Indiana), Pa.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$150,000 4¼% county bonds unsuccessfully offered on March 28—V. 134, p. 2576—was purchased later by Graham, Parsons & Co. of Phila-

delphia. Bonds are dated April 1 1932 and mature \$30,000 on April 1 from 1938 to 1942 incl.

IRON RIVER, Iron County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—The \$75,000 municipal light and power plant bond issue submitted for consideration of the voters on April 4—V. 134, p. 2004—was approved by a vote of 997 to 375.

IRONTON, Lawrence County, Ohio.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The City Council recently authorized the issuance of \$40,000 6% refunding bonds to be dated April 1 1932 and mature \$4,000 on Oct. 1 from 1933 to 1942, incl. Interest is payable in April and October.

JACKSON, Jackson County, Mich.—CITY DESIRES TO REDEEM \$8,000 WATER BONDS.—C. H. Vedder, City Clerk, recently stated that he is still endeavoring to retire, prior to maturity, a block of \$8,000 water bonds, funds for which were voted at an election held on Feb. 2 (V. 134, p. 1230). Mr. Vedder said that he has been unable to locate any holders willing to surrender their obligations.

JACKSONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 117, Morgan County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$100,000 4 1/2% school building construction bonds voted Sept. 22 1931—V. 133, p. 2464—was sold on March 17 of this year to the Ayers National Bank of Jacksonville, at a price of par. Dated Sept. 1 1931. Due \$10,000 on Sept. 1 from 1942 to 1951 incl. Interest payable in March and September.

JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Beaumont), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—An issue of \$175,000 5 1/2% general funding, series 1932 bonds was registered by the State Comptroller on March 29. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially.

JOHNSBURGH (P. O. Weavertown), Warren County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—C. S. Kenwell, Town Supervisor, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. on April 14 for the purchase of \$90,000 not to exceed 6% interest North Creek Water District coupon or registered bonds. Dated April 15 1932. Denom. \$500. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$2,500 in 1937, and \$3,500 from 1938 to 1962 incl. Bidders must bid a single rate of interest for the issue. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) will be payable at the North Creek National Bank, North Creek. A certified check for \$1,500, payable to the order of the Supervisor, must accompany each proposal. The notice of sale states that the town of Johnsburgh has upwards of 2,000 inhabitants, with no bonded or other indebtedness, and an assessed valuation of \$2,600,000. The Water District has upwards of 800 inhabitants and an assessed valuation of \$667,000. The only indebtedness effecting the District are about \$125,000 Union Free S. D. No. 1 bonds and about \$7,800 Fire District bonds.

JOHNSTON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Johnston), Polk County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—An \$8,500 issue of school bonds is reported to have been purchased by Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport.

KANE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lakota), Nelson County, N. Dak.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on April 1—V. 134, p. 2380—the voters approved the proposal to issue \$60,000 in 5% school bonds by a count of 370 "for" to 16 "against." Due from 1935 to 1952.

KANSAS CITY, Wyandotte County, Kan.—BOND DETAILS.—The \$34,011 issue of 5% traffic way bonds that was purchased by the River-view State Bank of Kansas City for a premium of \$375.02, equal to 101.1026, a basis of about 4.78%, as tentatively reported in V. 134, p. 2380, is more fully described as follows: Denom. \$1,000, one bond for \$1,011. Coupon bonds dated March 1 1932. Due from March 1 1933 to 1942 incl. Interest payable M. & S.

KITTITAS, Kittitas County, Wash.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The \$25,000 coupon water system bonds that were offered on March 15 and partially awarded—V. 134, p. 2380—are more fully described as follows: \$9,000 general obligation water bonds were purchased by the State of Washington as 6s at par. They are dated April 1 1932 and mature from April 1 1934 to 1953.

The \$16,000 water revenue bonds were offered for sale without success at that time. It is stated that the town is calling for bids on the construction of the water system, and the contractor will take part of the cost in cash and the balance in these bonds. Dated April 1 1932. Due from April 1 1934 to 1963.

LAGUNA BEACH, Orange County, Calif.—BOND REPORT.—We are informed that the \$180,000 issue of 6% semi-annual sewage disposal plant bonds offered without success on Jan. 6—V. 134, p. 357—will probably not be re-advertised, but will be sold whenever an offer of par or better is received. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due \$9,000 from Jan. 1 1933 to 1952 incl.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Crown Point), Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$112,000 5% highway impt. bonds offered on April 4—V. 134, p. 2577—was not sold, as no bids were received. Bonds were to be dated Aug. 15 1931 and mature semi-annually over a period of 10 years.

LAKE GENEVA, Walworth County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$100,000 5% public park impt., building, electric lighting extension and equipment bonds has been purchased recently by Stifel, Nicolaus & Co. of Chicago. Denom. \$500. Dated Feb. 1 1932. Due \$5,000 from Feb. 1 1933 to 1952 incl. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer. Legality approved by Chapman & Cutler of Chicago. These bonds were voted at an election held on Jan. 19—V. 134, p. 884. (This report supersedes the notice of a \$25,000 sale of similar bonds as given in V. 134, p. 2577.)

LANSING, Ingham County, Mich.—SALE OF BONDS LOCALLY URGED.—Mayor Peter F. Gray in a letter sent recently to the city council urged that arrangements be made providing for the sale of bonds direct to citizens of the city, referring specifically to the issue of \$102,000 welfare relief bonds that must be sold shortly.

LAPORTE COUNTY (P. O. LaPorte), Ind.—PARTIAL AWARD MADE.—Roy W. Leets, County Auditor, reports that local banks subscribed for \$93,500 tax anticipation warrants of the \$100,000 6% issue offered on April 6—V. 134, p. 2380. The warrants are dated April 6 1932 and mature on May 6 1932.

LARCHMONT, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Eugene D. Wakeman, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8:30 p.m. on April 11 for the purchase of \$150,000 not to exceed 5% int. coupon or registered highway impt. bonds. Dated April 15 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 15 as follows: \$8,000 from 1934 to 1943 incl., and \$7,000 from 1944 to 1953 incl. Prin. and int. (A. & Oct. 15) will be payable at the First National Bank, New York. A certified check for 1% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Village, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York will be furnished the successful bidder.

LEAVENWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Leavenworth) Leavenworth County, Kan.—BONDS VOTED.—At the special election held on March 22—V. 134, p. 2005—the voters approved the issuance of \$120,000 in high school bonds.

LEWIS COUNTY (P. O. Chehalis), Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$181,000 issue of refunding bonds offered for sale on April 4—V. 134, p. 2380—was purchased by the State of Washington, as 5s at par. Due \$18,100 from April 4 1933 to 1942 incl. There were no other bids received.

LEWISTON, Androscoggin County, Me.—NOTES NOT SOLD.—No bids were received at the offering on April 8 of \$225,000 tax anticipation notes, which were to mature on Sept. 1 1932.

LEXINGTON, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—F. S. Moseley & Co. of Boston were the successful bidders for the issue of \$20,000 4 1/2% coupon water main bonds offered on April 6, paying a price of 100.513, a basis of about 4.31%. Dated April 1 1932 and due on April 1 from 1933 to 1937, incl. Bids received at the sale were as follows:

Bidder	Rate	Bid.
F. S. Moseley & Co. (successful bidders)		100.513
Brown Bros. Harriman & Co.		100.482
Estabrook & Co.		100.44
Lexington Trust Co.		100.129
Bond, Judge & Co.		100.179
Chase Harris Forbes Corp.		100.167

LOUDOUN COUNTY (P. O. Purcellville), Va.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on April 19 by O. L. Emerick, Division Superintendent, for the purchase of a \$35,000 issue of 5 1/2% coupon refunding school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated April 1 1932. Due as follows: \$2,000, 1933 to 1942, and \$3,000, 1943 to 1947, all incl. Int. payable semi-annually. No bid for less than par and accrued int. can be considered. Bonds will be issued under the provisions of Chapter 52, Acts of Virginia Assembly of 1930, and of a new refunding act approved March 24 1932. A certified check for 1% of the bid is required. (A similar issue of bonds was sold on March 10—V. 134, p. 2201.)

MADISON HEIGHTS SANITARY DISTRICT (P. O. Amherst) Amherst County, Va.—DISTRICT CREATED.—We are informed that on March 23 an order was entered in the County Circuit Court by Judge Bennett T. Gordon creating the above district. According to report the action was to be certified to the Board of Supervisors at its meeting on April 4.

MANCHESTER, Hartford County, Conn.—PROPOSED BOND ISSUE.—It is expected that an election will be held soon to permit the consideration of a proposed \$250,000 bond issue, the proceeds to be used for the redemption of the floating indebtedness of the town.

MAPLE HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bedford) Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$167,500 6% refunding bonds offered on March 28—V. 134, p. 2005—was not sold, as no bids were received. Issue was to be dated Feb. 1 1932 and mature on Dec. 1 as follows: \$1,500 from 1933 to 1935 incl., and \$1,750 from 1936 to 1942 incl.

MAPLEWOOD, St. Louis County, Mo.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At a special election held on April 2 the voters rejected a proposal to issue \$67,000 in 6% half purchase bonds. The vote failed to obtain the required two-thirds majority, the count being 235 "for" and 190 "against."

MAPLEWOOD TOWNSHIP (P. O. Maplewood), Essex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of coupon or registered bonds offered on April 5—V. 134, p. 2381—were awarded as 6s to a group composed of B. J. Van Ingen & Co., Inc., of New York; Adams & Mueller, and O. P. Dunning & Co., both of Newark, and O. A. Prem & Co. of New York, as follows:

\$446,000 public improvement bonds (\$449,000 offered), sold at a price of \$449,655, equal to 100.82, a basis of about 5.90%. Due April 1 as follows: \$12,000 from 1934 to 1938 incl.; \$14,000 in 1939; \$15,000 from 1940 to 1963 incl., and \$12,000 in 1964. 194,000 assessment bonds (total issue offered) were sold at a price of par. Due April 1 as follows: \$30,000 from 1933 to 1935 incl.; \$34,000 in 1936, and \$35,000 in 1937 and 1938.

Each issue is dated April 1 1932. The successful bidders are re-offering all of the bonds for general investment at prices to yield 5.50%. Legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in the States of New York and New Jersey, according to the bankers.

MARION, Grant County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$25,000 4% refunding bonds unsuccessfully offered on Dec. 30—V. 134, p. 164—has since been purchased at a price of par by the City Securities Co. of Indianapolis. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Due \$500 June 1 1934, and \$1,500 June and Dec. 1 from 1935 to 1942 incl.

MARION, Marion County, Ohio.—DEFAULTED INTEREST TO BE PAID.—J. L. Landis, City Auditor, is reported to have verified the report of the default of interest payments due March 1 1932 on 5% sewer bonds, which he attributed to the delay in the re-appraisal of tax valuations. Mr. Landis further stated that payment of the interest will be made not later than May.

MASSACHUSETTS (State of)—BONDS PUBLICLY OFFERED.—The \$2,765,500 registered bonds, comprising \$1,565,000 4s, due from 1943 to 1951 incl., \$1,035,500 4 1/2s, due from 1932 to 1942 incl., and \$165,000 3 1/2s, due from 1962 to 1981, awarded at a price of par on March 31 to a syndicate headed by R. L. Day & Co. of Boston—V. 134, p. 2577—are being re-offered for general investment at prices to yield from 4.00 to 3.85%, according to interest rate and maturity.

MAYFIELD, Graves County, Ky.—BOND DETAILS.—The \$50,000 issue of funding bonds that was purchased by Usher & Gardner of Mayfield—V. 134, p. 1230—was awarded as 6s at par. Due \$5,000 from 1933 to 1942 incl.

MEMPHIS, Shelby County, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2:30 p. m. on May 3 by D. C. Miller, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$600,000 issue of 6% coupon refunding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated May 1 1932. Due \$100,000 from Nov. 1 1933 to 1938 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the city hall in Memphis, or at the option of the holder, at the fiscal agency of the city in New York. The city will furnish the approving opinion of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York City. The bonds may be registered as to principal only, and may be discharged from registration and again registered at will. The city has no option of payment prior to maturity. The city will have all bonds prepared without cost to the purchaser. The bonds will be delivered in New York City or equivalent at the option of the bidder if bidder so states in bid, naming point of delivery. A certified check for \$6,000, payable to the order of the city, must accompany the bid. (This report supersedes that given in V. 134, p. 2202.)

MERIDIAN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320 (P. O. Bellingham), Whatcom County, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on April 16 by Pliny T. Snyder, County Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$10,000 issue of school bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%, payable semi-ann. Dated May 1 1932. Due in from 2 to 11 years. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer, or at the fiscal agency of the State in New York. A certified check for 5% must accompany the bid.

METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT (P. O. Boston), Mass.—NOTES NOT SOLD.—The district failed to receive a bid at the offering on April 8 of \$23,125,000 notes. Bids were asked on either or both of the following maturity bases: \$23,125,000 on April 1 1933, or \$4,625,000 on April 1 of each of the years from 1933 to 1937 incl. Rate of int., expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, was to be named in bid. Information regarding this issue and of legislation affecting the district was given in—V. 134, p. 2578.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY (P. O. Cambridge), Mass.—BOND SALE.—The Chase Harris Forbes Corp., of Boston, has purchased an issue of \$50,000 4 1/2% House of Correction bonds at a price of 100.44, a basis of about 4.16%. Due \$5,000 annually from 1933 to 1942 incl.

MIDLAND PARK, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Abram L. Yonkers, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8:30 p. m. on April 18 for the purchase of \$33,000 5, 5 1/4, 5 1/2, 5 3/4 or 6% coupon or registered improvement bonds. Dated May 1 1932. Denom. \$500. Due May 1 as follows: \$4,000 from 1933 to 1939 incl., and \$5,000 in 1940. Principal and interest (May and November) are payable at the First National Bank, Midland Park. The bonds will not be sold for a price of less than 99. A certified check for 2% of the amount bid for, payable to the order of the borough, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York will be furnished the successful bidder.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Rockville), Md.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$1,000,000 5% coupon general construction bonds offered on April 5—V. 134, p. 2382—was not sold, as all of the bids submitted were rejected. The bonds are dated April 1 1932 and were to mature April 1 as follows: \$825,000 from 1935 to 1939 incl.; \$75,000 in 1940, and \$100,000 from 1941 to 1948 incl.

A syndicate headed by the Mercantile Trust Co. of Baltimore, bid a price of 90.80 for a block of \$450,400 bonds, while a group of county banks offered 96 for a block of \$400,000.

MOOSE LAKE, Carlton County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. on April 15 by F. A. Schweiger, Village Clerk, for the purchase of a \$28,000 issue of lighting plant bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 6%, payable J. & J. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1935 to 1937; \$2,000, 1938 to 1942, and \$2,500, 1943 to 1948, all inclusive. A certified check for 10%, payable to the Village Treasurer, must accompany the bid.

MONROE COUNTY (P. O. Rochester), N. Y.—NOTE RENEWAL VOTED.—The Board of Supervisors voted on April 1 to renew until Oct. 25 1932 an issue of \$700,000 tax anticipation notes that matures on April 28. #

MORRISTOWN, Morris County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—The Town Clerk will receive sealed bids until April 22 for the purchase of

\$472,000 temporary improvement and water bonds, due on April 15 from 1934 to 1937 incl.

MOUNT VERNON, Westchester County, N. Y.—BELATED BOND SALE REPORT.—We have just learned of the following bond purchases that were made by the sinking fund commission in June 1931: \$29,000 capital impt. bonds. Int. rate 4%. Due from 1936 to 1941 incl. 25,000 capital impt. bonds. Int. rate 4%. Due in 1933 and 1934.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY (P. O. Portland) Ore.—CONTEMPLATED BOND SALE.—It is stated that the County Commissioners decided on March 26 to advertise for sale the second \$500,000 block of the \$1,000,000 county emergency relief bond issue voted in November 1931.

MURRAY COUNTY (P. O. Slayton), Minn.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 2 p. m. on April 8 by E. V. O'Brien, County Auditor, for the purchase of an \$87,000 issue of drainage refunding bonds. Interest rate not to exceed 5%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated May 1 1932. Due on May 1 as follows: \$7,000 in 1937; \$8,000, 1938 to 1947 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the Northwestern National Bank in Minneapolis. The approving opinions of Junell, Oakley, Driscoll & Fletcher of Minneapolis and Schmitt, Moody & Schmitt of St. Paul will be furnished.

MUSKOGON HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Mich.—BOND SALE.—W. R. Booker, Superintendent of Schools, reports that the issue of \$75,000 school bonds unsuccessfully offered on Feb. 26—V. 134, p. 1812—has since been sold.

NASSAU COUNTY (P. O. Mineola), N. Y.—BONDS PUBLICLY OFFERED.—Phelps, Penn & Co. of New York are offering for public investment \$600,000 5½% coupon bonds, dated March 15 1932 and due March 15 1937, at a price to yield 4.75%. Legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York State, according to the bankers. These bonds are part of an original issue of \$3,550,000 publicly offered two weeks ago, to yield 5.20%, by a syndicate headed by the Guaranty Co. of New York—V. 134, p. 2382.

NEEDHAM, Norfolk County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—Faxon, Gade & Co., of Boston, purchased on April 4 a \$100,000 temporary loan at 4.87% discount basis. The loan is due on Nov. 17 1932.

NEW BEDFORD, Bristol County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The city has obtained a loan of \$3,000,000 at 5.975% discount basis, of which \$1,750,000 was supplied by the National Shawmut Bank of Boston, \$750,000 by the National Rockland Bank of Boston and the remaining \$500,000 was contributed by local banks.

NEWBURYPORT, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—Faxon, Gade & Co. of Boston purchased on April 4 a \$50,000 temporary loan at 5.18% discount basis. The loan matures on Nov. 5 1932. The First National Bank of Newburyport bid a discount basis of 5.30%.

NEW ORLEANS, Orleans Parish, La.—BOND ELECTION.—An ordinance was adopted unananimously by the Commission Council on March 29 proposing a \$750,000 bond issue for unemployment relief and calling a special election of property taxpayers to vote on the proposed issue May 3.

NEW ROCHELLE, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$2,007,000 offered on April 8—V. 134, p. 2578—were awarded as ½s to a syndicate composed of the Bankers Trust Co., the Guaranty Co. of New York, the National City Co. and the Chase Harris Forbes Corp. This group paid a price of 100.319, the net interest cost to the city being about 5.22%. \$965,000 school bonds. Due April 1 as follows: \$29,000 from 1934 to 1966 incl. and \$3,000 in 1967.

617,000 municipal impt. bonds. Due April 1 as follows: \$68,000 from 1934 to 1941 incl. and \$73,000 in 1942.

425,000 real property bonds. Due April 1 as follows: \$12,000 from 1934 to 1966 incl. and \$29,000 in 1967.

Each issue is dated April 1 1932. Public reoffering of the bonds is being made at prices to yield 5.25% for the 1933 to 1935 maturities; 1936 and 1937, 5.15%; 1938 and 1939, 5.10%, and 5.00% for the 1940 to 1967 maturities.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—FINANCING DURING MARCH AGGREGATED \$78,728,000.—In addition to having issued \$14,278,000 5¼% 1 to 3 year certificates of indebtedness at par to local banks in payment of bank tax refunds—V. 134, p. 2382—the city during March also accomplished its usual temporary financing for current activities. This borrowing consisted of the sale of the following short-term issues aggregating \$64,450,000:

Revenue Bills of 1932.

Amount.	Maturity.	Int. Rate.	Date Issued
\$20,000,000	June 7 1932	5¼%	March 11
20,000,000	June 2 1932	5¼%	March 29
10,000,000	June 6 1932	5¼%	March 14
9,500,000	March 31 1933	5%	March 31

Tax Notes of 1932.

2,000,000	March 23 1933	5%	March 23
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Special Revenue Bonds of 1932.

1,000,000	March 23 1933	5%	March 23
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Certificates of Indebtedness (Unemployment Relief).

2,400,000	on or before March 21 1935	5%	March 14
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NORFOLK, Norfolk County, Va.—NOTE SALE.—It is reported that a \$60,000 block of an issue of \$500,000 6% temporary loan notes has been purchased by local investors. Due on Dec. 1 1932.

NORFOLK COUNTY (P. O. Dedham), Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—Ralph D. Pettingell, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids for the purchase of temporary loans aggregating \$150,000, as follows:

Bids will be received until 12:15 p. m. on April 12 for the purchase of a \$50,000 tuberculosis hospital maintenance note issue, dated April 12 1932 and due on April 12 1933.

Bids will be received until 11 a. m. on April 15 for the purchase of a \$100,000 tax anticipation loan, dated April 15 1932 and due on Nov. 10 1932.

Each loan will be payable at the First National Bank of Boston, which will certify as to the genuineness and validity of the notes. Legal opinion of Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

NORTH CASTLE FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Armonk), Westchester County, N. Y.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—In connection with the proposed award on April 12 of \$33,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered fire district bonds, notice and description of which appeared in V. 134, p. 2579, we have received the following:

Financial Statement.

Actual valuation (estimated).....	\$15,000,000
Assessed valuation, 1932.....	11,683,942
Total bonded debt (including this issue).....	49,000
Population (estimated).....	1,500

Note.—Fire district is located a few miles north of White Plains and includes the Village of Armonk, N. Y.

NORTH HEMPSTEAD (P. O. Manhasset), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Charles E. Schmidt, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on April 14 for the purchase of \$1,073,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered Belgrave sewer bonds. Dated April 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1 as follows: \$30,000 from 1937 to 1971 incl. and \$23,000 in 1972. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1%. Principal and interest (A. & O.) are payable at the First National Bank & Trust Co., Manhasset, or at the Bank of Manhattan Trust Co., New York City. A certified check for 2% of the amount bid, for payable to the order of the town, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

NORWALK, Fairfield County, Conn.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The \$400,000 tax anticipation notes sold to local banks on Feb. 3—V. 134, p. 1064—bear int. at 6% and mature on May 10 1932.

NORTH TONAWANDA, Niagara County, N. Y.—BONDS OFFERED.—J. M. Zimmerman, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on April 11 for the purchase of \$100,000 6% coupon temporary emergency relief bonds. Dated May 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$20,000 May 1 from 1933 to 1937 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) are payable at the Chase National Bank of New York. A certified check for \$1,000 must

accompany each proposal. Bidder to use own bidding blank in submitting proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York will be furnished the successful bidder. (On March 7 the city failed to receive a bid for the purchase of \$100,000 6% certificates of indebtedness, dated April 1 1932 and to mature \$33,000 in 1933 and 1934, and \$34,000 in 1935.—V. 134, p. 2006.)

NORTH VERSAILLES TOWNSHIP (P. O. East McKeesport), Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND REPORT.—The township clerk reports that the Public School Employees' Retirement Fund of Pennsylvania has indicated a willingness to purchase an issue of \$20,000 road impt. bonds, unsuccessfully offered as 4½s on Nov. 23 1931, providing the rate of int. is increased to 5%.

OAKMONT, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND ELECTION.—A bond election has been called for April 26 to permit the voters to pass upon a proposal providing for the issuance of \$200,000 bonds for the purpose of refunding the floating indebtedness of the Borough. Assessed valuation is reported at \$7,712,070 and the existing indebtedness consists of \$56,000 in bonds and \$197,093.61 of floating debt. There is \$20,000 in the sinking fund.

OKLAHOMA, State of (P. O. Oklahoma City)—WARRANTS CALLED.—The following is the text of an Oklahoma City dispatch to the "United States Daily" of March 30 dealing with a call for payment of general revenue fund warrants:

"The State has called for payment of \$350,000 in outstanding non-payable warrants of the 1930-31 and 32 series of the general revenue fund, according to Scott Stine, Assistant State Auditor. He said another call will be issued for early April.

"The deficit in the general revenue fund at the beginning of March was about \$10,880,000. The recent warrant call reduces the deficit as of that date to about \$10,530,000, though the deficit is likely to increase during March business."

ORFORDVILLE, Rock County, Wis.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the election on April 5—V. 134, p. 2383—the voters rejected the proposal to issue \$4,500 in 5% village hall bonds, by a count reported to have been 114 "against" to 60 "for."

OSSING, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Lewis H. Acker, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on April 19 for the purchase of \$90,000 not to exceed 5% interest coupon or registered bonds divided as follows: \$3,000 from 1933 to 1942 incl., \$70,000 sewer bonds. Due April 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1933 to 1951 incl., and \$4,000 from 1943 to 1952 incl. 39,000 paving bonds. Due April 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1933 to 1951 incl., and \$1,000 in 1952.

Each issue is dated April 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of ¼ or 1-10th of 1% and must be the same for all of the bonds. Principal and interest (April and October) are payable at the First National Bank & Trust Co., Ossining. A certified check for \$2,000, payable to the order of the Village, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

Financial Statement.

Valuations.

Assessed valuation of taxable real prop. & spec. franchise..... \$26,126,098.00

Exempt real estate valuation not included above..... 7,491,324.00

Personal valuation..... 14,000.00

Total gross assessed valuation..... \$33,631,422.00

Actual valuation, estimated..... 60,000,000.00

Debt—

Total bonded indebtedness, including these issues..... 1,718,151.24

Water debt, included above..... 627,000.00

Net bonded indebtedness..... \$1,091,151.24

Population: 1920 Federal census, 10,739; 1925 State census, 12,769; 1930 Federal census, 15,581.

Tax Data:

Year.	Tax Levy.	Tax Collections to March 1, Yearly.	Rate of Collection.
1929	\$383,092.45	\$349,018.87	91.1%
1930	427,550.64	373,790.44	89.8%
1931	415,137.97	362,082.26	87.2%

Total amount of unpaid taxes outstanding as of March 1 1932, \$60,257.53. The village has a tax sale yearly on May 1.

PADUCAH, McCracken County, Ky.—PRIVATE SALE REPORT.—In connection with the unsuccessful offering on March 24 of the \$330,000 issue of 6% coupon semi-ann. funding bonds—V. 134, p. 2579—we are informed that at present there are two bond buyers interested in the issue and they are now preparing to submit an offer for a private sale, and there is a probability that the sale will take place shortly. The City Solicitor reports that he cannot at the present time indicate the terms of purchase, but he says that the bonds will undoubtedly be taken by the interested parties.

PAMPA, Gray County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—A \$9,000 issue of 5½% refunding bonds is reported to have been purchased recently by an undisclosed investor.

PAYNE, Paulding County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Paul Elick, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on April 15 for the purchase of \$1,650 6% sewer construction bonds. Dated April 1 1932. Denom. \$300. Due \$330 on April 1 from 1933 to 1937 incl. Interest is payable in April and October. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 6%, expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for \$50, payable to the order of the Village, must accompany each proposal.

PENBROOK SCHOOL DISTRICT, Pa.—BONDS TO BE RE-OFFERED.—The issue of \$15,000 coupon school bonds unsuccessfully offered as 4½s on March 28—V. 134, p. 2579—will be re-offered shortly with the rate of interest advanced to 5¼%, according to S. B. Grubb, Secretary of the Board of Directors.

PENNINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Thief River Falls), Minn.—BOND SALE.—We are informed by the County Auditor that a \$49,000 issue of 4½% ditch refunding bonds has recently been purchased by the State Board of Investments. Due on July 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1937 to 1947, and \$4,000, 1948 to 1951, all incl.

PENN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wilkinsburg), Allegheny County, Pa.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$65,000 4¼ or 4½% bonds offered on March 23—V. 134, p. 1813—was not sold, as no bids were received. Bonds are dated Feb. 1 1932 and will mature Feb. 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1933 to 1951 incl., and \$4,000 in 1952 and 1953.

POLK COUNTY (P. O. Des Moines), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—It is stated that sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on April 19, by the County Treasurer, for the purchase of an issue of \$144,000 refunding bonds. Due on April 1 as follows: \$35,000 in 1944; \$50,000 in 1945, and \$59,000 in 1946.

PORTLAND, Multnomah County, Ore.—BONDS PARTIALLY SOLD.—Of the \$200,000 issue of 6% semi-ann. emergency relief bonds offered for sale on April 6—V. 134, p. 2383—a total of \$133,000 bonds were sold at par as follows:

\$75,000 to the First National Bank of Portland.

\$8,000 to William Adams, City Treasurer, for the account of the Water Bond Sinking Fund.

Dated April 1 1932. Due from April 1 1937 to 1947.

PORTLAND, Multnomah County, Ore.—BOND ELECTION.—It is reported that an election will be held on May 20 in order to have the voters pass on the proposed issuance of \$1,000,000 in unemployment relief bonds. It is stated that for the first time in its history the city will also be authorized, should the voters approve the issue, to sell the bonds over-the-counter in case banking houses should not submit a suitable and acceptable bid. We are advised the city may also issue the bonds in denominations of \$100 so that they may be subscribed for generally if the bond market is poor.

POTTER COUNTY (P. O. Amarillo) Tex.—WARRANT SALE.—A \$9,000 issue of court house warrants is reported to have been purchased by an undisclosed investor, at a price of 95.00.

PROVIDENCE, Providence County, R. I.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,000,000 4½% coupon or registered bonds offered on April 5—V. 134, p. 2383—were awarded to a syndicate composed of Lehman Bros.; F. S. Moseley & Co.; Kidder, Peabody & Co.; Darby & Co.; R. H. Moulton &

Co., Inc.; G. M.-P. Murphy & Co.; Foster & Co., Inc., all of New York, and the M. & T. Trust Co. of Buffalo. This group paid a price of 99.829, the net interest cost of the financing to the city being about 4.52%.

Each issue is dated April 1 1932. Members of the successful syndicate are re-offering the securities for public investment at prices to yield 4.90% for the 1933 maturity; 1934 and 1935, 4.80%; 1936 and 1937, 4.70%; 1938, 4.60%; 1939, 4.50%; 1940, 1941 and 1942, 4.40%; and 4.35% for the maturities from 1943 to 1962 incl. Bonds are legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and other States, according to the bankers. Legal opinion of Storey, Thordike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

PRYOR CREEK, Mayes County, Okla.—BOND REPORT.—The City Clerk reports that the City Council does not contemplate selling the \$35,000 issue of park bonds that was unsuccessfully offered on March 23—V. 134, p. 2384—until conditions improve.

RED HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Montgomery County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Harvey Kindt, Secretary of the Board of School Directors, will receive sealed bids until 6 p.m. on May 2 for the purchase of \$29,000 4 3/4, 5 or 5 1/2% coupon school bonds.

RUSSELL GARDENS (P. O. Great Neck), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The Great Neck Trust Co. of Great Neck, was the successful bidder for the issue of \$12,250 water main construction bonds.

SACRAMENTO HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sacramento) Sacramento County, Calif.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$1,146,000 issue of 4 1/2% semi-ann. school bonds offered on April 4—V. 134, p. 2203—was not sold as there were no bids received.

BONDS PARTIALLY SOLD.—We are informed by the County Clerk that a block of \$406,000 of the above issue of bonds was purchased at par on April 6 by a syndicate composed of the National City Co. of California, the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, the Anglo-California Trust Co. and Blyth & Co., both of San Francisco.

BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The above block of bonds was offered by the purchasers on April 8 for public subscription at prices to yield 4.40% on all maturities. Due from July 1 1947 to 1955.

SALT LAKE CITY, Salt Lake County, Utah.—BOND DETAILS.—The \$50,000 issue of 4 3/4% storm sewer bonds that was jointly purchased by the First Security Co. and Edward L. Burton & Co., both of Salt Lake City—V. 134, p. 2384—was awarded on March 8 at par. Coupon bonds in the denom. of \$1,000. Dated Dec. 15 1931. Due \$25,000 on Dec. 15 1947 and 1948. Int. payable J. & D. 15.

SAN FRANCISCO (City and County), Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 3 p. m. on April 18, by J. S. Dunnigan, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, for the purchase of a \$2,000,000 issue of 4 1/2% coupon or registered Hetch Hetchy water bonds.

Controller's Financial Statement.

The outstanding bonded debt of the City and County of San Francisco as of March 29 1932 was: Spring Valley, 1928 (exempt from charter limit) \$39,000,000 Water, 1910 (exempt from charter limit) 33,000,000 Hetch Hetchy, 1925 (exempt from charter limit) 9,250,000 Hetch Hetchy, 1928 (exempt from charter limit) 20,888,000 Exposition, 1912 (exempt from Charter limit) 1,600,000

Total \$103,738,000 Other bonds (not exempt) 49,512,300 Total \$153,250,300 The City has no floating indebtedness nor debt created in anticipation of taxes. The assessment roll for the current fiscal year is: City and county non-operative property \$1,203,343,830 State operative property after equalization 396,358,633

SCARSDALE, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until April 19 at the office of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, 120 Broadway, New York, for the purchase of \$531,000 village improvement bonds and \$60,000 school district bonds.

SCHENECTADY, Schenectady County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Leon G. Dibble, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on April 14 for the purchase of \$500,000 not to exceed 5% int. coupon or registered general city bonds.

for the payment of which a general ad valorem tax may be levied on all the taxable property of the city, without limitation of rate or amount.

SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Scottsbluff), Neb.—PARTIAL BOND SALE.—Of the \$24,983.52 issue of 6% semi-ann. drainage bonds offered for sale on March 18—V. 134, p the contractors have purchased at par, a \$14,500 block, with an option until July 1 on \$5,500, according to the Secretary of the Board of Supervisors.

SCOTT COUNTY (P. O. Davenport), Iowa.—REFUNDING NOTICE.—It is reported that the Board of County Supervisors recently authorized the refunding of \$89,000 out of \$125,000 in bonds falling due on May 1. It is said that the State will advance \$36,000 together with the interest to retire a part of the block, the county issuing refunding bonds to cover the remainder.

SEASIDE PARK, Ocean County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Aaron Wilbert, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. on April 16 for the purchase of \$25,000 6% coupon or registered land purchase bonds.

SIoux CITY, Woodbury County, Iowa.—ELECTION CONTEMPLATED.—An election will be held in the near future, according to report, to have the voters pass on a proposal to issue \$200,000 in bonds for the relief of the unemployed.

SOMERSET COUNTY (P. O. Somerset), Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—W. H. Kramer, Commissioners' Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on April 20 for the purchase of \$70,000 5% coupon or registered bonds.

SOUTHOLD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. Greenport), Suffolk County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$550,000 coupon or registered school bonds offered on April 5 (V. 134, p. 2204) were awarded as 5 3/8 to the Guaranty Company of New York, the only bidder, at a price of 101, a basis of about 5.67%.

SOUTH PLAINFIELD, Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Charles Carone, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on April 18 for the purchase of \$150,000 not to exceed 6% interest bonds, divided as follows:

\$59,000 tax anticipation bonds. Due Dec. 20 1932. Int. payable at maturity and bonds will be in bearer form. 35,000 tax revenue bonds (1930). Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$14,000 in 1933, and \$21,000 in 1934. Interest payable in A. & O. Bonds will be in coupon form, registrable as to principal only or as to both principal and interest. 33,000 tax revenue bonds (1931). Due Oct. 1 1935. Int. payable in A. & O. Coupon bonds, registrable as to principal only or as to both principal and interest. 23,000 tax revenue bonds (1929). Due Oct. 1 1933. Int. payable in A. & O. Coupon bonds, registrable as to principal only or as to both principal and interest.

All of the bonds are dated April 1 1932. Denoms. of tax revenue bonds will be of \$1,000 each, while the denoms. of the tax anticipation bonds will be optional with the purchaser. Prin. and int. are payable at the First National Bank, South Plainfield. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of 1-100th of 1% and must be the same for all of the bonds. A certified check for \$3,500, payable to the order of the Borough, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

SPOKANE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 81 (P. O. Spokane), Wash.—BONDS CALLED.—It is announced by Paul J. Kruesel, County Treasurer, that he is calling for payment all school bonds up to and including No. 160, series J, for \$1,000, bearing interest at 4 1/2%, on or after May 1, upon presentation at the National City Bank in New York.

SPRINGFIELD, Hampden County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The First National Old Colony Corp. of Boston purchased on April 6 a \$175,000 tax anticipation loan at 4.05% discount basis. Due on Nov. 23 1932.

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP (P. O. Erdenheim), Pa.—BONDS VOTED.—H. W. Billingsby, Secretary of the Board of Commissioners, informs us that a \$42,000 issue of bonds was voted at an election on Feb. 23. Bids for the bonds will be received until 8 p. m. on April 25. Bonds will bear int. at one of the following rates of int.: 4 1/4, 4 1/2 or 4 3/4%. Due \$21,000 on May 1 in the years 1939 and 1947.

STAMFORD (P. O. Stamford), Fairfield County, Conn.—BOND SALE.—Darby & Co. of New York purchased on April 1 at par an issue of \$500,000 6% coupon or registered town bonds.

STANFORD FIRE DISTRICT (P. O. Stanfordsville), Dutchess County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$11,000 coupon or registered fire department equipment purchase bonds offered on April 2—V. 134, p. 2384—were awarded as 5 3/8, at a price of par, to the Poughkeepsie Savings Bank, of Poughkeepsie, the only bidder. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Due \$1,000 on Dec. 1 from 1932 to 1942 incl.

STEBENVILLE, Jefferson County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—J. A. Cartledge, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on April 25 for the purchase of \$7,500 5% emergency poor relief bonds.

STEBENVILLE, Jefferson County, Ohio.—LIST OF BIDS.—The following is an official list of the bids received for the issue of \$37,000 park improvement bonds awarded on March 28 to the Fifth Third Securities Co., of Cincinnati—V. 134, p. 2580.

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Prem.

STRATFORD, Fairfield County, Conn.—BOND SALE.—William H. Shea, Director of Finance, reports that \$47,000 poor relief bonds of an authorized issue of \$50,000 have been sold.

STURGIS, Meade County, S. Dak.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on April 19, according to report, in order to have the voters pass on the proposed issuance of \$30,000 in auditorium bonds.

SUNFLOWER COUNTY (P. O. Indianola), Miss.—BOND SALE.—A \$93,500 issue of 6% semi-annual road refunding bonds is reported to

have been purchased by the Commerce Securities Co. of Memphis. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due serially in 25 years.

SUPERIOR, Nuckolls County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—We are informed that a \$4,000 issue of Paving District No. 18 bonds has recently been purchased by Ware, Hall & Co. of Omaha.

TAUNTON, Bristol County, Mass.—BELATED BOND SALE REPORT.—Lewis A. Hodges, City Treasurer, has informed us of the following bond sales that occurred during 1931, previous mention of which was not made in these columns:

\$10,000 4% water bonds sold on May 6 1931 to R. L. Day & Co., of Boston, at a price of 104, a basis of about 3.63%. Dated Jan. 1 1931. Due \$2,000 on Jan. 1 from 1943 to 1947 incl.

10,000 4% water bonds sold on Jan. 4 1931 to the Taunton Savings Bank at a price of 100.425, a basis of about 3.95%. Dated Jan. 1 1931. Due on Jan. 1 from 1932 to 1951 incl.

TENNESSEE, State of (P. O. Nashville).—BOND SALE POSTPONED.—The sale of the \$9,000,000 issue of refunding bonds scheduled for April 4 (V. 134, p. 2384) was not held on that date as the State Funding Board was conferring with the representatives of a comprehensive syndicate formed to bid on the bonds regarding proposed changes in the maturities of the issue. The New York "Evening Post" of April 5 carried the following on the subject:

"While the sale of \$9,000,000 of State of Tennessee bonds scheduled for yesterday was not consummated, John S. Linen, Vice-President of the Chase Harris Forbes Corp., and Emil C. Williams of the Chemical Bank & Trust Co., representing the syndicate which has been organized here to buy the bonds, yesterday laid before the State Funding Board in Nashville plans for a longer maturity for the issue. Failure of the syndicate to offer an immediate bid reflected the view of bankers that longer maturities were desirable, together with a more scientific arrangement of the State sinking fund. The issue scheduled for sale yesterday fell due from Jan. 1 1936 to 1940.

"The State already has \$35,000,000 of bonds due in 1939. Except for the problem of maturities, and sinking fund, the Tennessee issue is considered desirable in all other respects. Governor Horton already has pledged the State to a program of economy. Annual revenues are more than adequate to take care of service on the bonds, providing an even adjustment of maturities is arranged. The banking group is headed by the Chase Harris Forbes Corp., the National City Co., the Chemical Bank & Trust Co. and Lehman Brothers, and includes 16 New York banks and banking houses and 12 Tennessee banks.

"Proceeds of the bond sale will be applied to meet \$9,000,000 of obligations due on April 29."

According to news dispatches from Nashville on April 7, the New York representatives of the above-mentioned syndicate were returning to New York without definite arrangements having been made for the sale of the bonds. It is stated that negotiations for bids are expected to be renewed early next week.

TEXAS CITY, Galveston County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller on March 31 registered a \$29,000 issue of 6% funding, series of 1931 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially.

TROY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Bradford County, Pa.—BOND CALL.—The school district has called for payment as of July 1 1932, a total of \$10,000 4 1/2% bonds, representing the amount outstanding of the original issue. We were advised of this action by W. W. Beaman, cashier of the First National Bank of Troy.

TRUMBULL COUNTY (P. O. Warren), Ohio.—LEGAL OPINION.—The legality of the issue of \$100,000 5 1/2% bridge construction bonds awarded on March 28 to the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Cincinnati—V. 134, p. 2580—is to be approved by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, of Cleveland. The county received a price of 100.33, for the issue, a basis of about 5.68%.

UTICA, Oneida County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—William S. Pugh, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 12 M. on April 13 for the purchase of \$521,253.76 not to exceed 5% interest coupon or registered corporate bonds, divided as follows:

- \$132,273.56 Deficiency bonds. Dated March 1 1932. Due March 1 as follows: \$24,273.56 in 1933, and \$27,000 from 1934 to 1937 incl.
- 80,000.00 Street impmt. bonds. Dated March 1 1932. Due \$4,000 on March 1 from 1933 to 1952 incl.
- 60,000.00 Sewer construction bonds. Dated March 1 1932. Due \$3,000 on March 1 from 1933 to 1952 incl.
- 60,000.00 Bonds for payment of services in behalf of valuations of Consolidated Water Co. of Utica. Dated March 1 1932. Due \$6,000 on March 1 from 1933 to 1942 incl.
- 60,000.00 Deficiency bonds for welfare purposes. Dated March 1 1932. Due \$12,000 on March 1 from 1933 to 1937 incl.
- 54,000.00 Dept. of Public Works construction bonds. Dated March 1 1932. Due \$9,000 on March 1 from 1933 to 1938 incl.
- 30,000.00 Water system impmt. bonds. Dated March 1 1932. Due \$1,500 on May 1 from 1933 to 1952 incl.
- 30,000.00 Storm, water, sewer bonds. Dated March 1 1932. Due \$1,500 on March 1 from 1933 to 1952 incl.
- 15,000.00 Bonds to provide for payment of unpaid local assessments. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due \$2,500 on Jan. 1 from 1933 to 1938 inclusive.

Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of 1/4 or 1-10th of 1% and must be the same for all of the bonds. A certified check for \$10,425.47, payable to the order of the City Comptroller, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

VALLEY STREAM, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Charles Bergemann, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8.30 p. m. on April 20 for the purchase of \$65,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered street improvement bonds. Dated May 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due May 1 as follows: \$4,000 from 1934 to 1949 incl., and \$1,000 in 1950. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of 1/4 or 1-10th of 1% and must be the same for all of the bonds. Principal and interest (M. & N.) are payable at the Valley Stream National Bank & Trust Co., Valley Stream. A certified check for \$1,300, payable to the order of the village, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

VAN DERBURGH COUNTY (P. O. Evansville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—William H. Dress, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on April 16 for the purchase of \$25,800 4 1/2% highway improvement bonds. Due two bonds annually on May 15 from 1933 to 1952, incl. Interest is payable semi-annually on May and Nov. 15.

WATERTOWN, Jefferson County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 issue of 4% semi-annual sewage treatment plant bonds that was authorized recently by the City Council—V. 134, p. 2385—is reported to have been sold to local investors. Denom. \$500. Dated Aug. 1 1932. Due \$2,000 from Feb. 1 1933 to 1947 incl.

WESTWOOD, Norfolk County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The First National Bank of Westwood has purchased a \$25,000 tax anticipation note issue at 4.47% discount basis. The issue is dated March 30 1932 and matures on Dec. 1 1932.

WHATCOM COUNTY (P. O. Bellingham), Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 issue of coupon road and bridge relief bonds offered for sale on April 1—V. 134, p. 2204—was purchased by the State of Washington, as 58, at par. Denom. \$500. Dated April 15 1932. Due in from 2 to 10 years after date. The only other bid was an offer of 100.25 on 5 1/8s, tendered by the Seattle Co. of Seattle.

WHITEFISH BAY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Milwaukee), Milwaukee County, Wis.—PRICE PAID.—The \$200,000 issue of 5% semi-ann. school bonds that was purchased by the Central Republic Co. of Chicago—V. 134, p. 2385—was awarded at a price of 97.00, a basis of about 5.29%. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$50,000 in 1945, and \$150,000 in 1946.

WICHITA, Sedgwick County, Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7.30 p. m. on April 11, by C. C. Ellis, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$27,353.34 issue of 4 3/4% coupon internal impmt. paving and sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000, one for \$353.34. Dated April 1 1932. Due in from 1 to 10 years. Interest payable semi-annually. City Clerk will furnish required bidding blanks. A certified check for 2% of the bid is required.

WICHITA COUNTY WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Wichita Falls) Tex.—REPORT ON BOND INTEREST—DEFAULT.—Replying to our inquiry regarding a notice of default in the payment of interest due on Oct. 1 1931 on bonds aggregating \$4,003,000 of this district,

which recently appeared in the local news dispatches, we are advised as follows by G. A. Remington, General Manager, under date of March 31: Commercial & Financial Chronicle, New York City, N. Y.

Gentlemen: "For the information of the holders of bonds of Wichita County Water Improvement District No. 1, Wichita Falls, Tex., dated Oct. 1 1920 in the sum of \$4,003,000, I wish to say:

"The Board of Directors of said district at a recent meeting authorized the payment of all interest coupons No. 22 that have been due and unpaid since Oct. 1 1931 on the above described issue of bonds and all judgment certificates that have been issued since that date in exchange for that coupon where the holders thereof wish to surrender the same. Payment of coupons No. 22 and certificates will be made through the City National Bank of Wichita Falls, Tex.

"No authority has been given by the Board of Directors for the payment of interest coupon No. 23 on the above described issue of bonds, due April 1 1932, or the block of said bonds that mature to-morrow. No funds are being transferred to New York to pay the April 1 maturities and instructions have been given the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. to return the same to the holders unpaid.

"It is our suggestion that all parties holding these bonds get in correspondence with the office of the district and furnish us with their names and addresses and the numbers of the bonds in which they are interested in order that we may notify them when and where future payments can be made.

"Be sure to present for payment coupon No. 22 only or the certificates issued in lieu thereof and retain coupon No. 23 and the bonds maturing at this time until notified further by the district.

"Regarding the continued unfavorable financial conditions that renders it impossible for our district to pay its obligations when due, but appreciating the co-operation and patience of our bond holders in this matter, I remain.

Yours very truly,
G. A. REMINGTON,
General Manager.

WILKINSBURG, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—John G. Miles, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (eastern standard time) on April 25 for the purchase of \$250,000 bonds, for which alternative bids will be received based on the following rates of interest: 4 1/2%, 4 3/4%, 5 and 5 1/4%. Bonds will be dated May 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$15,000 on May 1 from 1936 to 1952 incl. A certified check for \$1,000 must accompany each proposal, although one check will suffice for alternative proposals. The approving opinion of Burghwin, Scully & Burghwin, of Pittsburgh, will be furnished the successful bidder. Sale of the bonds is subject to the approval of the Department of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania.

WILMETTE, Cook County, Ill.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$600,000 5% water revenue bonds offered on April 5 (V. 134, p. 2204) was not sold, as there were no acceptable bids submitted, according to Lea J. Orr, Village Clerk. The bonds were to be dated Jan. 1 1932 and mature annually on Jan. 1 from 1935 to 1972, inclusive.

WILMINGTON, New Hanover County, N. C.—NOTES OFFERED UNSUCCESSFULLY.—It is stated that the Local Government Commission on March 29 offered a \$40,000 issue of tax anticipation notes for sale and no bids were received.

WINCHESTER, Middlesex County, Mass.—NOTE OFFERING.—Harrie Y. Nutter, Town Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 4 p. m. on April 11 for the purchase at discount basis of an issue of \$200,000 revenue notes dated April 14 1932 and to mature on Nov. 14 1932.

WISCONSIN DELLS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Eau Claire), Eau Claire County, Wis.—INTEREST RATE.—The \$70,000 issue of school bonds that was purchased at par as follows: \$52,000 to the State of Wisconsin, and \$18,000 to local investors—V. 134, p. 2580—were awarded as 4 1/4s. Due in from 2 to 15 years.

WOOD LAKE, Cherry County, Neb.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—At a meeting held on March 17 the Board of Trustees is reported to have passed an ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$18,000 in not to exceed 6% re funding bonds.

YPSILANTI, Washtenaw County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—H. C. Holmes, City Clerk, reports that an issue of \$5,000 4 1/2% storm sewer construction bonds has been purchased locally. Dated April 1 1932. Due \$1,000 each year from 1933 to 1937 incl.

Financial Statement (March 9 1932).
Total assessed valuation, 1931.....\$12,013,162
General bonds outstanding.....\$265,500
Water works bonds.....75,000
Gas bonds.....65,000

Total debt.....405,500
Tax rate per \$1,000, \$41.93. Population (estimated), 10,000.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

GRAND FORKS, B. C.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The \$45,000 hydro-electric power plant and transmission lines bonds purchased at par by local investors—V. 134, p. 2386—are dated May 15 1932, bear interest at 6 1/4% and mature on May 15 1952. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Coupon bonds, registerable as to principal. Interest is payable semi-annually on May 15 and Nov. 15.

KINGSTON, Ont.—BOND SALE.—McLeod, Young, Weir & Co. of Toronto, recently purchased an issue of \$113,000 6% impmt. bonds at a price of 100.02, a basis of about 5.99%. Due May 1 1942. Bids received at the sale were as follows:

Bidder.....Rate Bid.
McLeod, Young, Weir & Co. (successful bidders).....100.02
Wood, Gundy & Co.99.17
Griffis, Fairclough & Norworthy.....99.06
Optional Bids.—A. E. Ames & Co. asked for an option at 98.77; C. H. Burgess & Co. bid 98.62 for \$50,000 with an option on the remainder or an option at 99.07 for the entire block.

KING TOWNSHIP, Ont.—BOND SALE.—Stewart, Scully & Co. of Toronto, recently purchased an issue of \$16,000 6% impmt. bonds at a price of 97.51, a basis of about 6.20%. The bonds mature in from 1 to 30 years and were bid for by the following:

Bidder.....Rate Bid.
Stewart, Scully & Co. (successful bidders).....97.51
J. L. Graham & Co.....97.43
Milner, Ross & Co.....96.45
R. A. Daly & Co.....94.51
Dominion Securities Corp.....93.27

MONTREAL, Que.—BONDS PUBLICLY OFFERED.—A syndicate of Canadian investment houses composed of Ernest Savard, Ltd., the Banque Canadienne Nationale, Williams, Partridge & Co., Rene T. Leclerc, Inc., Hodgson Bros. & Co., MacKenzie & Kingman, LaJole, Robitaille & Co. and A. S. McNichols & Co., is offering for public investment an issue of \$1,500,000 6% coupon (registerable as to principal) Hospital St. Luc contagious diseases hospital construction bonds at a price of par plus accrued interest and transfer tax. The bonds are dated Jan. 1 1932 and mature on Jan. 1 from 1935 to 1959, incl. According to the advertisement of the bankers, the City of Montreal guarantees unconditionally the payment of both principal and interest. Interest is payable in January and July. Payment of principal and interest will be made at the office of the Banque Canadienne Nationale in Montreal or Quebec, or at the main office of the Bank of Montreal in Toronto. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Legal opinion of Geoffrion & Prud'homme of Montreal.

NOVA SCOTIA (Province of).—BOND SALE.—G. H. Morrison of Halifax, recently purchased an issue of \$50,000 6% Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission bonds at a price of 99.70, a basis of about 6.04%. Due March 15 1942. The bonds carried the guarantees as to payment of prin. and int. of the Province of Nova Scotia and the City of Halifax, according to report. Bids received at the sale were as follows:

Bidder.....Rate Bid.
G. H. Morrison.....99.70
Royal Bank, Sec. Dept.....99.26
Johnston & Ward.....99.66
Eastern Securities.....99.17
Dominion Securities Corp.....99.57
Drury & Co.....99.15
Royal Bank.....99.50
W. O. Pitfield & Co.....99.08
Nova Scotia Bond Corp.....99.329
W. S. Thompson North Sydney 97.23
Royal Securities Corp.....99.267